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STATED WINTER MEETING

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY, January 16, 1951

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Winter Meeting at the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, January 16, 1951, at ten o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, the Rev. John R. Williams and constituted with prayer. The opening sermon was preached by the moderator on the subject: "The Prayer of Habakkuk," using as his text Habakkuk 3:2.

Following the sermon the Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. W. M. Fountain and the Rev. W. W. Preston, assisted by ruling elders from the West Asheville Church: H. P. Mitchell, W. G. Lingo, J, H, Gilbreath, Lee Mastin and C. C. Demaree.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches and the following were present:

Ministers: W. H. Armistead, R. F. Brown, W. P. Chedester, Jones Earl Corwin, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, Hoyt Evans, W. M. Fountain, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, J. R. McGregor, J. C. Neville, T. A. Painter, W. W. Preston, W. G. Somerville, J. D. Smith, W. G. Thomas, P. P. Thrower, L. T. Wilds, John R. Williams, Malcolm R. Williamson, and J. Q. Wallace (26).

Elders: C. G. Worley, Arden; Allen Morrison, Asheville First; E. P. McCoy, Brevard-Davidson River; J. B. Light, Bryson City; Albert Kissling, Black Mountain; W. C. Dillingham, Dillingham; J. L. Gash, Etowah; J. R. Bulgin, Franklin; G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood; O. W. Lancaster, Hendersonville; Crawford Pierson, Kenilworth; C. L. Kiser, Malvern Hills; M. E. Lance, Mills River; L. J. Coppedge, Montreat; Roy W. Alexander, Swannanoa; R. H. Gibson, Waynesville; P. B. Ray, Weaverville; H. P. Mitchell, West Asheville (18).

VISITING BRETHREN

The following visiting brethren were introduced: Rev. Andrew J. Keener, Statesville Presbytery, U. S. A., and the Rev. C. W. Soloman, Fayetteville Presbytery.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Ruling Elder C. G. Worley of the Arden Church was elected Moderator by acclamation.

The Stated Clerk read the report of the program committee and Presbytery voted to follow the docket with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 and reconvene at 1:45 P. M.
2. That Presbytery hear Dr. L. Nelson Bell at 11:30 present a report for the special committee on Negro Work.
3. That Presbytery hear E. G. Roberts, Chairman of the Program of Progress, immediately after lunch.

REPORT OF NEGRO WORK

Dr. Nelson Bell presented to Presbytery the findings of the Special Committee on Negro Work and after considerable discussion the matter was tabled.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—J. H. Williams, P. N. Gresham, O. W. Lancaster.
2. Judiciary—H. B. Dendy, P. P. Thrower.
3. Minutes of Synod—J. C. Lime, W. W. Preston, Crawford Pierson
4. Nominations—C. G. Davis, Hoyt Evans, Roy W. Alexander.
5. Resolutions—J. C. Neville, G. C. Summerow, W. G. Somerville.

Presbytery recessed for lunch after being led in prayer by Rev. T. A. Painter.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:45 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. Hoyt Evans.

PROGRAM OF PROGRESS REPORT

Presbytery heard with interest a report from E. G. Roberts concerning the Program of Progress within the bounds of the Presbytery. The report was received as information and Presbytery voted to provide a place on the docket for a further report at its Stated Spring meeting.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS

Presbytery elected the following ministers and ruling elders to represent the Presbytery at the next meeting of the General Assembly to be held in Orlando, Fla., June 7, 1951: Ministers: Hoyt Evans and W. G. Thomas as principals, and P. N. Gresham and John R. Williams as alternates in the order named. Ruling Elders: R. R. Williams and C. G. Worley as principals, and J. O. Williams and S. A. Mann as alternates in the order named.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rev. R. E. McClure announced that a special meeting at the Asheville First Church on February 20 in the interest of Evangelism and the Enrichment Program of the town and country churches. He presented to Presbytery a financial statement of the Mountain Orphanage for the year 1950. This report was referred to the trustees of the Orphanage with the request that a complete report be given to Presbytery at its Spring meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED CHANGES

Dr. J. M. McChesney made the report of the committee appointed to study the proposed changes to the Book of Church Order. The committee recommended that Presbytery adopt proposed changes number 1, 2, 3, and 4, and that it reject the proposed change number 5 with the explanation that "the reception of members into the church is an

act of the Session and not the function of the pastor."

The report was adopted.

RECEPTION OF REV. R. A. POTTER

The Stated Clerk read a letter of transfer for the Rev. Robert A. Potter from the Presbytery of Winston-Salem to the Presbytery of Asheville. Presbytery voted to accept the letter of transfer and to proceed with the examination of the Rev. Mr. Potter. The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. W. G. Thomas; that on Theology by the Rev. L. T. Wflds; that on the Sacraments by the Rev. P. N. Gresham; and that on Church Government by the Rev. P. P. Thrower. The examinations were sustained as satisfactory and the Rev. R. A. Potter was received into the Presbytery upon his signing the "ex animo" statement.

The call for the pastoral services of the Rev. Mr. Potter to the Arden Church was read and found in order. The call stipulating an annual salary of $1,620 together with a manse and 7½ per cent participation in the Ministers' Annuity Fund was placed in the Rev. Mr. Potter's hands. It was stated that the salary would be supplemented by the Home Mission Committee in the amount of $1,080. The following Commission was appointed to install him as pastor of the Arden Church on Sunday evening, February 4 at 7:30 o'clock: Rev. P. N. Gresham, Chairman; Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. R. E. McClure. Ruling Elders George Wright and W. G. Lingo. A quorum was fixed at two ministers and one ruling elder. The chairman was requested to assign the parts to the members of the Commission.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following brethren were excused from attendance at the meeting of Presbytery: Kenneth J. Foreman, E. K. Brown, R. C. Anderson, J. R. Crook, and Charles F. Stube. T. A. Painter was excused from attending the afternoon session.

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. W. W. PRESTON

The report of the Commission to install the Rev. W. W. Preston, pastor of the Black Mountain Church, was read and ordered admitted to record. The report is as follows:

The Commission to install the Rev. W. Warrington Preston as pastor of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church met at the Church Sunday, October 22, 1950 at 7:30 P. M. The meeting of the commission was opened with prayer by the Rev. John R. Williams, Chairman. The members of the commission present were Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. John R. Williams and Ruling Elder W. H. McMurray. Rev. J. Earl Corwin, a member of Presbytery, was invited to sit with the commission.

Rev. John R. Williams presided and propounded the constitutional questions. Rev. C. Grier Davis preached the sermon. The Rev. J. Earl Corwin led the responsive reading. Rev. T. A. Painter delivered the charge to the pastor and ruling elder W. H. McMurray charged the congregation. The Inner Choir of Montreat College brought special music. The benediction was propounded by the newly installed pastor, the Rev. W. W. Preston. The minutes were read and approved.

JOHN R. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*
W. H. MCMURRAY, *Clerk.*

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. C. Grier Davis, chairman, reported that the commission had attended to all matters coming to their attention and that he had attended a regional meeting held last October at Union Theological Seminary called for the purpose of discussing the work of the Commission on the Minister and His Work. The meeting was attended by chairmen from the Presbyteries within the Synods of Appalachia, North Carolina and Virginia.

WORLD MISSIONS

The report for the Committee on World Missions was read by the Rev. W. H. Armistead. The recommendations in the report were adopted and are as follows:

1. That each church in the Presbytery plan to send representatives to one of the two supper meetings being planned by the committee. One meeting to be held at the Sylva Church on the evening of January 30 and the other in the Black Mountain Church January 31.

2. That the Committee on World Missions be permitted to report at Spring and Fall meetings of Presbytery instead of Winter and Summer meetings.

3. That pastors of all our churches preach on World Missions during the remaining weeks of the Special Mission Season.

4. That ruling elders here present take it as their special responsibility to urge the congregations they represent to observe the week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions and to increase their support of missions through interest, prayer and contributions.

5. That we now engage in a prayer for our missionaries and their work, remembering especially those missionaries who have gone out from the churches of Asheville Presbytery.

The Rev. W. W. Preston led the Presbytery in prayer.

DEFENSE SERVICE

The Rev. J. C. Neville gave a verbal report on Defense Service. The report was received as information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman of the Committee on Religious Education, called attention of Presbytery to the fact that the Rev. Hoyt Evans had been appointed to be the Pioneer Camp Director and that having been elected as a Commissioner to the General Assembly it would be necessary to appoint another Camp Director due to conflicting dates. The Rev. J. C. Lime was appointed Pioneer Camp Director.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures.

The committee stated that no matters had been placed in their hands.

2. Judiciary.

This committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Minutes of Synod.

The Rev. J. C. Lime reported for this committee and stated that his committee had examined the Minutes of Synod and that there were no matters requiring action of Presbytery.

4. Nominations.

The Nominating Committee made the following report which was adopted:

1. That R. A. Potter be placed on the Committee on Religious Education.

2. That W. M. Fountain be placed on the Committee on World Missions.

3. That W. G. Somerville be placed on the Defense Service Committee.

5. Resolutions.

The Rev. J. C. Neville presented the following report which was adopted:

Asheville Presbytery wishes to thank the Rev. W. G. Thomas and the congregation of the West Asheville Church for the excellent food and cordial hospitality we have enjoyed today. May God continue to bless and to use this organization.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation extended by Dr. J. R. McGregor in behalf of the Mountain Retreat Association and Montreat College to hold its Stated Spring meeting at Montreat in Gaither Hall—the time being Tuesday, April 17, 1951, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

READING OF MINUTES

The Minutes of Presbytery were read and approved after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic benediction by the Rev. C. Grier Davis.

C. G. WORLEY, *Moderator.*

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date		*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1936	Spring	—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
	Fall	—Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937	Spring	—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
	Fall	—West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring	—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall	—Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring	—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall	—Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946	Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
	Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
	Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947	Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
	Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
	Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
	Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
	Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
	Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949	Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hovt Evans
	Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
	Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
	Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
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	Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

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COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. P. N. Gresham and the Rev. John R. Williams assisted by ruling elders C. G. Worley, L. J. Coppedge, J. W. Roach, F. A. Plummer, R. L. Prevost, J. B. Storey, O. L. Merchant, and John Miller.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches. The following ministers were present:

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Churches represented were:

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Montreat, L. J. Coppedge; Swannanoa, O. L. Merchant; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, B. H. Evans; West Asheville, J. W. Roach (19).

VISITING BRETHREN

The following visiting brethren were introduced: Rev. Andrew J. Keener, Statesville Presbytery U. S. A.; Rev. W. A. Ross, Washburn Presbytery; and Rev. J. C. Cook, Concord Presbytery. Visiting ruling elders introduced were: E. G. Roberts, Malvern Hills Church; Frank Foster, West Asheville Church; and B. J. McGlamery of the Franklin Church. Also introduced were Miss Elsie Hayes, President of the Women of the Presbytery and Harry Barkley, Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. James R. Crook was elected Moderator by acclamation after which the report of the program committee was presented by the Rev. J. R. McGregor. The docket was adopted with the request that Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:45 and reconvene at 2:15, and that Presbytery hear immediately Mr. E. G. Roberts, Chairman of the Committee on the Program of Progress. Mr. Roberts then addressed the Presbytery calling attention to the "Tithing Adventure." At the conclusion of his talk Presbytery adopted the following recommendations: 1. That Presbytery approve the "Tithing Adventure" for the period of September 15-December 15 and recommend to every church an enlistment in the "Tithing Adventure."

2. That Churches unable to enlist in the Tithing program in September, October, and November 1951 enlist for a similar period in January, February, and March 1952.

3. That Presbytery approve and encourage the use of Contact Men in the presentation of the "Tithing Adventure" in local churches.

4. That Presbytery appoint extra members to aid the Program of Progress Chairman in promoting tithing to

serve until March 31, 1952. These members to be the President of the Men of Presbytery, the President of the Women, the chairman of Sunday School Superintendents, and as many other as Presbytery deems wise.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—C. G. Worley, J. O. Williams, W. G. Somerville.
2. Judiciary—H. B. Dendy, J. S. Gray.
3. Records of Session—J. C. Lime, W. M. Fountain, W. W. Preston, P. P. Thrower, Hoyt Evans, John R. Williams, F. A. Plummer, Kelly Bennett, J. W. Roach, R. L. Prevost, Sidney McCarty, and M. E. Lance.
4. Nominations—R. E. McClure, E. K. Brown, J. T. Fain.
5. Resolutions—H. V. Lofquist, J. Z. Russell.

READING OF UNPRINTED MINUTES

The Stated Clerk read the minutes of called meetings of Presbytery under date of March 11, 1951 and March 20, 1951. The minutes were ordered admitted to record and are as follows:

MARCH 11, 1951

CALLED MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met at the Weaverville Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, March 11, 1951, at three o'clock in pursuance of the following call:

Constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call the Presbytery of Asheville to meet in the Weaverville Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon, March 11, 1951, at three o'clock for the following purposes:

1. To hear the report of the Committee on Christian Education on the application of David L. Parks.
2. To examine David L. Parks, a member of the Weaverville Church, with a view of receiving him as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.
3. To transact any other business growing out of the above.

C. G. WORLEY, *Moderator.*

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, C. G. Worley, and constituted with prayer by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Those present were: Ministers: H. B. Dendy, J. R. Williams, H. V. Lofquist, W. M. Fountain, and R. E. McClure. Ruling Elders: C. G. Worley, J. O. Williams, E. G. Roberts, L. J. Coppedge, W. L. Patton, and P. B. Ray.

The call was read and found in order after which the Rev. John R. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, reported that the application and credentials of David L. Parks, member of the Weaverville Church, had been examined and found to be of a high order. Upon motion it was ordered that the committee's report be received and the examination of Mr. Parks be held according to the Book of Church Order. At the request of the Moderator the Rev. Mr. McClure examined Mr. Parks as to his religious experience and motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry. Upon motion the examination was sustained as satisfactory and the Moderator propounded the constitutional questions and Mr. Parks gave affirmative answers to each.

The Rev. H. B. Dendy delivered a charge to the candidate and prayer was offered by the Rev. H. V. Lofquist.

There being no further business, the Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Rev. W. M. Fountain.

C. G. WORLEY, *Moderator.*

R. E. MCCLURE, *Clerk, Pro-tem.*

CALLED MEETING ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY MARCH 20, 1951

Asheville Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Tuesday afternoon, March 20, 1951, at 2:00 o'clock in pursuance to the following call:

Constitutional requirements having been met I hereby call the Presbytery of Asheville to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., March 20, 1951, at 2:00 o'clock. 1. To act upon the resignation of Rev. T. A. Painter as pastor of the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church. 2. To attend to all necessary matters relating thereto.

C. G. WORLEY, *Moderator.*

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, C. G. Worley, and constituted with prayer by the Rev. P. N. Gresham. Those present were—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, W. W. Preston, W. M. Fountain, R. A. Potter, H. B. Dendy, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, T. A. Painter, W. P. Chedester, C. G. Davis, P. P. Thrower, R. E. McClure, W. G. Somerville, J. H. Gruver, W. G. Thomas, J. E. Corwin, and J. R. Williams. Ruling Elders: W. H. McMurray, C. G. Worley, and M. V. Harbin.

The call was read and found in order after which Presbytery proceeded with business. The Rev. T. A. Painter stated that he had resigned his pastorate of the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church and ruling elder W. H. McMurray stated that at a regularly called congregational meeting the Swannanoa Church had reluctantly concurred with Dr. Painter in his request for the pastoral dissolution.

The request for the pastoral dissolution was granted after several of the brethren had spoken of the splendid service Dr. Painter had rendered the Presbytery during the time he had served as pastor of the Swannanoa Church. The pastoral dissolution was made effective as of March 31 and a letter of transfer was granted Dr. Painter to the Presbytery of North Alabama that he might accept a call to the Eastside Presbyterian Church of East Gadsden, Alabama. Presbytery instructed the Stated Clerk to write a letter to the Presbytery of North Alabama calling attention to the fine service Dr. Painter had rendered the Swannanoa Church as well as Asheville Presbytery, especially as chairman of the Stewardship Committee.

Presbytery postponed filling the vacancies in the directory of Presbytery created by the removal of Dr. Painter until the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

The minutes of Presbytery were read and approved after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Rev. W. G. Somerville.

C. G. WORLEY, *Moderator.*
W. G. THOMAS, *Permanent Clerk.*

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented excuses for non-attendance at this meeting of Presbytery from the Rev. J. D. Smith, the Rev. C. G. Davis, and the Rev. R. C. Anderson. These requests were granted. James R. Crook was excused after the morning session in order to attend a funeral service. P. P. Thrower, W. M. Fountain, and J. E. Corwin requested to be excused in mid-afternoon. Their requests were granted.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. R. F. Brown requesting a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Winston-Salem, also one from Candidate Kay Misenheimer requesting a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Orange. These requests were granted.

Requests from churches for increases in their pastors salaries were granted as follows: Bryson City from $2,700 to $3,000 per annum, Oak Forest from $2,700 to $3,000 per annum, and Waynesville from $3,700 to $4,000 per annum.

A report from the General Assembly's Training School was referred to the Committee on Religious Education.

REPORTS

The Stated Clerk read his financial report which was received and ordered placed in the hands of the Stewardship Committee for audit. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK AND TREASURER
April 1, 1950-March 31, 1951

Balance on hand April 1, 1950 ..... $751.74

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR

Churches	
Dillingham	$ 26.00
Ivy Park	4.75
Etowah	12.72
Swannanoa	46.38
Bethel	15.37
Robbinsville	22.26
Waynesville	63.34
Andrews	12.46
Asheville First	461.37
Bryson City	23.85
Malvern Hills	28.62
Canton	53.00
Arden	30.48
Highlands	19.61
Hendersonville	175.00
Montreat	33.66
Murphy	26.50
Black Mountain	58.83
Mills River	28.89
Hazelwood	19.88
West Asheville	122.70
Friendship	28.62
Kenilworth	139.45
Oak Forest	49.84
Weaverville	79.25
Total	$1,562.83
Loan	3.00
Total	$1,565.83

DISBURSEMENTS

E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk (Assembly Tax)	$785.04
The Inland Press (Spring and Summer Minutes)	157.41
C. Grier Davis (Expenses to Richmond)	38.25
D. R. Greenhoe (Synod's Tax)	195.96
The Inland Press (Fall Minutes)	81.71
The Inland Press (Winter Minutes)	48.58
Board of Education (Supplies)	7.78
M. R. Williamson (Postage and Supplies)	10.50
W. G. Thomas (Permanent Clerk)	25.00
M. R. Williamson (Stated Clerk)	150.00
Total	$1,500.23
Balance on hand April 1, 1951	$817.34

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:45 after being led in prayer by the Rev. R. A. Potter.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:15 and was led in prayer by the Rev. E. K. Brown who had been appointed by the Moderator to serve as moderator during the afternoon session.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical Report stating that a few churches had not sent in their reports and it was therefore incomplete. The report was received and the Stated Clerk was instructed to complete the report and forward it to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

RED OAK CHURCH

The Rev. H. B. Dendy called attention of Presbytery to the condition of the Red Oak Church relative to present membership and contributions. The matter was referred to the Home Mission Committee for study with the request that their findings be reported to the Stated Summer meeting of Presbytery.

ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

The Rev. J. M. McChesney presented the report for the Committee on Annuities and Relief which was adopted and is as follows:

The committee reports there were on the roll of Ministerial Relief last year in our Presbytery one Minister, eight widows and one orphan. From the Board of Annuities and Relief the Minister received $490, the widows $3,119, and the orphan $280 during the year. Your Chairman returned the application blank of the Rev. W. C. Wauchope to the Board that he might be placed under the care of Concord Presbytery since he is a member of that Presbytery. The committee recommends for your approval the following beneficiaries for the same amounts received last year: Mrs. William Hooper Adams $144, Mrs. Julia Anderson Potter $300, Mrs. Kate Hudson $300 for herself and $100 for an invalid son, Mrs. Mildred Watkins Byers $300. The appropriation to Mrs. Julia Mills Parker Wyly be increased from $240 to $300 per annum, Mrs. Margaret Carrigan Wilson $300. The above all have been approved by the sessions of the churches of which they are members. Your committee further recommends the following: Mrs. Martha Baker Eskridge $300, Mrs. Angie Rowe Stribling $300, and orphan Miss Ethel Ratchford $300.

WOMAN'S WORK

Miss Elsie Hayes, President of the Women of Presbytery presented the report of the Women of Presbytery. The report was adopted by a rising vote and is as follows:

As the President did the necessary tabulation of figures and compared them with last year's she was disheartened. Daily Bible readers remained the same, fewer had read the Mission books, the gain in benevolences was not so great, only 9 more reported tithing.

Going over reports and letters again, she realized the women were not working for statistics. Instead, consecrated leaders with few or many willing helpers, were working out plans to make their organizations stir up the indifferent, to put them to work, to give timid ones a better opportunity. Many more women were in Bible study and prayer groups, more were willing to take part on programs and to lead in prayer.

Groups were using different means of arousing interest in missions. Some had talks by returned missionaries, attended regional mission meetings, used slides and films; mission books were reviewed by men, mission story books by young people and children. The membership of the church is becoming informed through participation in our programs.

Much fine Christian social work is being done. One woman gives a day a week to teach handwork in a sanatorium. Two women have a class Mondays after school, teaching Scripture, catechism, and current church emphasis. A choir, project of one group, sang during a Methodist Revival. One W. O. C. invited four Knoxville delegates from a local Negro Church to give their reports, which they did, conducting the entire service to the edification of both groups. A business circle supported three native African Missionaries. These are samples, taken at random, from this year's reports.

The 3,000 women in 27 groups of 88 circles contributed $20,086 to Benevolences, $9,317 to local church, a total of $29,403, representing a gain of $2,377.

More of our women should take advantage of the means of training open to us, to make us more profitable stewards in the Kingdom of God.

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage, presented the report on the Orphanage which was adopted and is as follows:

The Trustees of The Mountain Orphanage would report as follows:

The financial statement of The Treasurer for the calendar year, 1950, was submitted to Asheville Presbytery at the January meeting and referred to the Trustees for their consideration before being adopted by Presbytery.

This report is herewith submitted for adoption:

RECEIPTS

Churches of Presbytery	$19,074.23
Duke Endowment	1,477.27
Legacies	5,112.90*
Parents and Relatives	1,138.51
Other individuals	2,499.98
Interest from invested funds	1,132.38
Sales farm products	979.78
Total Net Income	31,415.05
Adjustments:: Borrowed from Bank	4,000.00
Reserve Funds Used	6,000.00
Refunds	327.54
Total All Receipts	41,742.59
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1950	1,882.68
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	43,625.27

DISBURSEMENTS (Itemized below)	38,799.10
Cash Balance, December 31, 1950	4,826.17
Current Net Income for year (See above)	31,415.05
*Less Legacies used for Operating Costs	4,386.04
Relative Stable Income	27,029.01
Net Operating Costs (See below)	34,799.30
Excess of Actual Costs over STABLE INCOME	7,770.29

DISBURSEMENTS

Administration:		
Salaries	$3,568.32	
Office Supplies	280.63	
Tel. and Tel.	313.63	
Insurance	2,129.46	
Interest	85.67	
Conference Dues	16.00	
Travel	572.23	
Finance and Publicity	806.25	$ 7,772.05
Institution Care of Children:		
Household Exp.: Matron's Salaries	6,326.00	
Food	5,041.00	
Clothing	1,257.00	
Laundry	141.58	
Supplies	1,369.26	
Travel	853.21	
Recreation	265.95	15,254.64
Health: Fees	130.00	
Medicine, Supplies	192.92	322.92
Education: Books, Supplies, etc.	295.12	
Camps, Conferences	196.75	491.87
Plant Operation and Maintenance:		
Salaries, Wages	831.00	
Fuel, Water, Lights	3,551.36	
Repairs, Replacement	498.95	4,881.31
Farm Operation and Maintenance:		
Salaries, Wages	1,715.77	
Feed, Seed, Supplies	3,483.07	
Repairs, Replacement	880.22	6,077.06
Net Operating Cost (See above)		34,799.30
Loans repaid to Bank		4,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		38,799.30

Reserve Funds used for Operations	$6,000.00
Less Cash on hand, December 31, 1951	4,826.17
Net Cash Deficit	$1,173.83

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

On Mortgage Principals	$4,469.34	
On Mortgage Interest	1,355.77	
On Capital Increase	8,546.04	
On Interest, Savings Account	20.19	14,391.34
By Cash on hand: Savings Account	801.59	
Checking Account	982.18	1,783.77
Total to be accounted for		16,175.11

DISBURSEMENTS:

Mortgage Loans	1,252.40	
Loan to Operating Account	6,000.00	
Adjustments in closing accounts	562.78	
Re-payment, Bank Loan	802.00	
Transferred to Operating Account (Special legacy)	2,386.04	
Annuities paid to annuitants	305.20	
Purchase of laundry mangle	820.00	
Interest paid to Operating Account	1,132.38	13,260.80
Cash on hand, 12/31/50: Savings	821.78	
Checking	2,092.53	2,914.31

In the light of actual costs for 1950, and on the basis of continued operation at the present level of number of children and standard of operation, your Trustees recommend the approval of the following budget:

For Administration, salaries, supplies, etc.	$ 8,500.00
For Household Care, matrons, food, etc.	17,000.00
For Health and Education	1,000.00
For Plant Operation and Maintenance	5,400.00
For Farm Operation and Maintenance	6,600.00
	$38,500.00

(The farm produced over $12,000)

We would call the attention of the Presbytery to the fact that the standard of giving of the churches of Asheville Presbytery and other sources of income in 1950 would point to a total of only $27,000 that can be counted as reasonably sure income for 1951.

We would ask for instructions from the Presbytery with reference to securing the additional $11,000 needed to balance the budget during the year.

With reference to the operation of the R. P. Smith Memorial Fund, we would report:

The interest on this fund has been allowed to accumulate for the past several years at an average of about $300.00 per year.

We propose to have a definite revision of the plan of operation of this Fund for consideration at the July Meeting of the Presbytery.

In the meanwhile, we request that Presbytery authorize the use of so much of the interest as may be needed to pay the college expenses of Josphine Packett, now completing her Freshman Year at Erskine College. (This will not exceed $300.00.)

We would report that Mrs. Ralph McLean has indicated her inability to continue as a Trustee, due to pressing business matters, and that her term of office expires July 1952. We recommend that it be accepted with sincere regret.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Rev. P. N. Gresham presented the following report on audit of the Stated Clerk's financial report: Your committee has checked the report of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Presbytery with attached cancelled checks and bank statements. They seem to be in good order and accurate.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rev. R. E. McClure made a verbal report of his work as Executive Secretary and submitted the following reports which were adopted:

The Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery presents the following financial report for the church year ending March 31, 1951:

RECEIPTS

Presbytery's Home Missions	$12,159.35
Religious Education in Presbytery	708.34
Board of Church Extension	7,196.77
Our Mountain Work	153.25
Student Work (Synod)	129.32
One Half Office Cost from Mt. Orphanage	1,580.42
Belk Stores: Franklin, for Franklin Debt	500.00
Bryson City and Sylva	1,000.00
Asheville (For New Work Only)	2,000.00
Churches: Malvern Hills On Debt	1,308.00
Mills River for Pulpit Supply	1,100.00
Arden, on moving pastor	160.36
Special Funds: Assembly's Vacation Fund	75.00
Maxwell Fund (Due Mt. Orphanage)	300.54
Loans to North Asheville ($600 on 1949-1950)	1,604.00
Borrowed from Bank:	
To finance Highlands Debt	1,049.94
To finance current work	3,744.50
Total Receipts	34,769.79
Balance on hand April 1, 1950	1,687.82
DISBURSEMENTS (Itemized below)	34,629.60
Balance on hand, April 1, 1951	1,828.01
Received Central Treasury, April 3, on past year	1,521.22
Total available balance	3,349.23
Reserves: Belk Fund $2,000.00 Maxwell Interest	2,300.54
NET WORKING BALANCE	1,048.69

DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Secretary, Salary and House	$ 4,511.25
Executive Secretary, Expenses	430.55
Office Secretary	2,100.00
Other Office expenses	1,253.20
Social Security payments, 3 mos.	19.14
Ministers: Salary Supplements	8,379.53
Temporary Supplies	2,292.30
Ministers' Annuity Fund Dues	959.42

Religious Education	870.04
Evangelism	186.63
Our Mountain Work	2,389.99
Permanent Office Equipment	199.15
Repairs to Office Building	27.86
Moving men, other miscellaneous items	537.87
Special Accounts: Loan North Asheville	1,004.00
Vacation Fund (Assembly)	75.00
Building Debts: Highlands	1,049.94
Franklin	500.00
Malvern Hills	1,559.17
Bank Notes Paid:	
Carried over from 1949-1950	1,400.00
Borrowed for Highlands Debt	1,049.94
Borrowed for current operations	3,744.50
Interest Charges	90.12
Total Disbursements	34,629.60

Your committee has been advised that there is a cash balance of $762.52 in the Central Treasury as a result of the reserve set up by Presbytery as a "Home Mission Supplement."

Your committee asks that the Central Treasury be directed to withdraw this amount in favor of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee.

Your committee presents the following budget for 1951-1952:

Executive Secretary, Salary and House	$ 4,500.00
Executive Secretary, Expenses	600.00
Office Secretary	2,100.00
Other Office Expenses	1,200.00
Salary Supplements for Ministers	13,800.00
Ministers' Annuity Fund	1,200.00
Religious Education	1,000.00
Our Mountain Work	2,100.00
Summer Workers, Temporary Supplies	900.00
Moving New Pastors, other emergency items	1,500.00
Permanent Office Equipment	250.00
Debt Retirement: Malvern Hills	1,600.00
Franklin	500.00
	$31,250.00

Your attention is called to the fact that the salary supplements for ministers is based on having every field occupied for the full year, and with the following amounts: Andrews-Robbinsville $1,500.00; Arden $956; Dillingham-Ivy Park $1,200.00; Franklin $1,244.00; Friendship $1,313.00; Malvern Hills $1,892.00; Mills River $1,-200.00; Murphy $600; Sylva $2,400.00, where the minister is installed pastor. Temporary Supply, Etowah $960.00; Student Supply Brittain's Cove $360.00; Hayesville $480.00.

The above provides a $300.00 per year increase for each installed pastor.

In connection with Etowah, we ask the approval of the Presbytery to have Rev. J. E. Corwin to serve this church as Stated Supply until the Fall Meeting of the Presbytery.

We would report that in the face of the above budget, we have assured income as follows:

Presbytery's Home Missions	$13,000.00
Religious Education	800.00
Mountain Orphanage	1,500.00
Board of Church Extension	8,000.00
Malvern Hills	1,108.00
Belk Stores	1,500.00
Net Cash Balance	1,000.00
	$26,908.00

Probable Income:

Additional from Board Church Extension	$ 1,000.00
Transfer requested of Presbytery	762.00
10% of Salary Supplement not needed on account vacant fields	1,380.00
Miscellaneous items of income	750.00
Total assured and probable income	$30,800.00

Presbytery is put on notice that if the Board of Church Extension fails to grant the additional $11,000, it may be necessary to curtail expenditures or seek additional funds.

Following the instructions of the Fall Meeting of Asheville Presbytery, the Central Treasurer of Benevolences has calculated the percentage basis on which all contributions to "Regular Benevolences" for the year 1951-1952 will be divided.

All "Special" or designated contributions will be forwarded exactly as given, without any deductions of any kind.

All "Regular" or undesignated contributions will be divided, to the nearest penny on the basis of the following:

World Missions	9.9%
Church Extension	9.2
Education	1.4
General Council	5.0
Inter Church Agencies	.4
Religious Education (Synod)	2.0
King College	8.5
Montreat College	8.5
Union Theo. Seminary	1.8
Louisville Theo. Seminary	.8
Presbytery's Home Missions	32.0
Mountain Orphanage	16.0
Religious Education (Pres.)	2.0
Supplement (Assigned to Sonewall Jackson Debt in 1951-1952)	2.5

Note: The above does not include ANNUITIES and RELIEF because the Joy Gift Offering in 1950 exceeded the total amount in the Presbytery's Askings for this cause ($2,140) by over 40%.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

In the absence of the Chairman, C. Grier Davis, the Stated Clerk presented a request from the Rev. R. B. DuPree for the privilege of laboring outside the bounds of Presbytery in the capacity of Principal of the Tamassee School, Tamassee, S. C. The request was granted.

A request from the Bethel Church to increase its pastor's salary from $600 to $800 per annum was granted; also the request from the Hazelwood Church to increase its pastor's salary from $2,000 to $2,300 per annum.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The report on Religious Education presented by the Rev. W. G. Thomas was received and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That Presbytery approve the reorganization of the Committee of Religious Education in the following manner:

A. Officers—Chairman, Rev. W. G. Thomas; Secretary, Rev. J. D. Smith; Treasurer, Rev. R. E. McClure.

B. Councils—

1. Children's Work—Rev. R. A. Potter and Rev. R. B. DuPree.

2. Youth Work—Rev. M. R. Williamson, President of Presbytery's Youth Fellowship; and Woman Adult Adviser appointed by the Religious Education Committee and the Youth Council.

3. Adult Work—E. G. Roberts, Rev. Hoyt Evans, and the President of the Men of Presbytery.

4. Leadership Education—Rev. P. N. Gresham and Walter Abernethy.

5. Student Work—Rev. J. D. Smith and W. H. McMurray.

6. Sunday School Administration—Rev R. E. McClure and the Presbyterial Secretary of Religious Education.

C. Associate Council Members—

1. Each Council to have associate members from the Presbytery to serve in an advisory capacity in promoting the work.

2. That each pastor and local church earnestly consider and study the enlargement program and plans for the Religious Education Season and Rally Day Emphasis for 1951.

3. That a Daily Vacation Bible School be conducted in every church and out-post during the Summer.

4. That pastors urge those who are to assist in Vacation Bible Schools to attend one of the Vacation Bible School Institutes to be held in our Presbytery.

5. That Pastors and Sessions support the Youth Con-

ferences and the Pioneer Camp by sending selected delegates and campers:

Pioneer Camp at Camp Hope, June 4-9.

Senior Conference at Montreat, June 4-9.

Synod's Young People's Conference at Montreat, June 18-22.

6. That Pastors and Sessions encourage the men of the churches to attend the Rally for the Men of the Presbytery to be held at the Mountain Orphanage, April 27th.

7. That Pastors, Elders and Deacons be urged to attend the Church Officer Training Conferences to be held May 20th at the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville at 2:30 in the afternoon and at the Franklin Church at 7:30 in the evening.

8. That churches of the Presbytery be urged to send representatives to the various conferences to be held at Montreat during the Summer, and especially to the Sunday School Superintendents' Conference, the Young Adult Conference, the Men's Conference and the Leadership School.

9. Relative to the matter referred to this committee in regard to reorganization of our Presbytery's Education divisions, we recommend that the Presbytery establish a committee of education with three sub-committees—Religious Education, Candidates for the Ministry, and Educational Institutions.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Rev. John R. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, presented the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Your Committee on Christian Education in making its report would, first of all call your attention to the fact that our Church has now the largest number of candidates for the ministry in all its history. We have 753 candidates, located as follows: 357 in seminaries, 297 in colleges, 5 in high schools, and 77 engaged in various types of work. Of these 175 received aid from the Church last year.

Even though the number of candidates has reached an all time high, yet the Standing Committee of the Assembly on Christian Education, last Spring, called the attention of the Church to a "pressing need of a growing number of unusually able candidates," and urged "pastors and parents to keep this urgent call to full-time service constantly before the youth of our Church; and that due care be exercised to secure only candidates of superior quality and exceptional spiritual qualifications."

The Presbytery of Asheville has 11 candidates for the ministry on the roll. Two graduated last spring and entered into their work, but we received two this year, Edward M. Somerville and David Lewis Parks, so the number remains 11. Of these on the roll, 2 are in Union Seminary, 5 in Columbia Seminary, 2 in Davidson College, and 2 are engaegd in other work. The Chairman of this Committee has heard from all except two, and all seem to be doing good work.

Kay Moser Misenheimer will finish his work at Union Seminary this spring and will take up the work of the ministry in Orange Presbytery. Robert Rives Collins and Robert Orr Freeman would have been in the graduating class but they dropped out for a year.

We would call all ministers attention to the latest military regulations, March 10, 1951, dealing with theological students: The Military, after several independent investigations and studies, has made the following rulings so the bona fide theological students may hasten their preparation to serve as ministers.

SELECTIVE SERVICE: All men between the ages of 17 and 26 must register and receive a draft board classification. For a 4-D or theological student classification the man must (1) be under the care of a Presbytery and have a certificate from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery on file with the draft board; (2) and be enrolled or pre-enrolled in an accredited seminary and have a certificate from such seminary on file with the draft board.

Men may pre-enroll in any one of our Seminaries by sending in the preliminary application blank found in the Seminary catalogue. The Seminary will address a certificate to the Selective Service Board and send a carbon copy to the individual. This must be done *before* a summons to active service is received. Students thus classified will be allowed to complete their training as long as they continue their academic work satisfactorily and the Presbytery and Seminary maintain their approval of them.

Dr. J. R. McGregor, at the request of the Committee on Christian Education, addressed the Presbytery on our Educational Institutions.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

2. The Committee on Judiciary reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Sessional Records—

The Rev. J. C. Lime reported that the Committee on Sessional Records had examined and approved with exceptions noted the following Records of Sessions: Asheville First, Franklin, Swannanoa, Montreat, Waynesville, Malvern Hills, Oak Forest, Bryson City, Hendersonville, Murphy, Dillingham, Kenilworth, Weaverville, Canton, Mills River, Brevard, Arden, Hazelwood, Bethel, Black Mountain, Etowah, and Friendship.

The following churches did not submit Sessional Records: Andrews, Robbinsville, Sylva, Highlands, Ivy Park, and Brittain Cove.

4. Nominations—

The Rev. R. E. McClure presented the following report for the Committee on Nominations:

We would nominate the following:

Mrs. F. A. Plummer, of the Asheville First Church, to succeed Mrs. Ralph McLean, resigned, as Trustee of Mountain Orphanage for the unexpired term.

To succeed Rev. T. A. Painter, D. D., removed from the Presbytery:

As examiner in Theology: Rev. C. Grier Davis, D. D.

On Historical Committee: Rev. Paul N. Gresham.

As Chairman of the Stewardship Committee: Rev. J. C. Lime.

To succeed Rev. R. F. Brown, removed from the Presbytery:

As representative on North Carolina Council of Churches: Rev. E. K. Brown.

As examiner in Church Government: Rev. R. A. Potter.

We recommend that Rev. R. E. McClure be made an ex-officio member of the Stewardship Committee instead of a voting member, and that Ruling Elder Irving W. Bingham, of the Asheville First Church, be added thereto.

We further recommend that the Moderator appoint a special committee of five to re-study the membership on the committees of Presbytery with a view to eliminating all duplications on two or more committees as far as is wise and practical, and to make the committees conform more closely to the re-organization plan suggested by the Assembly.

The report was adopted.

5. Resolutions—

The Rev. H. V. Lofquist Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions presented the following report which was adopted:

Acknowledging God's providential care for us, we herewith record our appreciation to Dr. J. R. McGregor and Montreat College for their gracious hospitality during this meeting of Presbytery, to the Montreat College Choir and to Dr. J. R. Williams, pastor of the Montreat Church, for their ministries to us, to Moderators, Clerks and all others who have served so efficiently.

The Stated Clerk was directed to send a copy of the Resolutions to Dr. J. R. McGregor.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed the following committee to make a study of Presbytery's set up to ascertain if it conforms to the reorganizational plan of the General Assembly: Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman; Rev. J. C. Lime, Rev. R. A. Potter, E. G. Roberts, and J. O. Williams.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

As no invitation was received for the Stated Summer meeting the Stated Clerk was instructed to arrange for a place of meeting, the time being the Tuesday after the second Sunday in July or July 10, 1951. The minutes of Presbytery were read and approved after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic benediction by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

JAMES R. CROOK, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date		Place of Meeting	Moderator
1937	Spring	Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
	Fall	West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring	Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall	Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall	Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring	Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall	Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring	Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall	Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter	Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring	West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer	Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall	Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter	Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring	Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer	Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945	Winter	Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring	West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Summer	Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Fall	Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946	Winter	Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring	Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
	Summer	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
	Fall	Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947	Winter	West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
	Spring	Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
	Summer	Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
	Fall	Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948	Winter	Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
	Spring	Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Summer	Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
	Fall	Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949	Winter	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
	Spring	Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
	Summer	Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
	Fall	Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950	Winter	Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
	Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
	Summer	Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
	Fall	Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951	Winter	West Asheville	C. G. Worley
	Spring	Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook

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Black Mountain, North Carolina

July 10, 1951

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Elder E. G. Roberts, Asheville, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Permanent Clerk—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Asheville, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N .C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission Committee Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1954: J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, and W. G. Lingo.
Terms expire July 1953: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, George H. Wright.
Terms expire July 1952: J. M. McChesney, L. T. Wilds, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost.

The Mountain Orphanage Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1954: J. R. McGregor, E. G. Roberts, R. L. Prevost, Mrs. G. N. Moland.
Terms expire July 1953: E. K. Brown, H. B. Dendy, J. O. Williams, Mrs. W. H. McMurray.
Terms expire July 1952: P. N. Gresham, George H. Wright, T. D. Hunter, Mrs. F. A. Plummer.

Religious Education—Ministers: W. G. Thomas, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, Hoyt Evans, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure, J. D. Smith, J. C. Lime, R. A. Potter. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Women of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1953: C. G. Davis, Chairman; W. G. Thomas. Term expires Fall 1952: Rev. J. R. McGregor, C. D. Richmond. Term expires Fall 1951: M. N. Coleman, W. W. Preston.
World Missions—Hoyt Evans, Chairman; Ministers: W. H. Armistead, W. W. Preston, John R. Williams, W. M. Fountain. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, J. H. Flanagan.
Annuities and Relief—J. M. McChesney, Chairman; J. C. Neville, G. C. Summerow, and Harrill Wood.
Christian Education—John R. Williams, Chairman; W. G. Somerville, J. O. Williams, W. L. Patton, and Jones Earl Corwin.
American Bible Society—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: H. L. Pack, L. B. Nichols.
Women's Work—Ministers: J. D. Smith, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.
Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. K. Brown, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Read.
Stewardship—Ministers: Rev. J. C. Lime, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. W. Roach, J. J. Stone, Irving W. Bingham.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; W. G. Thomas, P. N. Gresham, J. R. Crook, W. M. Fountain. Elders: Harold Flanagan, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols.
Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. G. Somerville. Elder: L. B. Nichols.
North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. E. K. Brown.
Christian Relations—Ministers: John D. Smith, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson. Elders: L. B. Ordway, R. L. Gash.
Radio Committee—Ministers: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman. Elders: James Howell, H. E. Lamb, Harold Flanagan.
Negro Work—H. V. Lofquist, J. O. Williams.
Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. W. M. Fountain, Rev. R. A. Potter.
English Bible—Rev. J. M. McChesney, Rev. W. G. Somerville.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev. L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis
Academic Studies—Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.
Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.
Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; Rev. P. N Gresham. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1952: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1953: Rev. L. T. Wilds.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

B. L. McGlamery, President; J. Paul Teal, First Vice-President; J. O. Williams, Second Vice-President; James Light, Secretary-Treasurer

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Summer meeting at the Mountain Orphanage, Black Mountain, N. C., on Tuesday, July 10, at ten o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the Rev. E. K. Brown who had been appointed by the Moderator, the Rev. James R. Crook, now serving as Army Chaplain.

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. E. K. Brown on the subject: "Our Living Faith," using as a text Habakkuk 2:4.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion service was conducted by the Rev. W. W. Preston and the Rev. J. E. Corwin assisted by ruling elders E. G. Roberts, Dr. C. B. Thomas, W. C. Lingo, W. C. Dillingham, and R. A. Hardwick.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, E. K. Brown, J. E. Corwin, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, Hoyt Evans, Kenneth J. Foreman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, J. C. Lime, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville, R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, W. G. Somerville, J. V. N. Talmadge, W. G. Thomas, P. P. Thrower, L. T. Wilds, Malcolm R. Williamson, and C. B. Yeargan (21).

Ruling Elders present were:

C. G. Worley, Arden; James Hawkins, Brevard-Davidson River; Dr. C. B. Thomas, Black Mountain; W. P. Barnes, Canton; W. C. Dillingham, Dillingham; J. J. Gray, Franklin; R. A. Hardwick, Friendship; G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood; C. D. Richmond, Kenilworth; E. G. Roberts, Malvern Hills; John Miller, Montreat; Roy W. Alexander, Swannanoa; D. F. Whitman, Waynesville; B. H. Evans, Weaverville; W. G. Lingo, West Asheville (15).

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Rev. James Womack, Norfolk Presby-

tery, now supplying the Sylva Church; Rev. W. C. Robinson, North Alabama Presbytery; Mr. Andy Buchanan, student supply at Hayesville; Bryan Hatchett, student supply at Murphy; and L. N. Davis, ruling elder from the Hazelwood Church.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

E. G. Roberts, ruling elder in the Malvern Hills Church, was elected Moderator.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mr. Harry Barkley, Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, presented the report of the program committee with the recommendation that the docket be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 and reconvene at 2:00 P. M.

2. That Presbytery engage in a special season of prayer in the interest of world conditions immediately after lunch.

3. That Presbytery receive Clayton Bell and Gordon Reed as candidates for the gospel ministry as the second order of business after lunch.

4. That Presbytery hear Harry Barkley, Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, following the reception of the candidates.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented written excuses for nonattendance at Presbytery from the following ministers: J. D. Smith, W. M. Fountain, H. V. Lofquist, and John R. Williams. These excuses were granted.

A request from the Rev. Paul P. Thrower was read requesting that the pastoral relation between him and the Hazelwood and Bethel Churches be dissolved and that he

be granted a letter of dismissal to Piedmont Presbytery in order that he might accept a call to the Pickens Church. The Rev. Mr. Thrower stated that he wished the dissolution to become effective August 31st, 1951. Ruling Elder G. C. Summerow stated that the Hazelwood Church had reluctantly concurred in the request and Mr. Thrower stated that the Bethel Church had held a congregational meeting and had likewise concurred.

The above request was granted and the Rev. Mr. Thrower was granted a letter of dismissal to Piedmont Presbytery.

A letter from B. L. McGlamery, President of the Men of the Presbytery, was read calling attention to the Men's Convention to be held at Nashville, Tenn., November 2-4, 1951.

Two overtures from the Bryson City Church were read and placed in the hands of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures*—P. N. Gresham, Hoyt Evans, and W. G. Lingo.
2. *Judiciary*—L. T. Wilds and Roy Alexander.
3. *Minutes of Presbytery*—E. K. Brown and B. H. Evans.
4. *Nominations*—H. B. Dendy, W. G. Thomas, and Dr. C. D. Thomas.
5. *Resolutions*—J. C. Lime and J. J. Gray.

REPORTS

1. The committee appointed at the Spring meeting to study the reorganizational plan of the General Assembly to ascertain if our directory conformed to that of the General Assembly stated that no meeting had been held and requested that the committee be continued to report at the Fall meeting. The request was granted.

2. E. G. Roberts, Chairman of the Program of Progress for the Presbytery, made an interesting presentation of the coming Tithing Adventure and urged all churches in the Presbytery to participate in the Tithing program set for September 15-December 15. He presented the following report which was adopted:

In order that the promotion of Our Tithing Adventure in Asheville Presbytery may be as definite as possible, it is requested that Presbytery adopt the following statement regarding the use of any funds sent to the Central Treasurer of Benevolences as a result of our tithing adventure effort:

1. All funds received and designated by the donors to any one or more causes shall be distributed to such causes in the exact amount as received.

2. All funds received and designated "Tithing Contributions" or any other similar term, but not designated for some particular cause or causes, shall be divided as follows:

To the Mountain Orphanage to enable that institution to close the year, if possible, without any current or accumulated deficit, 15%.

To the Home Mission Committee to enable that committee to increase the salaries of all ministers under its supervision, and to enter as largely as possible into new fields of service, 15%.

To the General Assembly's Treasurer of these funds for use as directed by the General Assembly, 70%.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, the Rev. Hoyt Evans, and ruling elder C. G. Worley gave reports of their attendance upon the last meeting of the General Assembly held at Orlando, Fla. The reports were received with interest and the commissioners commended for their diligence. The other commissioner, R. R. Williams, was not present and will be asked to make his report at the Fall meeting.

Presbytery recessed for lunch after having been led in prayer by the Rev. P. N. Gresham.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:45 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. C. G. Davis. Presbytery engaged in a season of prayer under the direction of the Rev. R. A. Potter. A number of brethren offered prayer to God for Divine guidance during the disturbed and troubled conditions confronting the world.

RECEPTION OF CANDIDATES

The Rev. W. G. Somerville reporting for the Committee on Christian Education stated that the credentials of Gordon K. Reed, a member of the Weaverville Church and the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Reed; and Benjamin Clayton Bell, a member of the Montreat Church and son of Dr. and Mrs. L. Nelson Bell, had been examined and found in order. He recommended that these young men be examined and received under the care of Asheville Presbytery as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry. Presbytery then proceeded with the examinations which were conducted by the Moderator on the matter of experimental religion and motives for seeking the gospel ministry. The examinations were sustained as satisfactory and they were received as candidates for the Gospel Ministery. Dr. H. B. Dendy delivered the charge to the candidates and prayer was offered by the Rev. J. C. Neville. Dr. W. C. Robinson, professor at Columbia Seminary and Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman, professor at Louisville Seminary, each addressed a brief message of congratulations and encouragement to the candidates.

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Mr. Harry Barkley, Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, gave an interesting report concerning the children under his care at the Orphanage. Presbytery by a rising vote of thanks expressed its appreciation to Mr. Barkley for his services at the Orphanage.

Dr. C. B. Thomas, treasurer of the Special Project of the Men of the Presbytery, gave a report concerning the

progress of the work being done on the kitchen at the Orphanage.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Rev. J. C. Lime reported for the Stewardship Committee and the following report was adopted:

Your committee met with the Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage to consider the financial needs of the Orphanage and is glad to report that the financial condition of the Orphanage is better than was anticipated at our last meeting of Presbytery due to the efficient operation of the Orphanage and increased returns from the farm. At present the Orphanage operates on a monthly deficit of between $700 and $800 which is made up by a special offering at Thanksgiving.

Your committee recommends that all the churches of the Presbytery reexamine their benevolent giving to the current expenses of the Orphanage, looking toward the time when all the regular monthly expenses of the Orphanage shall be met and not allowed to accumulate. We feel that the current expenses of the Orphanage can and should be met by the churches currently and when a special offering is taken at Thanksgiving it can be applied to desirable improvements.

Your committee further recommends that all pastors plan to promote the Orphanage regularly by a paragraph in their church bulletins, by mention from the pulpit, by inclusion in the pastoral prayer, or by whatever means seem most effective.

We believe that the continuation of the work of the Orphanage is not so much a financial problem that falls upon the Trustees as a program of information and education to which all the pastors of the Presbytery are obligated.

In addition to the above report Presbytery adopted the following recommendation: That the Mountain Orphanage be instructed to operate on the same budget as was granted at the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

REPORT OF DAVIDSON TRUSTEES

The Rev. C. G. Davis and the Rev. L. T. Wilds gave interesting reports concerning the progress being made at Davidson College. These reports were received as information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Education, made a verbal report and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That Presbytery express its appreciation by a rising vote to the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, director of the Youth Conference held at Montreat, June 4-9, and to his staff of leaders; and to the Rev. J. C. Lime, director of the Pioneer Camp, held at Camp Hope, June 4-9, and to his staff of leaders.

2. That every Sunday school observe September 1951 as Christian Education season and September 30 as Rally Day, using the special program available from the Board of Education and making a generous offering as a part of the Church-wide "Tithing Adventure."

3. That every Church be urged to send delegates to the Men's Convention to be held at Nashville, Tenn., November 2-4, 1951.

4. That Sunday Schools of the Presbytery be urged to make use of the Leadership Audio-Visual Kit. The entire Kit or portions of it can be obtained from the office of our Executive Secretary.

5. That a Leadership Training School be conducted in the West Asheville Church during the month of October and that the cost not exceed $150.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. C. G. Davis made the report for the Commission on the Minister and His Work, the following recommendation was adopted:

Resolved that Asheville Presbytery direct the Home Missions Committee to increase the salary of each minister, who on October 1, 1951, is serving the Committee or any church in the Presbytery as installed pastor and receiving any part of his salary from Home Mission funds, by the amount of $25.00 per month, and effective on October 1, 1951, and

That Presbytery request each church and/or group of churches being served by such minister to assume at least half of this increase for the remainder of this church year.

Resolved that Asheville Presbytery approve Dr. Andrew I. Keener as Temporary Supply in the Mills River Church, that this

relationship be renewed at stated meetings of Presbytery as long as this arrangement is satisfactory.

In addition to the above report Presbytery adopted a recommendation that a communication be sent to every church within the Presbytery not now paying a salary of $3,300 urging them to do so as soon as possible.

WORLD MISSIONS

The Rev. Hoyt Evans made a verbal report on World Missions and announced that plans were already being formulated to promote World Missions during the regular Mission season.

EVANGELISM

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson gave a verbal report on Evangelism and offered the following recommendation which was adopted:

That the churches of the Presbytery engage in a Presbytery wide visitation Evangelism program before the end of the present Church year, the date to be fixed at the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION

The Rev. E. K. Brown presented the report on The Sabbath and Family Religion which was adopted and is as follows:

Sabbath

We are living in a day when the fourth commandment is held by most people to be both trivial and anachronistic, Trivial, because it is an ancient law designed to enable the Hebrew people to survive and it has served its purpose. Out-of-date, because in our complex and highly organized society, it is impossible to keep this ancient admonition.

Many factors contribute to this deplorable situation. Utility companies are compelled to operate on Sunday so that we can enjoy, even on our day of rest, the conveniences which we have become accustomed to and expect. Hospitals and pharmacies must minister

to the physically ill on Sunday. Many people think they need to be entertained during the long hours of the Sabbath, therefore, the radio stations, the theaters and other amusements operate on Sunday to stall off the boredom of idleness.

Today as never before the Church needs to proclaim the fourth commandment and clearly interpret the Biblical principles which relate to Sabbath Observance. The Sabbath day is a day of worship. A day set aside each week in order that man might be reminded of his unique relationship to his creator, and reorient himself to God. God through the prophet Ezekiel says, "Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am Jehovah that sanctifieth them." (Ezekiel 20:12.) Jesus reemphasized this when He said, "The Sabbath was made for man." Jesus further emphasized by His example that the Sabbath is a day for doing good without thought of material reward. So the Church must admonish its members to remember the Sabbath day by worshiping God and giving themselves in Christian service.

Family Religion

We are all cognizant of the rapid decay of family life. In our highly organized and specialized society each member of the family becomes absorbed into a maze of organizations and activities, thus making the home only a place for eating and sleeping. This disentegration of family life leads to disastrous results. The family unit with common interest becomes a group of individuals with a diversity of interest. Family worship is difficult to continue, because the family is seldom together. The home finds it increasingly difficult to give its children the religious training and counsel it should.

Your committee would reaffirm the value of family worship and the important place of the home as a teacher of Christian truth.

Family worship is of inestimable value. It is a source of strength in troublous times. It is a source of comfort in times of sorrow and a source of inspiration for each new day. The Church must encourage her family groups to establish family altars for family worship and be ready to give guidance when asked.

Parents should be reminded of their responsibility to fulfill the promises made at the baptism of their children; to set before them a godly example, to pray with and for them, to teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, to strive by all the means of God's appointment to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Recommendations

Your committee respectfully recommends:

1. That Presbytery urge each minister to preach at least one sermon this year on the Christian use of Sunday.

2. That Christian Family week be observed in each church of the Presbytery during the week set by the General Assembly.

3. That the Ministers and Sessions of the Presbytery encourage Family Worship in the homes of their congregation and promote the use of Day-By-Day or other acceptable Family Worship aids.

4. That each minister be urged to stress the importance of family worship and a God-centered home in his Pre-Marital counseling.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT K. BROWN, *Chairman*,
W. P. CHEDESTER,
R. T. REED.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Bills and Overtures.

The Rev. P. N. Gresham presented the report on Bills and Overtures:

Your committee reports that two overtures from the Session of the Bryson City Church were placed in our hands, one with reference to the Commission on the Minister and His Work having power to dissolve a pastoral relationship between meetings of Presbytery when all parties concerned concur. We recommend that this overture be answered in the negative.

That Presbytery invite a representative from one of our Assembly Boards to have a place on the docket of each meeting of Presbytery. We recommend that this overture be answered in the negative.

The report was adopted.

2. Judiciary.

This committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Minutes of Presbytery.

The Rev. E. K. Brown presented the following report which was adopted:

Your committee on Minutes of Presbytery has examined the minutes of Presbytery for the following Stated meetings, Summer 1950, Fall 1950, Winter 1951, and Spring 1951. We find them to be in good order, neatly and accurately kept and we recommend that the examined copies be made the official copies of the Minutes of Presbytery.

4. Nominations.

The committee on Nominations made the following report which was adopted:

Home Mission Committee—Class of 1954, J. R. McGregor, Malcolm R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, and W. G. Lingo.

Mountain Orphanage Trustee—J. R. McGregor, E. G. Roberts, R. L. Prevost, and Mrs. George N. Moland.

Religious Education—J. C. Lime to take the place of R. B. DuPree.

Commission on the Minister and His Work—W. W. Preston to take the place of P. P. Thrower.

Evangelism—W. M. Fountain to take the place of P. P. Thrower and Harold Flanagan to take the place of H. G. Love, deceased.

N. C. Council of Churches—R. E. McClure to take the place of P. P. Thrower.

Examining Committee—W. M. Fountain to take the place of P. P. Thrower.

Davidson College Trustees—L. T. Wilds to succeed himself, term to expire Spring 1953.

SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Rev. J. C. Lime presented the report for the committee on resolutions in which he expressed the thanks of Presbytery to Mr. Barkley and his helpers who made possible such a delightful meeting of Presbytery at the Mountain Orphanage.

RED OAK CHURCH

Rev. H. B. Dendy called attention of Presbytery to the condition prevailing at Red Oak Church relative to the present membership and contributions. The matter was referred to the Home Mission Committee for study and they were asked to report at the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its next Stated meeting in the Brevard-Davidson River Church, the date being the Tuesday after the second Sunday in October being the 16th.

The minutes of Presbytery were read by the permanent clerk and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic benediction by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

E. G. ROBERTS, *Moderator.*

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date		*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
	Fall	—West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring	—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall	—Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring	—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall	—Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946	Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
	Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
	Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947	Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
	Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
	Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
	Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
	Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
	Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949	Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
	Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
	Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
	Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950	Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
	Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
	Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
	Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951	Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
	Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
	Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts

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Brevard, North Carolina

October 16, 1951

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. W. W. Preston, Black Mountain, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Permanent Clerk—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Asheville, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N .C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission Committee Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1954: J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, and W. G. Lingo.
Terms expire July 1953: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, George H. Wright.
Terms expire July 1952: J. D. Smith, L. T. Wilds, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost.

The Mountain Orphanage Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1954: J. R. McGregor, E. G. Roberts, R. L. Prevost, Mrs. G. N. Moland.
Terms expire July 1953: E. K. Brown, H. B. Dendy, J. O. Williams, Mrs. W. H. McMurray.
Terms expire July 1952: P. N. Gresham, George H. Wright, T. D. Hunter, Mrs. F. A. Plummer.

Religious Education—Ministers: W. G. Thomas, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, Hoyt Evans, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure, J. D. Smith, J. C. Lime, R. A. Potter. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Women of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1953: C. G. Davis, Chairman; W. G. Thomas. Term expires Fall 1952: Rev. J. R. McGregor, C. D. Richmond. Term expires Fall 1954: Dr. L. Nelson Bell, W. W. Preston.
World Missions—Hoyt Evans, Chairman; Ministers: W. H. Armistead, W. W. Preston, John R. Williams, W. M. Fountain. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, J. H. Flanagan.
Annuities and Relief—J. C. Neville, Chairman Thomas B. Hoover, G. C. Summerow, and Harrill Wood.
Christian Education—John R. Williams, Chairman; W. G. Somerville, J. O. Williams, W. L. Patton, and Jones Earl Corwin.
American Bible Society—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: H. L. Pack, L. B. Nichols.
Women's Work—Ministers: R. A. Potter, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.
Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. K. Brown, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Read.
Stewardship—Ministers: Rev. J. C. Lime, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. W. Roach, J. J. Stone, Irving W. Bingham.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; W. G. Thomas, P. N. Gresham, J. R. Crook, W. M. Fountain. Elders: Harold Flanagan, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols.
Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. G. Somerville. Elder: L. B. Nichols.
North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. E. K. Brown.
Christian Relations—Ministers: John D. Smith, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson. Elders: L. B. Ordway, R. L. Gash.
Radio Committee—Ministers: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman. Elders: James Howell, H. E. Lamb, Harold Flanagan.
Negro Work—H. V. Lofquist, J. O. Williams.
Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. W. M. Fountain, Rev. R. A. Potter.
English Bible—Rev. W. G. Somerville, Rev. W. M. Fountain.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev. L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis
Academic Studies—Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. W. M. Fountain.
Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.
Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; Rev. P. N Gresham. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1952: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1953: Rev. L. T. Wilds.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

B. L. McGlamery, President; J. Paul Teal, First Vice-President; J. O. Williams, Second Vice-President; James Light, Secretary-Treasurer

STATED FALL MEETING
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Fall meeting at the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, Brevard, N. C., Tuesday, October 16, 1951, at ten o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Ruling Elder Edward G. Roberts, Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church. The prayer was offered by the Rev. Paul Gresham.

The opening sermon was preached by the Moderator on the subject, "The Open Door," using as the text Rev. 3:3.

Following the sermon the Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. W. M. Fountain and the Rev. Hoyt Evans, assisted by Ruling Elders J. J. Stone, Bill Bangs, J. R. Bulgin, and Charles Dunn.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches. The following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, E. K. Brown, W. P. Chedester, Jones Earl Corwin, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, Hoyt Evans, W. M. Fountain, P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, J. R. McGregor, J. C. Neville, R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, W. G. Somerville, J. D. Smith, W. G. Thomas, J. Q. Wallace, John R. Williams, and Malcolm R. Williamson (22).

Churches represented were:

Arden, Charles Dunn; Asheville First, Guy White, Jr.; Brevard-Davidson River, William Bangs; Brittain Cove, H. A. Sluder; Bryson City, Philip Brittnall; Black Mountain, J. O. Williams; Canton, J. E. Henderson; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Franklin, J. R. Bulgin; Friendship, R. A. Hardwick; Hazelwood, L. N. Davis; Hendersonville, J. H. Flanagan; Kenilworth, J. J. Stone; Malvern Hills, E. G. Roberts; Mills River, T. L. Holden; Montreat, C. A. Stubbs; Murphy, E. H. Brumby; Oak Forest, H. T. Shillinglaw; Swannanoa, W. L. Patton; Waynesville, E. A. Williamson; Weaverville, R. T. Reed; West Asheville, J. W. Roach (22).

The Rev. L. T. Wilds was excused from attendance at Presbytery.

VISITING BRETHREN

The following visiting brethren were introduced:

Andrew J. Keener, Stuvenville Presbytery, U. S. A.; Dr. R. T. L. Liston, Holston Presbytery; the Rev. George Hopper, Knoxville Presbytery; Dr. Wm. J. Gammon, Lafayette Presbytery; and the Rev. Thomas B. Hoover, Congaree Presbytery.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. W. W. Preston was elected Moderator.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. John D. Smith, host pastor, presented the report of the program committee and recommended that the docket be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery hear immediately:

The Rev. R. T. L. Liston, D. D., President of King College.

The Rev. Joseph Hopper, Student Pastor at the University of Tennessee.

The Rev. J. R. McGregor, D. D., President of Montreat College.

2. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 o'clock and reconvene at 1:45 o'clock. The report was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures*—C. A. Stubbs, Rev. H. B. Dendy, and J. E. Henderson.
2. *Judiciary*—Dr. C. Grier Davis, J. L. Gash, and Rev. R. A. Potter.
3. *Minutes of Presbytery*—Rev. Hoyt Evans, Bill Bangs, and E. G. Roberts.
4. *Nominations*—Rev. P. N. Gresham, J. O. Williams, and Rev. W. G. Somerville.
5. *Resolutions*—Rev. Jones Earl Corwin, R. A. Hardwick, and H. A. Sluder.

PROGRAM OF PROGRESS

Ruling Elder E. G. Roberts, Chairman of Presbytery's Program of Progress Committee, gave an oral report concerning the Program of Progress in Asheville Presbytery

and presented Mr. Clarence Johnson, Director of the Assembly's Program of Progress, who delivered an inspiring address on the subject: "Progress Throughout Our Assembly."

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch after being led in prayer by Mr. Clarence Johnson.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:45 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. John R. Williams.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk read a letter from Dr. Ben R. Lacy, President of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., in which he requested Presbytery to endorse the Mid-Century Development Program. It was endorsed. The Clerk read a letter containing information concerning a Regional Conference for the benefit of the Chairman of the Minister and His Work Commissions and Executive Secretaries. The conference is to be held at Lynchburg, Va., October 22, 1951. Motion carried that the expenses of the Chairman of the Minister and His Work Commission, Dr. Grier Davis, and the Executive Secretary, Dr. R. E. McClure, be paid. The Clerk read a report from Stillman College which was received as information and the recommendations were adopted. The Clerk read a letter from Dr. Claude Pritchard concerning the two ministers from our Presbytery serving in the chaplaincy: the Rev. Fredrick Volbeda and the Rev. James R. Crook. The Clerk was instructed to write these men expressing the interest of Presbytery in their work and assuring them of our daily prayers.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Stated Clerk read a letter from Holston Presbytery, U. S. A., containing an invitation for Presbytery to hold a joint meeting in January at Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, N. C. Dr. C. Grier Davis presented an invitation

from the First Church, Asheville, for the Winter meeting to be held there. The invitation was accepted. In consideration of the invitation from Holston Presbytery, U. S. A., Presbytery appointed a program committee composed of Dr. C. Grier Davis, the Rev. M. R. Williamson, and the Rev. W. W. Preston, to confer with representatives from Holston Presbytery, U. S. A., to work out plans for the joint Winter meeting. If satisfactory arrangements could not be arranged, the Winter meeting of our Presbytery would be held in the First Church, Asheville, as scheduled.

RESIGNATION OF DR. J. M. McCHESNEY

Dr. J. M. McChesney presented a request for the pastoral relations between himself and the Oak Forest Church be dissolved as of November 1, 1951; and that a letter of dismissal be granted to Abingdon Presbytery. Ruling Elder H. T. Shillinglaw stated that the Oak Forest Church congregation in a regular called meeting had reluctantly concurred in Dr. McChesney's request.

The above request was granted. Dr. McChesney was placed on the roll of the honorably retired ministers and recommended to the Board of Annunities and given a letter of transfer to Abingdon Presbytery. The Rev. W. G. Summerville offered a special prayer of Thanksgiving for the long and faithful services of Dr. McChesney.

RECEPTION OF THE REV. THOMAS B. HOOVER

The Stated Clerk read a letter of transfer for the Rev. Thomas B. Hoover from Congaree Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery. Presbytery then proceeded with the examination. The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Moderator, W. W. Preston, and sustained as satisfactory. The examination on Theology was conducted by Dr. C. Grier Davis and sustained as satisfactory. The examination on the Sacraments and Church Covenant was conducted by the Rev. Paul Gresham and sustained as satisfactory. The examination was sustained as a whole and the Rev. Thomas B. Hoover was then enrolled after signing the "ax Animo" statement. It was announced that the Rev.

Mr. Hoover would serve as chaplain and assistant headmaster of the Blue Ridge School for Boys, Hendersonville, N. C.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman of the Special Committee on the Reorganization of Presbytery, presented a report which was received as information. The committee was continued and instructed to bring in a complete report during the Winter meeting.

Dr. H. B. Dendy presented a report for the R. P. Smith Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund for Mountain Orphanage, which was adopted.

THE R. P. SMITH MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE CHILDREN

Action recommended to Asheville Presbytery, by the Board of Trustees regarding the above named fund.

Be it resolved that Asheville Presbytery, meeting in regular session at Brevard, N. C., October 16, 1951, does recognize with deep appreciation the existence and continued growth of the R. P. Smith Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund for Mountain Orphanage Children, and

Asheville Presbytery recognizes that conditions have materially changed since the rules under which this fund is being administered were adopted in April 1939 and are therefore inadequate to meet present needs,

Therefore, Asheville Presbytery does hereby rescind and abolish these rules and in the place thereof does hereby direct—

That the Treasurer of The Mountain Orphanage is instructed to determine the net cash value of The R. P. Smith Fund as shown in the audit of 1945, after deducting the value of outstanding student notes, and all contributions to this Fund shall be added to this net cash amount and the same set up as a permanent Capital Fund,

That the Treasurer shall set up the total amount credited to this Fund as interest since April 1, 1945, after deducting the amount authorized by Asheville Presbytery to be used for the benefit of Josephine Packett, and set same up as a working Operating Fund.

That the Trustees of The Mountain Orphanage are authorized and directed to use such an amount of this Operating Fund as is now or may be credited to same for the purpose of furthering the education and training of Mountain Orphanage children in accordance with the following rules:

1. No child shall ordinarily be aided from this fund unless he or she is a graduate of High School while living at The Mountain Orphanage, except by the express permission of Asheville Presbytery in each individual case.

2. No child shall ordinarily be aided from this fund unless he or she is attending a Presbyterian church owned or Presbyterian church related institution of higher learning, so long as such institution offers the courses of study deemed best for the child.

3. The amount of aid to any particular child shall be at the discretion of the Trustees of The Mountain Orphanage, but the total appropriated in any one year shall not exceed the amount credited to the "Operating Fund," without the express approval of the Presbytery in advance thereof.

4. The Board of Trustees shall report to each Fall Meeting of Asheville Presbytery, specifying:

A. Names of children eligible to share in this Fund for the current Collegiate year.

B. The institution that each child will attend, and if not a church owned or church related institution, then the reasons for attending some other.

C. The amount of money appropriated for the use of each child for the current collegiate year, with an estimate of the total needs of each child and what arrangements have been made for meeting the other costs involved.

5. Asheville Presbytery reserves the right to change any of the above rules at any subsequent meeting, but agrees that no change shall affect any arrangements made for the collegiate year in progress at the time the changes are made.

The Rev. M. R. Williamson, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, presented a report, which was received as information. The committee was instructed to formulate plans for a special season of evangelism during the spring of 1951.

The Trustees of Presbytery did not have a report to make at this meeting of Presbytery.

MINISTER AND HIS WORK COMMISSION

Dr. C. Grier Davis, Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, presented a report which was adopted with the recommendations.

The Commission on the Minister and His Work has met or conferred with the Committees on calling a pastor from the following vacant churches: Swannanoa, Sylva, Murphy, Highlands and Hazelwood.

Rev. James Crook, now serving as a Chaplain in the U. S. Army submitted his resignation as pastor of the Murphy Church to the Commission. The Commission requested that the Congregation of the Murphy Church act upon this resignation. On September 23rd the congregation voted to join with Mr. Crook in requesting that the pastoral relation be dissolved.

According to instructions from Presbytery at the Summer Meeting 1951, the Chairman of the Commission wrote to self supporting churches, which have been paying a pastor's salary of less than $3,300.00 and a manse, informing them of Presbytery's desire that all pastor's salaries should be raised to this minimum. Churches which have been paying less than the minimum, according to the 1951 minutes of the General Assembly are: Oak Forest, Black Mountain, Haselwood, Highlands, Canton, Bryson City, and Weaverville.

We recommend that the pastoral relation between Rev. James Crook and the Murphy Church he dissolved.

We recommend that Churches paying less than the minimum $3,300.00 and a manse be requested to report to the Winter Meeting of Presbytery what plans are being made to raise the pastor's salary.

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission report was presented by Dr. C. Grier Davis. The report and the recommendations were adopted.

The Home Mission Committee reports that fourteen churches are now receiving Home Mission funds. Two Home Mission churches are without a pastor: Sylva and Murphy.

During the last six months, the Home Mission Churches have paid $8,500.00 on building and equipment debts.

The indebtedness of the Malvern Hills Church, originally $6,000 now stands at $1,700.00. The indebtedness of the North Asheville property to: The Board of Church Extension, originally $12,500 now stands at $8,700; to The Imperial Life Insurance Company $25,000 now stands at $21,000; to the Maxwell Fund $6,678.57 now stands $6,678.57. Originally $47,500.00 the total indebtedness now stands at $36,378.57. The amount paid on this debt has been $11,121.43.

Recommended that a resolution be adopted by Asheville Presbytery to secure a grant of $500.00, made by the Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, for the Malvern Hills Church.

Recommended that a resolution be adopted by Asheville Presbytery to secure a grant of $1,000.00 for the North Asheville Project made by the Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

WORLD MISSIONS

The Rev. Hoyt Evans, Chairman of World Missions, presented a report which was adopted with the recommendations.

1. That all churches in the Presbytery support the World Missions Rally at the West Asheville Church on January 15th, at which time Dr. C. Darby Fulton will be the speaker.

2. That all churches conduct a school of Missions in which the entire congregation is asked to participate. We suggest that churches make use of the missionaries in our area as guest speakers. A pool of speakers will be available through our committee. Churches interested in using these are asked to contact either Dr. J. R. Williams or Rev. W. H. Armistead.

3. That there be an exchange of pulpits during the World Mission season among the ministers of our Presbytery for additional preaching and emphasis of our World Mission Causes.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Rev. Paul Gresham, Chairman of the American Bible Society Committee, presented a report which was adopted with the recommendations.

During 1950, the American Bible Society furnished to the forces of the United Nations in nine different languages 2,000,000 Service Testaments, and distributed 3,000,000 copies of the Scriptures in Japan. More copies of the Scriptures were sold than there are Christians in Japan. This proves the interest of the people at large in the teachings of God's Word.

In America 6,000,000 Scripture volumes were distributed, surpassing 1949 by 31%. The circulation for 1950 at home and abroad was 11,056,584 copies in 184 different languages and dialects. During 1950, the Bible Society passed the 400,000,000 mark in its total distribution of the Scripture for the 135 years since its founding.

"The field is the World" and "the Seed is the Word of God." The Seed is being sown in every land and the budget needs are great. From the Churches $1,125,210 is asked annually, and from the Presbyterian Church, U. S., the amount requested is $50,000.00.

We recommend:

1. That December 9, 1951 be set apart as Bible Sunday.

2. That we support this worthy cause with money-gifts and with our prayers.

3. That we urge Bible reading from Thanksgiving to the

New Year and all through the year of 1952, because more Bible reading means more light upon the earthly path.

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL N. GRESHAM,
HOYT EVANS,
Committee.

REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Rev. Henry Lofquist presented the report of the Stewardship Committee, which was adopted with the recommendations.

The Stewardship Committee of Asheville Presbytery calls the attention of the Presbytery to the following facts:

The gifts of the churches for division among the causes according to the percentage approved by the Presbytery has increased in the last seven years from $19,000 annually to $40,000, thus making a larger amount available for each cause, and especially those causes not having a "special offering."

The causes of Asheville Presbytery, which are dependent in a unique way for their support from the Presbytery, namely: Presbytery's Home Missions, The Mountain Orphanage, and Religious Education in the Presbytery, have no source other than the gifts of the churches, with the following exceptions:

The Mountain Orphanage shares in the Duke Endowment, has a small endowment, receives a small amount from parents and relatives of the children and enjoys the generosity of many non-Presbyterian friends.

The Presbytery's Home Mission Committee receives an annual grant from the Board of Church Extension, in 1951-1952—$9,000.00.

The financial need of The Mountain Orphanage is such that there is a need of from $3,000 to $5,000 of additional funds annually to assure operation of the home at the present level of capacity and efficiency.

The challenge of new fields and of more intensive development of old fields, with special attention to adequate salaries, constitutes a pressing need for additional funds from Presbytery's Home Missions, aside from the fact that the Presbytery should absorb as much of the annual grant from the Board of Church Extension as rapidly as possible.

For the past several years the Presbytery has been adopting "Askings" to be passed on to the churches with the knowledge that not more than 40%-45% in any one year would be given as "Regular Benevolence," that is to be divided among all the causes on a proportionate basis.

One half of the total gifts of the Churches are in SPECIAL

OFFERINGS.

Your committee senses a need for a Budget that will accomplish three things:

(1) Set a goal that is within the realm of possibility.

(2) Provide more adequately for Presbytery's Causes.

(3) Assure ALL causes as much or more next year through Regular Budget giving and Special Offerings, as they will receive this year—and as much more as possible to come as nearly as possible to the MONEY goals set by the Synod and Assembly.

We therefore recommend:

1. That Asheville Presbytery adopt as their 1952-1953 Benevolent Askings: A Goal for "Regular Benevolence" to be raised through the Budgets of each local church in the amount of $55,000.00. A Goal for "Special Offerings" to be raised in the local church as each congregation may determine, in the amount of $33,850.00.

2. That the goal for "Regular Benevolences" be divided among the Causes as follows:

World Missions	$ 5,000.00
Church Extension	4,000.00
Christian Education	800.00
Annunities and Relief	800.00
General Fund	2,500.00
Inter Church Agencies	200.00
King College	3,000.00
Religious Education in Synod	1,500.00
Seminaries:	
Union	1,000.00
Louisville	500.00
Montreat College	3,000.00
Religious Education (Pres.)	1,200.00
The Mountain Orphanage	12,000.00
Home Missions (Pres.)	18,000.00
Stonewall Jackson Debt	1,000.00

3. That the above amounts be assigned to the Churches in a ratio determined by the actual giving of each church over the past five years to all causes except "Building Expenses," and in terms of DOLLARS to be placed in their annual Every Member Canvass for 1952-1953, provided that the final amount for any one church shall not have a total less than the amount adopted by that church for 1951-1952.

4. That goal for "Special Offerings" be divided as follows:

World Missions, including all designated funds for this cause, including the offering of 1953	$ 6,000.00
Church Extension, including all designated funds for this cause, including the offering of 1952	4,000.00
Christian Education, including all designated funds for this cause, including Rally Day 1952	2,600.00
Annunities and Relief, including all designated funds for this cause, including Joy Gift 1952	3,000.00
Mountain Retreat Association (Through General Fund)	1,000.00
King College, to be raised in any way the local congregation desires	1,000.00
Montreat College, to be raised in any way the local congregation desires	1,000.00
Religious Education, offerings in connection with Bible Schools, and in any other way chosen	250.00
Mountain Orphanage, through Thanksgiving, Sunday Schools, Women's clothing and support of children and in any other way desired	15,000.00

5. That these amounts be calculated for each individual cause, in terms of dollars, and sent down to the individual church in proportion to the way each church is supporting that particular cause (over a period of five years, counting total gifts from all sources), provided that no amount set for any individual cause shall be less than the actual "Special Offering" given by that church for that cause in 1951-1952, plus a challenge fund of 10%.

6. That each congregation be asked to accept the full amounts asisgned as provided above, with the knowledge that to meet these totals as a Presbytery means increased giving to all causes.

7. That the "Askings" for Regular Benevolences be sent to the Churches as early as possible, with the understanding that a table of such Askings will be published in the Minutes of the Presbytery for January 1952 in the amounts specified, unless a request for some change be made by the Church at or before that meeting.

8. That Churches be urged to place the entire amount of the "Regular Benevolent Askings" in their respective budgets in such a way that the entire sum may be anticipated as contributions for this phase of the work of the church during the church year beginning, April 1, 1952.

9. That in planning for the Every Member Canvass of 1952, Asheville Presbytery approve the action of the Stewardship Committee in making a tentative engagement to have Rev. B. S. Hodges visit the Presbytery, December 9-12, 1951.

10. That, subject to the approval of the Stewardship Committee, the Executive Secretary be authorized to arrange a schedule of four conferences for Mr. Hodges to meet as many Church Officers as possible in the interest of building and administering a Benevolent Budget in each church.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures.

Ruling Elder C. A. Stubbs, Chairman, presented the report of the Bills and Overtures Committee. The report concerned the reception of an overture to the General Assembly asking for the Assembly to provide adequate support of Montreat College. The overture was adopted and is as follows:

Asheville Presbytery respectfully overtures the General Assembly to provide adequate financial support for Montreat College to be developed into an accredited college according to the action of the 1948 General Assembly.

2. Judiciary Committee. This committee had no report.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly. Ruling Elder E. G. Roberts, Chairman of this committee, presented a report, which was adopted with the recommendations.

We recommend that:

1. That in response to Item 5 of the Report of the Standing Committee of Bills and Overtures, the proposed amendment to Section 304 of the Book of Church Order be docketed for consideration at the winter meeting of Presbytery.

2. That in response to Item 7 of the same report, the proposed change in Question 183 of the Larger Catechism be docketed for consideration at the winter meeting.

3. That in response to the answer of the Committee on Education to Overture 40, the proposed change to paragraph 119, chapter 23 of the Form of Government of the Book of Church Order be docketed for consideration at the winter meeting.

4. That Item 6 of the report of the Sub-committee on Radio of the report of the Church Extension Committee be referred to Presbytery's Committee on Radio.

5. That Item 8 of the report of the General Council Committee be referred to the Stewardship Committee.

6. That the following items be read and received as information:

(a) Item 12 of the report of Committee on Annuities and Relief.
(b) Item 3 of the report of Committee on World Missions.
(c) The answer of the Committee on Education to Overture 41.
(d) Item 8 under Assembly's Training School of the report of Committee on Educational Institutions.

(e) Paragraph 3 under Item 11 of the report of Committee on General Council.
(f) Item 21 of the same report.

Respectfully submitted,
HOYT EVANS.

4. Resolutions. The Rev. John E. Corwin, Chairman, presented the report on Resolutions, which was adopted.

Be is resolved by Asheville Presbytery in Stated Fall Meeting that our sincere appreciation and thanks be extended to the Rev. J. D. Smith, Pastor and the membership of the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church for the cordial reception and splendid entertainment afforded this Presbytery with special emphasis upon the splendid dinner prepared and served by the fair ladies of the church.

JONES EARL CORWIN,
R. A. HARDWICK,
W. A. SLUDER.

5. Nominations. The Rev. Paul Gresham, Chairman, presented the report of the Nominating Committee, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Nominations make the following report:

Commission on the Minister and His Work: That W. W. Preston be elected to succeed himself for another term on the Commission. That Dr. L. Nelson Bell be elected for a term succeeding M. N. Coleman. That John D. Smith be dropped from the Committee of Women's Work and that he be placed on the Home Mission Committee to take the place of Dr. J. M. McChesney. That Rev. Thomas B. Hoover be placed on the Committee of Annunities and Relief, that Rev. J. C. Neville be the Chairman of the Committee.

That Rev. R. A. Potter be made Chairman of Women's Work.

That Rev. W. G. Somerville be made Chairman of the Executive Committee on English Bible and that Rev. W. M. Fountain be added to the Committee.

That W. M. Fountain take the place of Dr. McChesney on Examining Committee on Seminary Studies.

PAUL N. GRESHAM,
W. G. SOMERVILLE,
J. O. WILLIAMS.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of Presbytery were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic benediction by the Rev. W. W. Preston, Moderator. Presbytery adjourned to meet Tuesday morning, ten o'clock, January 15, 1952.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date		Place of Meeting	Moderator
1938	Spring	—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall	—Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring	—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall	—Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946	Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
	Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
	Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947	Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
	Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
	Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
	Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
	Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
	Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949	Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
	Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
	Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
	Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950	Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
	Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
	Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
	Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951	Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
	Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
	Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
	Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Asheville, North Carolina

January 15, 1952

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. J. D. Smith, Brevard, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Permanent Clerk—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Asheville, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N .C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission Committee Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1954: J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, and W. G. Lingo.
Terms expire July 1953: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, George H. Wright.
Terms expire July 1952: J. D. Smith, L. T. Wilds, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost.

The Mountain Orphanage Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1954: J. R. McGregor, E. G. Roberts, R. L. Prevost, Mrs. G. N. Moland.
Terms expire July 1953: E. K. Brown, H. B. Dendy, J. O. Williams, Mrs. W. H. McMurray.
Terms expire July 1952: P. N. Gresham, George H. Wright, T. D. Hunter, Mrs. F. A. Plummer.

Religious Education—Ministers: W. G. Thomas, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, W. W. Preston, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure, J. D. Smith, J. C. Lime, R. A. Potter. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Women of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1953: C. G. Davis, Chairman; W. G. Thomas. Term expires Fall 1952: Rev. J. R. McGregor, C. D. Richmond. Term expires Fall 1954: Dr. L. Nelson Bell, W. W. Preston.
World Missions—W. W. Preston, Chairman; Ministers: W. H. Armistead, John R. Williams, W. M. Fountain. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, J. H. Flanagan.
Annuities and Relief—J. C. Neville, Chairman Thomas B. Hoover, G. C. Summerow, and Harrill Wood.
Christian Education—John R. Williams, Chairman; W. G. Somerville, J. O. Williams, W. L. Patton, and Jones Earl Corwin.
American Bible Society—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; T. B. Hoover, J. C. Lime. Elders: H. L. Pack, L. B. Nichols.
Women's Work—Ministers: R. A. Potter, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.
Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. K. Brown, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Read.
Stewardship—Ministers: Rev. J. C. Lime, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. W. Roach, J. J. Stone, Irving W. Bingham.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; W. G. Thomas, P. N. Gresham, J. R. Crook, W. M. Fountain. Elders: Harold Flanagan, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols.
Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. G. Somerville. Elder: L. B. Nichols.
North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. E. K. Brown.
Christian Relations—Ministers: John D. Smith, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson. Elders: L. B. Ordway, R. L. Gash.
Radio Committee—Ministers: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman. Elders: James Howell, H. E. Lamb, Harold Flanagan.
Negro Work—H. V. Lofquist, J. O. Williams.
Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. W. M. Fountain, Rev. R. A. Potter.
English Bible—Rev. W. G. Somerville, Rev. W. M. Fountain.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev. L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis
Academic Studies—Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. W. M. Fountain.
Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.
Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; Rev. P. N Gresham Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1953: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1952: Rev. L. T. Wilds.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

B. L. McGlamery, President; J. Paul Teal, First Vice-President; J. O. Williams, Second Vice-President; James Light, Secretary-Treasurer

STATED WINTER MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

January 15, 1952

First Presbyterian Church

Asheville, N. C.

The Presbytery of Asheville of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met in joint session with the Presbytery of Holston of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina, Tuesday, January 15, 1952, at ten o'clock in the morning.

The Presbyteries were called to order and prayer was offered by the Rev. W. W. Preston, Moderator of the Asheville Presbytery.

Fraternal greetings were extended to Holston Presbytery, U. S. A., by the Moderator, W. W. Preston. The Rev. James Glasse, Moderator of Holston Presbytery, U. S. A., extended fraternal greetings to Asheville Presbytery, U. S.

Ruling Elder Early Lee, Asheville First, extended a cordial welcome to the members of both Presbyteries.

Dr. C. Grier Davis, pastor of the host church, delivered an address on the History of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina.

Dr. Herman N. Morse, Executive Secretary of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., delivered an address on the Sesquicentennial of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Rev. W. W. Preston, Asheville Presbytery, U. S., and the Rev. James Glasse, Holston Presbytery, U. S. A., conducted the Communion Service, assisted by the following Ruling Elders:

From Holston Presbytery: John S. LeFevre, Burnsville; D. P. Vining, Warren Wilson; Hilliard Shope, Riceville; and Sam Moser, Johnson City.

From Asheville Presbytery: Dr. C. D. Thomas, Black Mountain; Early Lee, Asheville First; E. H. Brumby, Murphy; and J. B. Light, Bryson City.

THE BUSINESS SESSION

Following the Communion Service, the Presbyteries separated for their business sessions. The Moderator, the Rev. W. W. Preston, opened the business session with prayer.

ROLL CALL

The following were present and were enrolled during the meeting:

Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Everett K. Brown, James R. Crook, Jones Earl Corwin, W. P. Chedester, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, Hoyt Evans, W. M. Fountain, Jr., P. N. Gresham, Thomas B. Hoover, J. H. Gruver, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, J. R. McGregor, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville, R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, W. G. Somerville, John D. Smith, C. W. Solomon, W. G. Thomas, L. T. Wilds, John R. Williams, and Malcolm R. Williamson (26).

Ruling Elders: R. H. Marshall, Arden; Elmer R. Roth, Asheville First; Dr. S. M. Bittinger, Black Mountain; James B. Light, Bryson City; James E. Henderson, Canton; G. S. Stone, Dillingham; R. A. Hardwick, Friendship; George D. Brown, Franklin; J. T. Fain, Hendersonville; J. J. Stone, Kenilworth; E. H. Brumby, Murphy; Walter Harbin, Malvern Hills; Tom L. Holden, Mills River; Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Montreat; Hugh E. Lamb, Oak Forest; W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa; Joe E. Rose, Waynesville; Ben H. Evans, Weaverville, and J. A. Anderson, West Asheville (19).

VISITING BRTHREN

The following visiting brethren were introduced:

Dr. Andrew J. Keener, Steubenville Presbytery, U. S. A.

The Rev. I. M. Ellis, Knoxville Presbytery.

The Rev. C. W. Solomon, Fayetteville Presbytery.

The Rev. O. F. Yates, Missouri Presbytery.

The Rev. W. J. Gammon, Lafayette Presbytery.

Mr. George Day, Candidate for the Ministry, Philadelphia Presbytery, U. S. A.

Mr. J. P. Williams, Promotion Director for the Montreat Association.

RESIGNATION OF THE REV. HOYT EVANS

By special order the Rev. Hoyt Evans was given the privilege of making a request that the pastoral relations between himself and the Franklin Church, Franklin, N. C., be dissolved as of January 31, 1952, and that a letter of dismissal be granted to Kings Mountain Presbytery. Mr. Evans stated that he desired to accept a call to the Union Church, Kings Mountain Presbytery. The representative from the Franklin Church, Mr. P. D. Brown, stated that the Franklin church in a regular called meeting had reluctantly concurred in Mr. Evans' request. After several of the brethren had spoken words of commendation concerning the work of Mr. Evans in the Franklin church as well as in the work of the Presbytery, he was given a letter of transfer to Kings Mountain Presbytery.

ELECTION OF THE MODERATOR

The Rev. John D. Smith was elected Moderator.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Dr. C. Grier Davis, host pastor, presented the report of the program committee and recommended that the docket prepared and distributed by the Stated Clerk be adopted.

RECEPTION OF THE REV. C. W. SOLOMON

The Rev. C. W. Solomon presented a certificate of transfer from Fayetteville Presbytery and applied for admission to Asheville Presbytery. The certificate of transfer was found in order and Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Solomon according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order. The examination was approved as satisfactory and Mr. Solomon was enrolled upon signing the "Ex Animo" statement.

BRYSON CITY CHURCH REQUEST

The Bryson City Church presented a request for the privilege of changing the salary terms of the call to their Pastor by increasing the amount to $300.00 more per year. The request was granted.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—John R. Williams, H. V. Lofquist, and R. A. Hardwick.
2. Judiciary—W. W. Preston, J. R. McGregor, and C. D. Thomas.
3. Minutes of Synod—W. M. Fountain, R. A. Potter, and B. H. Evans.
4. Nominations—E. K. Brown, J. C. Lime, and George D. Brown.
5. Resolutions—P. N. Gresham, Jones Earl Corwin, and Walter Harbin.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch, after being led in prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. John D. Smith.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 p. m. in joint session with Holston Presbytery, U. S. A. The Rev. James Glasse, Moderator of Holston Presbytery, presiding. The Rev. Mr. Glasse offered the opening prayer.

THE ADDRESS BY DR. DARBY FULTON

The Rev. Darby Fulton, D. D., Executive Secretary of the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., delivered an inspiring message on the Work of World Missions in Our Time.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

Following the address of Dr. Fulton, the presbyteries separated for their afternoon business sessions.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS

Presbytery elected the following ministers and ruling elders to represent the Presbytery at the next meeting of the General Assembly to be held in Charleston, West Virginia, June 5, 1952:

Ministers: The Rev. John D. Smith and the Rev. J. R. Williams; with alternates, the Rev. W. M. Fountain for Mr. Smith and the Rev. J. C. Neville for Mr. Williams.

Ruling Elders: Joe Emerson Rose, Waynesville; S. W. Black, Bryson City; with alternates, J. E. Anderson for Mr. Rose, and Dr. L. Nelson Bell for Mr. Black.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE RECOMMENDATION

Dr. H. B. Dendy, a member of the Board of Trustees for the Mountain Orphanage, presented the following recommendations:

"That the Board of Trustees be authorized to employ an additional worker for the Mountain Orphanage staff to serve as secretary to the superintendent, orphanage hostess, and finance secretary." Presbytery adopted the recommendation, and requested that the Board of Trustees postpone any action until the spring meeting of Presbytery, in order that the Board of Trustees might have the opportunity of giving to Presbytery a clarification of the work to be assigned to the new employee.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following brethren were excused from attendance at this meeting of Presbytery: Kenneth J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, and T. G. Tate.

VATICAN OPPOSITION

Dr. L. Nelson Bell presented the following recommendation to Presbytery, which was adopted:

"That Presbytery go on record as opposing any type of United States Government representation to the Vatican at any time."

REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman of the Special Committee on the Reorganization of Presbytery, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Special Re-organization Committee presents the following recommendations:

I. That Presbytery establish the following organization to become effective April 1, 1952:

A. Officers of the Presbytery:
   1. Moderator—elected every stated meeting.
   2. Stated Clerk—elected for three years.
   3. Permanent Clerk—elected for three years.
   4. Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—elected for three years.

B. Trustees:
   1. Presbytery Trustees—three members.
   2. Davidson College Trustees—two members.

C. Executive Committees:
   1. Home Mission Committee—twelve members. The committee will serve as the Board of Trustees of Presbytery's Home Missions
   2. The Mountain Orphanage—twelve members. This committee will serve as the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage.
   3. Christian Education—eighteen members.
      a. Educational Institutions—three members.
      b. Candidates for the Ministry—three members.
      c. Religious Education—twelve members and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by Women of the Church, President of Men of Presbytery, President of Youth Fellowship, and Women Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship.

D. Commissions:
   1. The Minister and His Work—six members.

E. Permanent Committees:
   1. Nominations—five members.
   2. Presbytery Council—nine members and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Executive Secretary. This committee will consist of two sub-committees:
      a. Program and Publicity—three members.
      b. Budget—six members.
   3. World Missions—five members.
   4. Church Extension—twelve members. This committee will consist of six sub-committees:
      a. Assembly's Home Missions—two members.
      b. Evangelism—two members.
      c. Christian Relations—two members. (Includes work of North Carolina Council of Churches.)
      d. Radio—two members.
      e. Negro Work—two members.
      f. Defense Service—two members.
   5. Annunities and Relief—three members.
   6. Woman's Work—three members.

   7. Assembly's Special Causes—five members.
      a. Historical Foundation.
      b. Montreat.
      c. Assembly's Training School.
      d. American Bible Society.
   8. Examinations—The Moderator, chairman. This committee will consist of eight sub-committees:
      a. Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
      b. Theology—two members.
      c. Sacraments—two members.
      d. Church Government—two members.
      e. English Bible—two members.
      f. Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—two members.
      g. Academic Studies—two members.
      h. Seminary Studies—two members.
   9. Presbytery's Historical Committee—three members.

II. That Presbytery adopt the three year tenure of office for membership on the various committees and commissions. A member is eligible for a second term of three years, but after having served two three-year terms, he is ineligible for an additional term until the lapse of one year.

III. That Presbytery instruct the Committee on Nominations to follow the policy of allowing no minister or elder to serve on more than three committees and commissions; and that in making assignments, consideration be given to the relative importance of the various committees, some of which shall entail more time than others; and that the Nominating Committee endeavor to place on the various committees and commissions Ruling Elders from as many of our churches as possible.

IV. That the Presbytery's Council provide a promotion fund which will be available for the use of the permanent committees.

V. That the Nominating Committee be appointed during this meeting of Presbytery so that the nominations may be brought to the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN JAMES R. CROOK

The Rev. James R. Crook made an interesting report concerning his work as a chaplain in the Armed Services of our country. By a rising vote, Presbytery stood in appreciation of his work, and the Moderator, the Rev. John D. Smith, offered a special prayer for the ministers serving in the Armed Forces of the Nation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman of the Religious

Education Committee, presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

The Religious Education Committee reports to Asheville Presbytery that there was spent for Religious Education during 1951 the following amounts: Young People's Conference, $368.50; Pioneer Camp, $260.25; Visual Aid Kit, $75.00; Leadership Training School, $150.00; Vacation Bible School Workers, $280.00.

These amounts were paid through the Home Mission Committee, to which committee the percentage assigned to Religious Education from Benevolent funds was paid, together with all special offerings.

We recommend:

(1) That Presbytery establish a separate fund for the use of this committee and approve the following spending budget for the new church year: Young People's Conference, $400.00; Pioneer Camp, $300.00; Leadership Education, $200.00; Vacation Bible School Workers, $300.00; Miscellaneous, $100.00. Total $1,300.00.

(2) That Presbytery direct the Central Treasurer to pay the percentages assigned to Religious Education in the Presbytery (estimated to yield a minimum of $950.00 in 1952-1953) to the treasurer of this fund.

(3) That in lieu of any special offering (as planned according to the action of Presbytery in the Fall of 1951 with a goal of $250.00), that Presbytery authorize this committee to ask the churches for a supplemental fund for 1952-1953, to be raised in any way the local church sees fit, but in an amount equal to SIX CENTS per person enrolled in the Church School.

(4) That the Synod's Committee of Religious Education be asked to pay one half of the salary of not more than two Vacation Bible School Workers for seven weeks each for 1953.

(5) That Presbytery approve the Home Mission Committee granting the Religious Education Committee a loan of $500.00, and to make same available to the Religious Education Committee not later than June 1, 1952; and that the Religious Education Committee repay the loan as soon as possible.

(6) That Presbytery endorse the action of the committee looking forward to: Two Vacation Bible School Workers during the summer of 1952. A Leadership Training School in the fall of 1952.

(7) That churches be urged to send their active workers, as far as possible, to Institutes planned for Vacation Church School Leaders in three (possibly) four centers in the Presbytery during the spring.

(8) That Presbytery accept a quota of $420.00 for Student Work at the University of Tennessee to provide for the interim period —September to March, 1952—and that the churches be asked to give their proportionate share as worked out and presented by the Religious Education Committee of Presbytery. (7c a member has been suggested.) This money is to be sent in before March 31, 1952.

(9) That Presbytery approve the appointment of
  (a) The Rev. J. C. Lime, Director of the Pioneer Camp, June, 9-14, to be held at Camp Hope in Haywood County.
  (b) The Rev. W. W. Preston, Director of the Senior Conference, June 16-21, to be held at Montreat.

(19 That Presbytery approve the appointment of a committee to be known as the "Voice of the Men of Asheville Presbytery," and this committee to be composed of the following:

Dr. Guy White, Chairman ..... First Church
Dr. C. D. Thomas ..... Black Mountain
C. A. Stubbs ..... Montreat
C. C. Demaree ..... West Asheville
E. R. Dolbee ..... Hendersonville
James B. Light ..... Bryson City
McKinley Cook ..... Weaverville
J. J. Stone ..... Kenilworth

The Committee will provide a group of men from our Presbytery as a speakers' platform. The Committee will choose men from the different churches who shall acquaint themselves with the different causes of our church, review timely books and periodicals to the end that they will be able to present same to our men in the respective churches.

Our Mountain Work to publish from time to time the names of the speakers and the subjects on which they will speak, so as to provide an avenue from which the Men's groups might choose for their programs.

The Rev. I. M. Ellis, Regional Director for the Synod of Appalachia, spoke briefly to Presbytery concerning his work and urged the churches to heartily support recommendation No. 8.

THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK COMMISSION

Dr. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, presented an oral report concerning the work of the Commission, which was received as information.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Dr. C. Grier Davis, Chairman of the Home Mission Committee, presented a report, which was adopted:

The Home Mission Committee recommends to Asheville Presbytery that the relationship of Dr. Andrew L. Keener as temporary

supply of Mills River Presbyterian Church be renewed for six months and that the relationship of Rev. Jones Earl Corwin as stated supply of the Etowah Presbyterian Church be renewed for six months.

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The Rev. Malcolm Williamson, chairman, presented an oral report, which was received as information, and the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That the plans previously adopted by Presbytery for a Presbytery-wide Visitation Evangelistic campaign be continued.

2. That the churches be urged to promote visitation evangelistic programs during the time set by the General Assembly.

BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

Presbytery postponed action on the proposed changes in the Book of Church Order until the spring meeting of Presbytery, and ordered that consideration of the proposed changes be given a priority place on the spring docket.

DEFENSE COUNCIL REPORT

The report of Chaplain James R. Crook was accepted in lieu of a report from this committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

2. The Committee on Judiciary reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. The Committee on the Minutes of Synod, the Rev. W. M. Fountain, chairman, presented a report, which was received as information.

4. The Committee on Nominations, the Rev. Everett Brown, chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted:

1. That the Rev. W. W. Preston replace the Rev. Hoyt Evans on the Religious Education Committee.
2. That the Rev. W. W. Preston replace the Rev. Hoyt Evans as Chairman of the Committee on World Missions.
3. That the Rev. Thomas Hoover replace the Rev. Hoyt Evans on the Committee on the American Bible Society.

5. The Committee on Resolutions, the Rev. Paul Gresham, Chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Be it resolved by Asheville Presbytery in regular session in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville

That we give thanks to God for this historical meeting of Asheville Presbytery, U. S., and Holston Presbytery, U. S. A. The joint meetings were deeply spiritual and brought to all of us a great blessing. The historical address by Dr. C. Grier Davis on the history of the First Presbyterian Church and the historical address of Dr. Herman F. Morse on National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and Dr. C. Darby Fulton's address on Korea were very helpful and brought to us a challenge to go forward.

We thank Dr. C. Grier Davis and the membership of the First Presbyterian Church for their gracious hospitality and delightful luncheon.

PAUL N. GRESHAM, Chairman,
JONES EARL CORWIN.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its next stated meeting in the Malvern Hills Church, the date being Tuesday, April 22, 1952, ten o'clock in the morning.

Presbytery received an invitation to hold the 1952 July stated meeting in the Etowah church. The invitation was accepted.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Presbytery directed the Moderator, the Rev. John D. Smith, the Stated Clerk, the Rev. Malcolm Williamson, and the Permanent Clerk, the Rev. W. G. Thomas, to appoint the Permanent Committee on Nominations, so that the new committee could bring in a report at the spring meeting of Presbytery:

The following Committee has been appointed: Minis-

ters: the Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman, the Rev. R. A. Potter, the Rev. H. B. Dendy; Ruling Elders: E. G. Roberts and J. J. Stone.

The minutes of Presbytery were read by the permanent clerk and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic benediction by the Rev. W. G. Thomas.

JOHN D. SMITH, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date		*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1939	Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall	—Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring	—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall	—Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946	Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
	Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
	Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947	Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
	Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
	Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
	Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
	Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
	Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949	Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
	Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
	Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
	Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950	Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
	Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
	Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
	Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951	Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
	Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
	Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
	Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith

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Asheville, North Carolina

April 22. 1952

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—H. B. Barkley, Black Mountain, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Permanent Clerk—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Asheville, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission—C. G. Davis, Chairman, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, Geo. H. Wright, 1953; J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, W. G. Lingo, 1954; R. L. McGlamery, C. D. Thomas, J. D. Smith, W. G. Somerville, 1955.

The Mountain Orphanage—H. B. Dendy, Chairman, E. K. Brown, J. O. Williams, Mrs. W. H. McMurray, 1953; Mrs. E. G. Simmons, J. R. McGregor, E. G. Roberts, R. L. Prevost, 1954; Mrs. F. A. Plummer, W. W. Preston, C. C. Demaree, J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1955.

Christian Education:

1. **Educational Institutions**—J. E. Henderson, 1953; H. V. Lofquist, 1954; L. T. Wilds, Chairman, 1955.
2. **Candidates for the Ministry**—J. H. Gruver, 1953; C. G. Worley, 1954; John R. Williamson, Chairman, 1955.
3. **Religious Education**—John C. Neville, W. M. Fountain, Crawford Pearson, E. K. Brown, 1953; James B. Light, John D. Smith, J. C. Lime, C. A. Stubbs, 1954; Walter Abernethy, R. A. Potter, W. W. Jreston, W. G. Thomas, General Chairman, 1955; and the following ex-officia members: Chairman of Education, appointed by Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship; and Executive Secretary.

COMMISSIONS

The Minister and His Work—C. G. Davis, Chairman, W. G. Thomas, 1953; L. Nelson Bell, W. W. Preston, 1954; Hugh Lamb, J. E. Corwin, 1955.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations—H. B. Dendy, 1953; Edward G. Roberts, J. J. Stone, 1954; Robert A. Potter, W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955.

Presbytery Council:

1. **Program and Publicity** (sub-committee)—H. V. Lofquist, Sub-Chairman, 1953; F. A. Plummer, P. N. Gresham, 1954; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.
2. **Budget** (sub-committee)— J. A. Gray, L. C. Davis, 1953; J. C. Neville, E. C. Conrad, John R. Williams, J. C. Lime, Chairman Full Committee, 1954; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.

Church Extension:

1. **Assembly's Home Missions**—L. B. Nichols, 1954; J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1955.
2. **Evangelism**—C. W. Solomon, 1953; M. R. Williamson, Chairman, 1954.
3. **Christian Relations**—R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1953; Geo. H. Wright, 1954.
4. **Radio**—H. V. Lofquist, Chairman Full Committee, 1953; Emerson Rose, 1954.
5. **Negro Work**—J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1953; W. G. Dillingham, 1955.
6. **Defense Service**—Ed G. Brumby, 1953; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.

Annuities and Relief—P. N. Gresham, 1953; J. H. Flanagan, 1954; L. T. Wilds, Chairman, 1955.

Women's Work—W. J. Gammon, 1953; C. D. Richmond, 1954; R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1955.

Assembly's Special Causes—J. L. Gash, 1953; Sidney McCarty, 1954; J. H. Gruver, 1954; S. A. Mann, 1955; W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1955.

Examinations—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—John R. Williams, Chairman, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1955.
Sacraments—J. Q. Wallace, 1954; W. M. Fountain, Chairman, 1955.
Church Government—Paul Gresham, Chairman, 1953; C. B. Yeargan, 1954.
English Bible—W. J. Gammon, 1953; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—E. K. Brown, 1953; John D. Smith, Chairman, 1955.
Academic Studies—W. P. Chedester, 1953; Chas. F. Stubbs, Chairman, 1954.
Seminary Studies—J. E. Corwin, Chairman, 1954; C. W. Solomon, 1955.

Presbytery's Historical Committee—R. L. Gash, 1953; R. A. Hardwick, 1954; R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1955.

Trustees—Presbytery: W. H. McMurray, 1953; J. J. Stone, 1954; Geo. H. Wright, Chairman, 1955. Davidson College: C. Grier Davis, Chairman, 1953; L. T. Wilds, 1954.

Men of the Presbytery—J. Paul Teal, President; Dr. C. D. Thomas, First Vice-President; F. B. Gardner, 2nd Vice-President; Crawford Pearson, Secretary-Treasurer.

STATED SPRING MEETING

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Spring meeting at the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Tuesday, April 22, 1952, at ten o'clock in the morning. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. John D. Smith, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. C. W. Solomon. The opening sermon was preached by the Moderator on the subject, "Repentance," using as a text Luke 23:43, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Rev. W. M. Fountain and the Rev. W. W. Preston conducted the Communion Service, assisted by ruling elders, C. L. Kiser, Harry Barkley, J. B. Storey, and D. F. Whitman.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches. The following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, E. K. Brown, W. P. Chedester, Jones Earl Corwin, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, W. M. Fountain, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, C. W. Solomon, W. G. Somerville, J. D. Smith, W. G. Thomas, and Malcolm R. Williamson (19).

Churches represented were:

Ruling Elders: Charles Dunn, Arden; L. B. Nichols, Andrews; Arthur E. Eve, Jr., Asheville First; Bert Ward, Brittain Cove; Kelly Bennett, Bryson City; H. E. Barkley, Black Mountain; W. P. Barnes, Canton; W. C. Dillingham, Dillingham; J. L. Gash, Etowah; Holland McSwain, Franklin; R. A. Hardwick, Friendship; G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood; John L. Brown, Hendersonville; J. B. Storey, Kenilworth; C. L. Kiser, Malvern Hills; M. E. Lance, Mills River; C. A. Stubbs, Montreat; S. F. Davidson, Swannanoa; D. F. Whitman, Waynesville; B. H. Evans, Weaverville; and C. C. Demaree, West Asheville (21).

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: the Rev. W. J. Gammon, Lafayette Presbytery; the Rev. Arden J. Keener, Steubenville Presbytery, U. S. A.; ruling elders, E. G. Simmons, Hendersonville Church; E. G. Roberts, Malvern Hills Church; and Frank Lambright, Kenilworth Church.

ELECTION OF THE MODERATOR

Ruling elder, Harry Barkley, Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, Black Mountain, N. C., was elected Moderator.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. M. Fountain, host pastor, presented the report of the Program Committee and recommended that the docket prepared and distributed by the Stated Clerk be adopted with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 o'clock and reconvene at 2 o'clock.

2. That the first order of the afternoon session be given to the Woman's Work Committee to hear a report by Miss Elsie Hayes, President of the Women of the Presbytery.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE RECOMMENDATION

Dr. H. B. Dendy, President of the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage, presented the following recommendation: That the Board of Trustees be authorized to employ an assistant to the Superintendent of the Orphanage. The recommendation was adopted.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following brethren were excused from attendance at this meeting of Presbytery: T. J. Tate, J. K. Williams, John C. Neville, R. C. Anderson, L. T. Wilds.

RECEPTION OF THE REVEREND W. J. GAMMON

The Stated Clerk read a letter of transfer for the Rev. W. J. Gammon from Lafayette Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery. The certificate of transfer was found in order and Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Gammon according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order. The examination was approved as satisfactory and Mr. Gammon was enrolled upon signing the "Ex Animo" statement.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—J. D. Smith, Kelly Bennett.
2. Judiciary—H. B. Dendy, J. C. Lime, J. L. Cash.
3. Records of Session—W. G. Somerville, R. A. Porter, John E. Corwin, E. K. Brown, H. V. Lofquist, Charles Dunn, Bert Ward, W. C. Dillingham, C. L. Kiser, C. A. Stubbs, D. F. Whitman.
4. Resolutions—R. E. McClure, W. W. Preston, John Brown.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk read a letter concerning the Assembly-wide campaign for funds in the interest of the Negro work of our church. The Stated Clerk was ordered to write a letter to the Chairman of the Negro Work Campaign, Mr. R. A. Farnsworth, expressing Presbytery's approval of the efforts being made to undergird the Negro work of our Assembly, and also to express the Presbytery's appreciation of the outstanding work of the Rev. Samuel B. Hay, D. D., and for the noble work of Stillman College.

The Clerk read a letter containing information concerning the cause of Annuities and Relief. The paper was referred to the Permanent Committee on Annuities and Relief. As the Chairman of this committee was absent, the Moderator appointed the Rev. Paul Gresham to serve with ruling elder, G. C. Summerow on the permanent committee for this meeting of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk read a letter containing information concerning World Missions. The letter was referred to the Permanent Committee on World Missions.

REQUESTS FOR SALARY INCREASE

The following churches presented requests for the privilege of changing the salary terms of the calls to their pastors:

Weaverville—increase of $900.00 per year.
Brevard-Davidson—increase of $500.00 per year.
Waynesville—increase of $200.00 per year.
Black Mountain—increase of $300.00 per year.
West Asheville—increase of $300.00 per year.
The requests were granted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The Stated Clerk read the proposed amendment to the Larger Catechism. The proposal was approved.

The Stated Clerk read the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order. The items, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 were approved. Item N....o. 6 was disapproved.

DISMISSAL OF THE REV. THOMAS HOOVER

A letter of transfer was granted to the Rev. Thomas Hoover to the Presbytery of Charleston.

REPORT OF STATED CLERK AND TREASURER

The Stated Clerk read his Financial Report, which was received and ordered placed in the hands of the Stewardship Committee for audit. The report is as follows:

STATED CLERK'S
TREASURER'S REPORT
April 1, 1951-March 31, 1952

Balance on hand April 1, 1951	$817.34

Receipts for Year

Churches (past year's extra assessment and regular assessment)

Arden	$ 4.60
Andrews	1.88
Asheville First	69.64
Brevard	85.91
Bryson City	3.60
Bethel	2.32
Canton	8.00
Dillingham and Ivy Park	42.66
Etowah	1.92
Franklin	39.24
Friendship	4.32
Hayesville	4.77
Highlands	2.96
Hazelwood	3.00
Hendersonville	26.52
Kenilworth	21.20
Malvern Hills	4.32
Montreat	5.08
Murphy	4.00
Robbinsville	2.93
Swannanoa	7.00
Waynesville	9.56
	$355.43

Churches (assessment for year '51-'52)

Andrews	$ 11.89
Arden	40.26
Asheville First	536.19
Bethel	19.52
Black Mountain	72.89
Bryson City	29.48
Canton	71.98
Etowah	7.32
Hazelwood	24.09
Hendersonville	214.45
Highlands	22.87
Ivy Park	6.40
Dillingham	40.56
Malvern Hills	41.17
Mills River	16.78
Murphy	31.11
Montreat	41.48
Oak Forest	56.42
Robbinsville	4.88

Swannanoa	55.20
Sylva	12.96
Waynesville	77.77
Weaverville	106.14
West Asheville	72.00
	$1,658.87

Disbursements for year beginning April 1, 1951 and ending March 31, 1952

E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk (Assembly Tax)	$ 782.64
D. R. Greenhoe, Stated Clerk (Synod's Tax)	103.18
Inland Press (Spring Minutes)	96.97
Inland Press (Summer Minutes)	58.00
Inland Press (Fall Minutes)	66.12
M. R. Williamson (Salary of Stated Clerk)	150.00
W. G. Thomas (Salary of Permanent Clerk)	25.00
Board of Education (Supplies)	7.90
M. R. Williamson (Stamps and supplies)	11.50
Total	$1,301.31

Balance on hand April 1, 1951	$ 817.34	
Total Receipts	2,014.30	
Total	$2,831.64	
Disbursements	1,301.31	
Balance April 1, 1952		$1,530.33

SALARY INCREASED

Presbytery adopted a motion to increase the salary of the Stated Clerk from $150.00 to $200.00 per year, and the Permanent Clerk's salary from $25.00 to $50.00 per year.

THE STATISTICAL REPORT

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical Report stating that a few churches had not sent in their reports and it was therefore incomplete. The report was received and the Stated Clerk was instructed to complete the report and forward it to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominaing Committee Chairman, the Rev. W. G. Thomas, presented the report of the Nominating Committee, which was adopted as amended.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Based upon the Organization of Presbytery adopted during the Winter Meeting, 1952)

A. *Officers of the Presbytery:*

1. Moderator—H. E. Barkley, Black Mountain, N. C.
2. Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
3. Permanent Clerk—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Asheville, N. C.
4. Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

B. *Trustees:*

1. Presbytery Trustees: W. H. McMurray, 1953; J. J. Stone, 1954; Geo. H. Wright, Chairman, 1955.
2. Davidson College Trustees: C. Grier Davis, Chairman, 1953; L. T. Wilds, 1954.

C. *Executive Committees:*

1. Home Mission: C. G. Davis, Chairman, 1953; H. B. Dendy, 1953; C. D. Richmond, 1953; Geo. H. Wright, 1953; J. R. McGregor, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1954; R. P. Booth, 1954; W. G. Lingo, 1954; B. L. McGlamery, 1955; C. D. Thomas, 1955; J. D. Smith, 1955; W. G. Somerville, 1955.
2. The Mountain Orphanage: H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1953; E. K. Brown, 1953; J. O. Williams, 1953; Mrs. W. H. McMurray, 1953; Mrs. E. G. Simmons, 1954; J. R. McGregor, 1954; E. G. Roberts, 1954; R. L. Prevost, 1954; Mrs. F. A. Plummer, 1955; W. W. Preston, 1955; C. C. Demaree, 1955; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1955.
3. Christian Education:
   a. Educational Institutions: J. E. Henderson, 1953; H. V. Lofquist, 1954; L. T. Wilds, Chairman, 1955.
   b. Candidates for the Ministry: J. H. Gruver, 1953; C. G. Worley, 1954; John R. Williams, Chairman, 1955.
   c. Religious Education: John C. Neville, 1953; W. M. Fountain, 1953; Crawford Pearson, 1953; E. K. Brown, 1953; James B. Light, 1954; John D. Smith, 1954; J. C. Lime,

1954; C. A. Stubbs, 1954; Walter Abernathy, 1955; R. A. Potter, 1955; W. W. Preston, 1955; W. G. Thomas, General Chairman, 1955; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship; and Executive Secretary.

D. *Commissions:*

1. The Minister and His Work: C. G. Davis, Chairman, 1953; W. G. Thomas, 1953; L. Nelson Bell, 1954; W. W. Preston, 1954; Hugh Lamb, 1955; J. E. Corwin, 1955.

E. *Permanent Committees:*

1. Nominations: H. B. Dendy, 1953; Edward G. Roberts, 1954; J. J. Stone, 1954; Robert A. Potter, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955.
2. Presbytery Council:
   a. Program and Publicity (sub-committee): H. V. Lofquist, Sub-Chairman, 1953; F. A. Plummer, 1955; P. N. Gresham, 1955; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.
   b. Budget (sub-committee): J. A. Gray, 1953; L. C. Davis, 1953; J. C. Neville, 1954; E. C. Conrad, 1954; John R. Williams, 1954; J. C. Neville, Chairman, Full Chairmittee, 1954; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.
3. World Missions; J. V. N. Talmage, 1953; R. T. Reed, 1954; W. H. Armistead, 1954; W. M. Fountain, 1955; L. Nelson Bell, Chairman, 1955.
4. Church Extension—six sub-committees:
   a. Assembly's Home Missions: L. B. Nichols, 1954; J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1955.
   b. Evangelism: C. W. Solomon, 1953; M. R. Williamson, Chairman, 1954.
   c. Christian Relations: R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1953; Geo. H. Wright, 1954.
   d. Radio: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman Full Committee, 1953; Emerson Rose, 1954.
   e. Negro Work: J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1953; W. C. Dillingham, 1955.
   f. Defense Service: Ed G. Brumby, 1953; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.

5. Annuities and Relief: P. N. Gresham, 1953; J. H. Flanagan, 1954; L. T. Wilds, Chairman, 1955.
6. Woman's Work: W. J. Gammon, 1953; C. D. Richmond, 1954; R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1955.
7. Assembly's Special Causes:
   a. Historical Foundation.
   b. Montreat.
   c. Assembly's Training School.
   d. American Bible Society.
   J. L. Gash, 1953; Sidney McCarty, 1954; J. H. Gruver, 1954; S. A. Mann, 1955; W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1955.
8. Examinations—The Moderator, Chairman.
   a. Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
   b. Theology: John R. Williams, Chairman, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1955.
   c. Sacraments: J. Q. Wallace, 1954; W. M. Fountain, Chairman, 1955.
   d. Church Government: Paul Gresham, Chairman, 1953; C. B. Yeargan, 1954.
   e. English Bible: W. J. Gammon, 1953; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.
   f. Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon: E. K. Brown, 1953; John D. Smith, Chairman, 1955.
   g. Academic Studies: W. P. Chedester, 1953; Chas. F. Stubbs, Chairman, 1954.
   h. Seminary Studies: J. E. Corwin, Chairman, 1954; C. W. Solomon, 1955.
9. Presbytery's Historical Committee: R. L. Gash, 1953; R. A. Hardwick, 1954; R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1955.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch after being led in prayer by the Rev. W. W. Preston.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery re-convened at 2 o'clock, being led in prayer by the Rev. J. C. Lime.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman of Women's Work,

presented Miss Elsie Hayes, President of the Women of the Church of Asheville Presbytery, who made an interesting and inspiring report concerning the work of the women of our Presbytery. The Report was adopted. A special prayer of thanks was offered by the Rev. J. V. N. Talmadge.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH, ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

The object of the Women of the Church is, in part:

1. To promote the spiritual, educational, social and financial welfare of the churches.

2. To increase the knowledge of and service for world-wide Christian missions.

In 1951-52, some groups have done well in all of these ways, others in parts. On the whole, the work shows growth.

Again, more women are reading the Bible daily, more report Family Worship, 496 are tithing. Attendance at their meetings, Sunday School and prayer meeting has improved. More, especially among the younger women, are accepting responsibility in leadership, in praying, Vacation Bible School, and outpost work, some in direct evangelism.

Aware of community needs, they continue their assistance, moral as well as physical. One group put posters of the Commandments into schools, jail, and courthouse.

Besides the usual clothing of orphans, and home-canned goods and special gifts to the Orphanage, one group is writing cards and letters to the children who never received any mail.

A scholarship was given a local Negro boy. Negro and white women met and planned help for a migrant camp; its Negro minister spoke at a Women of the Church meeting.

The women are trying different ways for mission education of themselves and their church; schools of missions are gaining favor and more personal contact with missionaries at home and on the field. For overseas relief, 58 bags and boxes were sent besides quantities not enumerated.

Figures sent the President give 3,030 members, 27 organizations, 91 circles. These gave to the local Church $11,608 in gifts, $2,000 more than last year; for benevolence, $21,551, which is $1,500 above last year.

The need is for many more alabaster boxes of loving and trained service for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,
(MISS) ELSIE HAYES, President.

PROGRAM OF PROGRESS

Ruling elder, E. G. Roberts, Chairman of the Program of Progress Committee of our Presbytery, presented a report of the Committee's work, which was adopted.

By a rising vote Presbytery expressed its sincere appreciation to the Chairman for his efficient and energetic leadership in promoting the work of this Committee. The report is as follows:

May I be permitted to review just a little and give a few facts to refresh our memory. This report embraces the period of July, 1950 through March 31, 1952.

During the early fall of 1950 a briefing session was held at the First Church for some twenty five men which were to serve as contact men in bringing the Program of Progress to our Sessions and Board of Deacons in the respective churches. This system proved to be reasonably successful and was good for our men.

During this interval five Men's Rallies were sponsored in conjunction with the Men of Asheville Presbytery and in each instance the theme was Program of Progress. The Rallies were held at the following churches: Kenilworth, Sylva, West Asheville, Franklin and one Presbytery wide Rally being held at the Mountain Orphanage. Outstanding speakers were secured in each instance which stimulated interest in the Program of Progress.

During the fall of 1951 three briefing sessions were held in interest of the Tithing Adventure at the following churches: Malvern Hills, Hendersonville and Franklin. In each instance the meetings were well attended and much interest was exhibited.

Twenty five churches actually visited and Program of Progress presented to various groups. The program was presented to every church that requested a presentation. Two conferences in interest of the Program of Progress were attended, one at Knoxville and Chattanooga, Tenn.

Twenty seven churches in the Presbytery entered the Tithing Adventure which represents 97.2 per cent of our membership.

During this interval traveled 2,224 miles and attended all meetings of Presbytery. The several pastors of Presbytery, various Sessions, Boards of Deacons, Officers of the Men of the Presbytery were most cooperative in this work. Our Executive Secretary assisted in every way possible.

Most every church was faced with their own peculiar problem, some with debts, building programs and some without pastors, but

in most instances they were eager to enter the program. I was greatly moved at times by the profound interest and enthusiasm exhibited. I shall never forget one hot Sunday morning perspiration was running down my back and a large group stayed after the worship service for a question and answer period. These people were in all earnest in having a small part in introducing men to Christ. One pastor told me all of his officers had entered the Tithing Adventure save one and he hoped to get him before long. If I were permitted to name an honor roll I could mention Bryson City, Etowah, Mills River, Brittain's Cove and Friendship.

For a report of the financial results I will have to depend on our Executive Secretary.

As usual I received a great deal more than I was able to give. As Chairman of the Program of Progress I had the opportunity to become better acquainted with our men throughout Presbytery. If a small number of our members are now tithing that were not heretofore and I hope the number is large, then the effort was not in vain.

Respectfully,

EDWARD G. ROBERTS,

Chairman of Program of Progress.

LETTER OF SYMPATHY

The Stated Clerk was ordered to write a letter of love and sympathy to the family of the late Clarence Johnson, who served so efficiently and unselfishly as the Chairman of the Program of Progress work throughout our Assembly.

THE MEN'S RALLY

Ruling elder, E. G. Roberts, announced the annual meeting of the Men of Asheville Presbytery to be held at Mountain Orphanage, Thursday night, April 24, at 6:30 o'clock.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rev. R. E. McClure made a report of his work as Executive Secretary which included a report of his work as Central Treasurer of Benevolences, Mountain Orphanage, and Home Missions.

MITE BOXES FOR ORPHANAGE

The Rev. R. E. McClure presented a request from Mrs. F. A. Plummer, a member of the Mountain Orphanage Board of Trustees, for the approval of Presbytery to present to the women of the Presbytery the project of obtaining additional funds for the Mountain Orphanage by the use of mite boxes. The request was approved. Every woman will be urged to place in the mite box a minimum sum of one cent per meal. At the end of the year the mite boxes will be collected and the sum will be presented to the Orphanage as a special gift from the Women of the Church.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE RESERVE FUND

Dr. H. B. Dendy, President of the Mountain Orphanage Board of Trustees, advised Presbytery that the Mountain Orphanage had used $6,000 from its reserve funds in 1950 for operating costs, and set this up as an obligation from the Administration Account to the Investment Account. (See financial statement elsewhere in minutes.)

Upon motion the Presbytery authorized the Board of Trustees to cancel this obligation and to write it off the books of the Orphanage.

SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Rev. W. G. Somerville, chairman of the Sessional Records Standing Committee, presented the following report, which was adopted.

The Sessional Records of the following churches were approved without exception: Swannanoa, Montreat, Asheville First, Brevard-Davidson River, Hendersonville, Murphy, Kenilworth, Dillingham, Hazelwood, Bethel, Black Mountain, Weaverville, Franklin, Waynesville, Bryson City, and Andrews.

The following were approved with the exceptions noted:

Mills River—Meetings of Session not held each quarter. Two meetings not closed with prayer. In joint meetings with Deacons and other bodies no distinction made in the way vote was taken.

Arden—Records of Session meetings pasted in Book.

Oak Forest—Records of Session meetings pasted in Book.

West Asheville—Records of Session meetings pasted in Book.

Etowah—Meetings not held quarterly.

Canton—No report of attendance of representative at meetings of Presbytery or Synod. No record of election of representative to attend this meeting of Presbytery.

Malvern Hills—Statistical report not written in Session Book.

Friendship—One meeting of Session not closed with prayer. Statistical report not written in Book.

Brittain Cove—One meeting not closed with prayer. Minutes not approved by Session. Only last names of members of Session used in several instances in recording meetings of Session.

W. G. SOMERVILLE, Chairman.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to investigate the need for an instruction sheet to guide the Sessional Records Committee and to report the findings at the next meeting of Presbyery.

The Sessional Records Committee was continued and the churches failing to present their session record books were ordered to bring them to the stated summer meeting for examination.

HOME MISSIONS

Dr. C. Grier Davis, Chairman of the Executive Board of Home Missions, presented the Home Mission Financial Statement for the year ending March 31, 1952, together with a proposed budget for the year 1952-53 and the following recommendations, which were adopted.

Financial Statement

PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS 1951-1952

(Audited since April 1, 1952 by J. E. Ashe)

RECEIPTS:

From Churches of Presbytery, including Tithing ($630.00), Designated gifts, Percentage of Budget Giving, for Presbytery's Home Missions	$15,401.78
Religious Education	620.45
From Board of Church Extension, regular appropriation	8,392.13
From Various Sources designated for Our Mountain Work	173.00
From Malvern Hills Church, on Mortgage Debt	1,195.00
From Mills River Church, on Minister's Salary	500.00

From Mountain Orphanage, share in cost of publicity and administration in behalf of the Orphanage	1,622.29
From Special Sources:	
Belk Stores (On Sylva Work)	1,000.00
On Religious Education Costs	230.97
Loans repaid	507.50
Interest on Maxwell Fund	200.36
Miscellaneous	20.00
Total Receipts	29,863.48
Previously issued check, Voided	9.80
Net Balance, April 1951*	1,048.69
	$30,921.97

*Not counting reserve funds.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Executive Secretary:	
Salary, house	$4,661.25
Expenses	594.75
Office Expenses:	
Secretary	2,100.00
Telephone, Telegraph, Heat, Janitor, etc.	931.92
Extra Office Help	140.00
Audit	135.00
Social Security	76.56
Salaries Ministers:	
Direct Supplements	10,812.83
Pulpit Supplies, Student Workers, etc.	2,327.10
Ministers' Annuity Fund	1,276.65
Religious Education, including costs of Camp and Conference	1,375.50
Our Mountain Work (3,200 copies mailed monthly)	2,332.69
Malvern Hills Debt, Principal and Interest	1,735.00
Permanent Office Equipment	155.30
Building Repairs	363.87
Temporary Loans (Sylva $322.50; No. Ashe. $500.00)	822.50
Refund: Mills River on Salary	50.00
Maxwell Interest (Previous year $300.54; Current Year $200.36)	500.90
Travel (Belk Special Investigation Fund)	25.00
Miscellaneous	21.55
Total Disbursements	30,438.37

From Reserve Funds		325.54
Net Disbursements against current income		30,111.83
Total	$30,437.37	
From Reserve Funds	325.54** (Net)	30,111.83
Actual Balance, April 1, 1952		810.14
Received on 1951-1952 Benevolent Gifts		902.95
Loan to Sylva Church, to be repaid		322.30
Working Balance		2,035.59
Reserve Funds, April 1, 1951:		
Belk Gift for New Work	$2,000.00	
Belk Gift for Special Investigation	270.00	
Undistributed Maxwell Fund Interest	300.54	
	$2,570.54	
Maxwell Interest $300.54; Belk Special Fund $25.00.		
Balance April 1, 1952		$ 2,245.00

PROPOSED BUDGET

Presbytery's Home Missions 1952-1953

Executive Secretary:		
Salary	$ 4,200.00	
House Allowance	900.00	
Expenses	600.00	
M. A. F.	382.50	$ 6,082.50
Office:		
Secretary	2,400.00	
Expenses	1,200.00	3,600.00
Salary Supplements (Pulpit Supplies):		
Pastors	15,770.00	
M. A. F.	1,774.00	
Supplies (Bud.)	3,346.00	
Emergencies	500.00	21,386.00
Our Mountain Work		2,400.00
Building (Property) Debts: (Malvern Hills)		1,500.00
Miscellaneous Items: Moving men, office equipment, office repairs, etc., etc.		1,200.00
		$36,168.50

Estimated Income

From Churches of Presbytery:	
Regular Benevolence	$16,000.00
Designated gifts	1,000.00
From Board Church Extension	11,683.00
From Mountain Orphanage, on office costs	1,800.00
From Malvern Hills, on Debt	1,100.00
From Individuals (Belk Stores)	3,000.00
From Cash Balance (estimated)	1,800.00
	$36,383.00

The Salary basis for installed pastors is:

Basic: $3,600.00, manse, and 7½% of M. A. F. based on cash salary plus 15% valuation for manse, except—

Students called to first pastorate, $3,300.00, with assurance of increase of $150.00 per year for two years, or until they reach above minimum.

RECOMMENDATIONS HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

1. That Presbytery approve the Budget submitted by this Committee for 1952-1953, and in so doing approve a salary increase of $25.00 per month, effective from and after April 1, 1952; as included in the Budget.

2. That Presbytery adopt a salary basis for all future calls to men in connection with fields aided by the Home Mission Committee:

$3,600.00 from Committee and Field for married men previously ordained, with manse, or manse allowance, and 7½% of Ministers' Annuity Dues.

$3,300.00 from Committee and Field for married men, entering their first pastorate, with a guarantee of an increase of $150.00 annually for their first two years of service in Asheville Presbytery.

3. That Presbytery direct the Home Mission Committee to write the officers of each church receiving aid in the payment of their pastor's salary advising them of this increase and requesting the church to make every effort to raise their share.

SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCHES

The Stated Clerk was directed to write to the officers of every self-supporting church in the Presbytery which is paying a salary of less than $3,600.00 and a manse, informing them that the salaries of Home Mission pastors

have been raised to $3,600.00 and a manse, and urging them to raise the salary of their pastors to this minimum as soon as possible.

NORTH ASHEVILLE MISSION PROJECT

By a rising vote Presbytery expressed its appreciation to the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville and to her pastor, the Rev. C. Grier Davis, for sponsoring the North Asheville Mission Project and for the financial support involved.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman of the Religious Education Committee, presented a verbal report and asked for the privilege of presenting the following Council Chairmen, in order that they might present their work:

1. The Rev. J. C. Lime, Pioneer Camp Director.
2. The Rev. W. W. Preston, Senior Conference Director.
3. The Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman of Children's Work.

The following recommendation was adopted: That the Organization of the Religious Education Committee be as follows:

A. Officers—Chairman, Rev. W. G. Thomas; Secretary, Rev. J. D. Smith; Treasurer, Rev. R. E. McClure.

B. Councils—

1. Children's Work—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; James B. Light.

2. Youth Work—Rev. W. W. Preston, Chairman and Youth Adult Adviser; Rev. J. C. Lime; Miss Beverly Lingo, President of Presbytery's Youth Fellowship; and Woman Adult Adviser, Miss Jean Ogilvie.

3. Adult Work—Rev. W. M. Fountain, Chairman; B. L. McGlamery, President of the Men of Presbytery; and Crawford Pearson.

4. Leadership Education—Rev. E. K. Brown, Chairman, and Walter Abernethy.

5. Student Work—Rev. J. D. Smith, Chairman, and C. A. Stubbs.

6. Sunday School Administration—Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, and Mrs. J. T. Russell, Presbyterial Secretary of Religious Education.

C. Associate Council Members—

Each Council to have associate members from the Presbytery to serve in an advisory capacity in promoting the work.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. Commission on the Minister and His Work: Dr. C. Grier Davis, Chairman of the Minister and His Work Committee, presented a report, which was received as information.

2. Christian Education: The Rev. John E. Corwin presented a report of the Christian Education Committee, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES

Your Committee on Candidates, under the Executive Committee on Christian Education, in making its report would call your attention to the fact that the number of candidates for the ministry in our Church has increased over last year, so that we now have 831 candidates for the ministry, with an additional 53 candidates for missionary or full time church service. "This outpouring of consecrated life should be an occasion for praise to God and for strategic planning for our Church to win new victories for Christ." (Ex. Comm.)

We have 12 candidates for the ministry under our care, with all papers in and ready to receive two others at the summer meeting.

The Chairman has written all the candidates asking them about their work and plans for the future. He has heard from most of them.

John Somerville, who has been taking his clinical year as D. R. E. in the First Presbyterian Church, Gadsen, Ala., will return to Columbia Seminary in the fall.

Edward Somerville will return to Columbia Seminary in the fall for his third year.

David Parks, wh has been taking a clinical year in the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., will work in this Presbytery this summer.

J. Bruce Frye, student in Union Seminary, will take work in Mitchell, Virginia for the summer.

Robert O. Freeman will do summer work in the Bellaire Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas this summer and will return to Austin Seminary in the fall.

Robert Collins finishes his work at Union Seminary this spring and will take work in this Presbytery.

John C. Neville, III will finish his work in Columbia Seminary this spring and will take work in Southwest Georgia Presbytery.

Gordon K. Reed will finish his work at King College this spring and will enter Columbia Seminary this fall.

Edward Whitson has received a call to a church in Augusta, Ga., but has not completed the required amount of work for graduation from Columbia Seminary, so his state is somewhat unsettled.

Clayton Bell finishes his first year at Wheaton College this spring.

Seven of these candidates have received loans of $200.00 each, this year, from the Board of Education, Richmond, Va.

JOHN R. WILLIAMS, Chairman,
W. G. SOMERVILLE,
J. E. CORWIN.

3. Annuities and Relief: The Rev. Paul Gresham presented a report of the Annuities and Relief Committee, which was adopted. Following is the report:

Your Committee on Annuities and Relief begs leave to submit the following report:

Progress was made during the year 1951-1952 in all phases of the work.

The Ministers' Annuity Fund and the Employees' Annuity Fund are in excellent condition.

The Group Life Insurance plan, if adopted by the General Assembly, will become operative on July 1, 1952.

The General Assembly has asked that 8% of the total amount requested for its benevolent work for 1952-53 be given by the churches to the Board of Annuities and Relief. With this modest amount the Board must minister in the name of the church to the necessities of over 700 homes of retired ministers. We earnestly urge that all churches meet in full the requested percentage asking, in order that those who served long and well may be freed of needless anxieties in the days of their old age.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL N. GRESHAM,
G. C. SUMMEROW.

4. World Missions: The Rev. W. W. Preston, Chairman of the World Missions Committee, presented the report of this committee, which was received as information.

5. Stewardship: The Rev. J. C. Lime, Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, presented a report of this committee, which was adopted.

Facts regarding the STONEWALL JACKSON DEBT FUND:

Appalachia Synod adopted a goal of $32,000 to be raised over a period of Five Years to liquidate this debt.

The Synod set Presbytery's Goals on the basis of $34,000, with Asheville being assigned $5,000.00.

The Synod's committee subsequently reported that on a revised basis a little over $31,000 would liquidate the indebtedness.

The Synod declined to put this in the "Budget" after the five year period was ended, but asked each Presbytery to arrange to continue contributions until their share of the debt was paid.

Asheville Presbytery has paid $4,500.00 of the original $5,000 asked of us.

Based on the net amount needed ($31,000) to meet the debt, Asheville's share would be $4,700 instead of the original $5,000.

Asheville Presbytery placed the Stonewall Jackson Debt in the Budget for $1,000 for 1952-1953, and it now appears that a little less than $200.00 is needed to meet the adjusted share.

Facts regarding the GENERAL FUND OF THE ASSEMBLY:

It appears that in the adoption of the Benevolent Budget for 1952-1953, The General Fund of the Assembly was assigned $2,500, when the Synod asked for approximately $5,000 for the General Fund.

Other Assembly Causes will more nearly meet their share through Special Offerings, and the causes in the General Fund need extra help.

Recommendation:

That after TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS has been contributed to The Stonewall Jackson Debt from 1952-1953 contributions, the allocated share (as adopted by Presbytery in October 1951) be assigned to The General Fund of the Assembly.

The Rev. J. C. Lime reported that the Stated Clerk's Financial Report had been audited by the Stewardship Committee and recommended its adoption. It was adopted.

THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

A copy of the Auditor's Report of the Office of the Executive Secretary was received and ordered placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE, INC.

(Auditor's Report on Treasurer)

For Year Ending December 31, 1951

Administration Account: Cash Receipts and Disbursements:

Cash Balance, January 1, 1951			$ 4,826.17*
Contributions:			
Churches of Presbytery	$21,487.41		
Duke Endowment	1,454.44		
Legacies	2,373.13		
Parents and Relatives	1,440.20		
Others	3,773.98	$30,529.16	
Interest from Invested Funds		1,361.27	
Farm Sales		1,354.90	
Money Borrowed from Investment Account		3,700.00	
Refunds and Adjustments		231.65	$37,176.98
Total Balance and Receipts			$42,003.15
Disbursements, Detailed Herewith			38,841.00
Cash Balance, December 31, 1951			$ 3,162.15*

*Due Investment Account for money borrowed in 1950—$6,000.00.

*Less Cash Balance, January 1st—$1,173.83—Deficit at beginning of year.

*Less Cash Balance, December 31st—$2,837.85—Deficit at end of the year.

Administration Account: Disbursements for Year, Analyzed

ADMINISTRATION:			
Salaries	$3,658.17		
Office Supplies	205.92		
Telephone and Telegraph	399.24		
Insurance	506.75		
Conference Dues	5.00		
Finance and Publicity	880.08		
Travel	910.72		$ 6,565.88
INSTITUTIONAL CARE OF CHILDREN:			
Household Expense:			

Matron's Salaries	6,587.19		
Food (Cash Cost)	5,813.42		
Clothing (Cash Cost)	1,667.03		
Laundry	154.07		
Household Supplies	1,397.63		
Travel	797.46		
Recreation	73.46	16,490.26	
Health:			
Fees	106.00		
Supplies	228.83	334.83	
Education:			
Supplies	382.87		
Camps and Conferences	173.50	556.17	17,381.26
PLANT OPERATION:			
Salaries	1,020.30		
Fuel, Water, Lights, etc.	3,680.33		
Replacement and Repairs	679.58		5,380.50
FARM OPERATION:			
Salaries	1,720.26		
Supplies	2,960.62		
Replacement and Repairs	478.58		5,159.46
LOANS REPAID TO INVESTMENT ACCOUNT (For Current Year)			3,700.00
PERMANENT EQUIPMENT			120.00
EXTRA INSTITUTIONAL CARE (College—Josephine Packett)			491.85
ADJUSTMENTS			42.05
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			$38,841.00

Investment Account: Cash Receipts:			
Cash Balance, January 1, 1951:			
Checking Account		$2,092.53	
Savings		821.76	$ 2,914.31
Receipts:			
Mortgage Loans:			
Principal	$8,230.17		

Interest	1,007.71	9,237.88	
Capital Increase:			
In Lieu Flowers	338.00		
R. P. Smith Fund	110.00		
Loan Repaid	3,700.00		
Permanent Fund	318.50		
Tax Reserve	73.70	4,540.20	
Interest credited to Savings Funds		20.71	13,798.79
TOTAL BALANCE AND RECEIPTS			$16,713.10
Investment Account: Disbursements:			
Loan to Operating Account		$ 3,700.00	
Painting Main Building	$1,121.42		
New Farm Equipment	496.94	1,618.36	
R. P. Smith Funds for Josephine Packet (College Expenses)		282.50	
Court Fees, repossessing 58 5th Ave.	18.50		
Interest (except R. P. Smith Fund) to Administration Account	609.49	627.99	
Annuities (Three)		305.20	6,534.05
Cash Balance, December 31, 1951			
Checking Account		$9,336.56	
Savings		842.49	$10,179.05
ASSETS OWNED — DECEMBER 31, 1951			
CASH (Itemized above)			$10,179.05
MORTGAGE LOANS (First):			
Arden Manse		3,677.97	
T. W. Broomer		4,858.11	
Wm. Hollister		2,361.06	
W. W. Tucker		1,184.68	
R. E. Moore		95.76	12,177.58
LOAN RECEIVABLE (Made to Administration Account in 1950)			6,000.00
STOCKS AND BONDS (All given to Orphanage):			
Kansas—Nebr. Natural Gas, 93 Shares par $5.00*		465.00	
Farmers Federation, 6 Shares, Common, par $10.00		60.00	

Farmers Federation, 2 Shares Pfd., par $10.00	20.00	
U. S. Savings Bond, maturity 1954 for $100.00 cost	74.00	619.00
(*Mkt. 12/31/51—$24.00.)		
PROPERTIES—Malvern Hills Church Site:		
Under Mortgage	1,000.00	
Open	5,350.00	6,350.00
58 Fifth Avenue, repossessed on incompleted sales agreement, balance on account		734.53
TOTAL ASSETS, distributed as shown below		$36,060.16
Bequest Funds	$ 8,018.09	
Lillian Terry Fund	6,398.62	
R. P. Smith Fund, including accumulated interest	14,471.98	
In Lieu of Flowers	2,726.35	
Baby Cottage (Savings Fund)	30.11	
Annuities:		
M. O. Dunham	1,924.33	
Kinloch	2,268.06	
Foster Lewis	212.62	$36,060.16

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. McCLURE, Treasurer.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures: The Rev. John D. Smith reported that two overtures had been received by the committee. They are as follows:

Overture No. 1, which was adopted.

Asheville Presbytery respectfully overtures the General Assembly to request the General Council to make a careful study of the Special Seasons now observed by the Church since the Church year is to conform to the Calendar year.

Overture No. 2. This was answered in the affirmative.

The Session of the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church respectfully overtures Asheville Presbytery that:

Whereas, it appears that this is a very decisive year in the history of our country and great issues are at stake. Our public schools and our homes have in a large measure failed to instill in the young people the fact that this country was founded by great sacrifice and our freedom is taken for granted by many. It is a conclusive presumption that All Mighty God intended man to be free and it is still true that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

Believing that it is not amiss for our pastors and lay leaders at some appropriate time to remind our people of the duty and obligation to exercise their right and privilege in casting their ballot for good and upright men for public office. Not how to vote, but to vote. It is quite obvious that the lack of this is one of the causes of our present situation.

Whereupon, this Session respectfully overtures Presbytery to take cognizance of the foregoing.

W. M. FOUNTAIN, JR., Moderator.

WALTER M. HARBIN, Clerk to Session.

2. Judiciary: Dr. H. B. Dendy, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Resolutions: The Rev. R. E. McClure presented the report of the Resolutions Committee, which was adopted by a rising vote.

Asheville Presbytery notes with pleasure and satisfaction the growth of the Malvern Hills Church, the evidence of care and attention given by the members to the physical property and the cordial way in which the Spring Meeting was invited, received and entertained.

We would express our gratitude to God for the leadership of their pastor and for loyal support of the officers and members of the church.

We would unite in prayer for God's continued blessing on this Church.

Asheville Presbytery rejoices in the outstanding work of the Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage and expresses appreciation of his faithful performance of the duties of Moderator of this meeting.

We express our sincere thanks for the assistance of all who have made this meeting an experience of Christian fellowship and service.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its stated Summer Meeting in the Etowah Church, the date being Tuesday, July 15, 1952, ten o'clock in the morning.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR SUMMER MEETING

The Program Committee for the Stated Summer Meeting of Presbytery was instructed to give consideration to the possibility of having two or more candidates appearing for licensure and to arrange the program for the hearing of their sermons in the most satisfactory way.

MINUTES APPROVED

The Minutes of Presbytery were read by the Permanent Clerk and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic benediction by Dr. R. E. McClure.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

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ETOWAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Etowah, North Carolina

July 15, 1952

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. Donald E. Williams, Black Mountain, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Permanent Clerk—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Asheville, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission—C. G. Davis, Chairman, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, Geo. H. Wright, 1953; J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, W. G. Lingo, 1954; B. L. McGlamery, C. D. Thomas, J. D. Smith, W. G. Somerville, 1955.

The Mountain Orphanage—H. B. Dendy, Chairman, E. K. Brown, J. O. Williams, Mrs. W. H. McMurray, 1953; Mrs. E. G. Simmons, J. R. McGregor, E. G. Roberts, R. L. Prevost, 1954; Mrs. F. A. Plummer, W. W. Preston, C. C. Demaree, J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1955.

Christian Education:

1. **Educational Institutions**—J. E. Henderson, 1953; H. V. Lofquist, 1954; L. T. Wilds, Chairman, 1955.
2. **Candidates for the Ministry**—J. H. Gruver, 1953; C. G. Worley, 1954; John R. Williamson, Chairman, 1955.
3. **Religious Education**—John C. Neville, W. M. Fountain, Crawford Pearson, E. K. Brown, 1953; James B. Light, John D. Smith, J. C. Lime, C. A. Stubbs, 1954; Walter Abernethy, R. A. Potter, W. W. Jreston, W. G. Thomas, General Chairman, 1955; and the following ex-officia members: Chairman of Education, appointed by Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship; and Executive Secretary.

COMMISSIONS

The Minister and His Work—C. G. Davis, Chairman, W. G. Thomas, 1953; L. Nelson Bell, W. W. Preston, 1954; Hugh Lamb, J. E. Corwin, 1955.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations—H. B. Dendy, 1953; Edward G. Roberts, J. J. Stone, 1954; Robert A. Potter, W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955.

Presbytery Council:

1. **Program and Publicity** (sub-committee)—H. V. Lofquist, Sub-Chairman, 1953; F. A. Plummer, P. N. Gresham, 1955; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.
2. **Budget** (sub-committee)— J. A. Gray, L. C. Davis, 1953; J. C. Neville, E. C. Conrad, John R. Williams, J. C. Lime, Chairman Full Committee, 1954; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.

Church Extension:

World Missions—J. V. N. Talmage, 1953; R. T. Reed, 1954; W. H. Armistead, 1954; W. M. Fountain, 1955; L. Nelson Bell, Chairman, 1955.

1. **Assembly's Home Missions**—L. B. Nichols, 1954; J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1955.
2. **Evangelism**—C. W. Solomon, 1953; M. R. Williamson, Chairman, 1954.
3. **Christian Relations**—R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1953; Geo. H. Wright, 1954.
4. **Radio**—H. V. Lofquist, Chairman Full Committee, 1953; Emerson Rose, 1954.
5. **Negro Work**—J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1953; W. G. Dillingham, 1955.
6. **Defense Service**—Ed G. Brumby, 1953; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.

Annuities and Relief—P. N. Gresham, 1953; J. H. Flanagan, 1954; L. T. Wilds, Chairman, 1955.

Woman's Work—W. J. Gammon, 1953; C. D. Richmond, 1954; R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1955.

Assembly's Special Causes—J. L. Gash, 1953; Sidney McCarty, 1954; J. H. Gruver, 1954; R. A. Mann, 1955; W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1955.

Examinations—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—John R. Williams, Chairman, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1955.
Sacraments—J. Q. Wallace, 1954; W. M. Fountain, Chairman, 1955.
Church Government—Paul Gresham, Chairman, 1953; C. B. Yeargan, 1954.
English Bible—W. J. Gammon, 1953; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—E. K. Brown, 1953; John D. Smith, Chairman, 1955.
Academic Studies—W. P. Chedester, 1953; Chas. F. Stubbs, Chairman, 1954.
Seminary Studies—J. E. Corwin, Chairman, 1954; C. W. Solomon, 1955.

Presbytery's Historical Committee—R. L. Gash, 1953; R. A. Hardwick, 1954; R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1955.

Trustees—Presbytery: W. H. McMurray, 1953; J. J. Stone, 1954; Geo. H. Wright, Chairman, 1955. Davidson College: C. Grier Davis, Chairman, 1953; L. T. Wilds, 1954.

Men of the Presbytery—J. Paul Teal, President; Dr. C. D. Thomas, First Vice-President; F. B. Gardner, 2nd Vice-President; Crawford Pearson, Secretary-Treasurer.

STATED SUMMER MEETING

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Summer meeting at the Etowah Church, Etowah, N. C., Tuesday, July 15, 1952, at ten o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, elder Harry Barkley, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. W. W. Preston.

By the Moderator's appointment, and as part of their examinations for licensure, candidate Frank Oliver Brown, of Meridian Presbytery, and Robert Collins, of Asheville Presbytery, preached sermons.

The Stated Clerk read a letter of transfer for candidate Frank Brown to Asheville Presbytery, and he was received.

Candidate Frank Oliver Brown read Scriptures, Acts 2: 36-38, and preached a sermon on the theme "What Must We Do?"

Candidate Robert Collins read the Scripture lesson from John 1: 1-12, and preached on the theme "Regeneration."

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Rev. J. E. Corwin and the Rev. J. C. Lime conducted the Communion Service, assisted by Ruling Elders Frank Wade, J. L. Gash, W. P. Barnes, and W. A. Whiteside.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches.

The following ministers were wresent

W. H. Armistead, E. K. Brown, W. P. Chedester, J. E. Corwin, H. B. Dendy, W. M. Fountain, P. N. Gresham, W. J. Gammon,

J. H. Gruver, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville, R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, W. G. Somerville, J. D. Smith, W. G. Thomas, L. T. Wilds, Donald E. Williams, John R. Williams, Malcolm R. Williamson, and C. B. Yeargan (23).

Churches represented were:

Asheville First, Irving Bingham; Brevard-Davidson, W. B. Clark; Bryson City, S. W. Black; Black Mountain, Frank Wade; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Etowah, Harry Nicholson; Franklin, J. S. Gray; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerow; Hendersonville, L. H. McKay; Kenilworth, George Lowry; Malvern Hills, J. W. Dixon; Mills River, J. L. Holden; Murphy, W. A. Singleton; Oak Forest, H. T. Shillinglaw; Swannanoa, J. B. Nichols; Sylva, Charles Pettit; Waynesville, Joe E. Rose; Weaverville, P. B. Ray; West Asheville, H. P. Mitchell (21).

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Rev. M. S. Avery, Sewanee Presbytery; and Rev. Andrew I. Keener, Steubenville Presbytery, U. S. A.

The following visitors were recognized: candidate David Parks; candidate Robert Montgomery; Frank Lambright, a member of Kenilworth Church; and elders Jackson Dunn and Clyde Rector, of Sylva Church.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. Donald E. Williams, missionary to Brazil, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. John E. Corwin, host pastor, presented the report of the Program Committee and recommended that the docket prepared and distributed by the Stated Clerk be adopted, with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 and reconvene at 1:30 o'clock.

2. That a season of prayer and exchange of ideas be held immediately after the report on Evangelism.

3. That the reception of candidates be held at 12:15.

4. First order after lunch—That elder F. D. Gardner, chairman of Presbytery's Mid-Century Development Program, be granted ten minutes for a special report on the progress of the Seminary Campaign within our bounds.

5. Second order after lunch—World Missions report.

6. Third order after lunch—Reception of ministers.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following brethren were excused from attendance at this meeting of Presbytery: C. W. Solomon, J. R. McGregor, C. Grier Davis, R. C. Anderson.

DISMISSAL OF CANDIDATE NEVILLE

The Stated Clerk read a request from candidate J. C. Neville, Jr., asking for a letter of transfer to the Southwest Georgia Presbytery. The letter of transfer was granted.

REQUEST OF THE HENDERSONVILLE CHURCH

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, requesting Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations between the church and Dr. L. T. Wilds, the dissolution to become effective whenever the church had secured another pastor.

A representative of the church stated that this action had been taken in a regular called congregational meeting. Dr. L. T. Wilds concurred in the request. Presbytery granted the request.

SPECIAL PRAYER

Presbytery requested the Stated Clerk to send a letter to Dr. C. Grier Davis assuring him of Presbytery's interest and prayers in the severe illness of his father.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Elders S. W. Black and Joe Emerson Rose and the

Rev. John D. Smith gave reports of their attendance upon the last meeting of the General Assembly, held at the First Presbyterian Church, Chareston, W. Va. The reports were received with interest and the commissioners were commended for their diligence.

RECEPTION OF CANDIDATES

The Rev. John R. Williams, chairman of the committee on Christian Education, stated that the candidates, J. P. Sherwood, Kenilworth Church; William Lofquist, Asheville First Church; R. E. McClure, Jr., Asheville First; and James Somerville, Dillingham Church, had been examined and recommended that the young men be examined and received under the care of Asheville Presbytery as candidates for the Gospel Ministry. The examinations on experimental religion and on motives for seeking the ministry were made by Dr. L. T. Wilds. The examinations were sustained as satisfactory and they were received as candidates for the Gospel Ministry. Rev. W. G. Somerville delivered the charge to the candidates and prayer was offered by the Rev. John R. Williams. The young men were enrolled as candidates for the ministry by Asheville Presbytery.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—L. T. Wilds, S. W. Black, J. S. Gray.
2. Judiciary—Paul Gresham, Irving Bingham, J. B. Ray.
3. Minutes of Presbytery—R. A. Potter, W. C. Dillingham, J. L. Holden.
4. Resolutions—H. B. Dendy, Frank Wade, H. P. Mitchell.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch, after being led in prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. Donald E. Williams.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 p. m., being led in prayer by the Rev. Paul Gresham.

MID-CENTURY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Elder F. B. Gardner, chairman of Presbytery's Mid-Century Development Program, made an earnest appeal in behalf of the campaign being conducted in our area by Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

WORLD MISSIONS

The Rev. W. W. Preston presented the Rev. Donald E. Williams, one of our own missionaries, who brought an inspiring message concerning the progress of the Kingdom in Brazil. A special prayer in the interest of world missions and our missionaries was offered by the Rev. John D. Smith.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

Candidates Frank Oliver Brown and Robert Collins appeared before Presbytery to be examined for license. Presbytery proceeded to examine them according to the provisions in the following manner.

The sermons preached by the candidates during the opening session of Presbytery were accepted as being eminently satisfactory.

The theses and the exegesis papers prepared by the candidates were examined by the Rev. John D. Smith, chairman of the examining committee, and having been approved by him, were accepted as satisfactory.

The college and seminary diplomas were accepted in lieu of an examination on academic studies. The examination on experimental religion was conducted by the Moderator; that on theology was conducted by the Rev. H. B. Dendy; that on Sacraments by the Rev. W. M. Fountain; that on church government, by the Rev. Paul Gresham; and that on the English Bible, by the Rev. W. G. Somerville.

These examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

The examinations as a whole were sustained as being very satisfactory.

Candidate Robert Collins indicated a readiness to accept a call to become pastor of the Sylva Presbyterian Church, and candidate Frank Oliver Brown indicated a readiness to accept a call to become pastor of the Murphy Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery appointed a commission to examine the call from the Sylva Presbyterian Church, and if it be found in order, to ordain and install Mr. Robert Collins as pastor of the Sylva Presbyterian Church at a date and time acceptable with the commission and the church at Sylva. The commission is composed of ministers C. Grier Davis, Everett Brown, Maynard Fountain, R. E. McClure, and elders Sam W. Black and Walter Harbin.

Presbytery appointed a commission to examine the call from the Murphy Presbyterian Church, and if it be found in order, to ordain and install Mr. Frank Oliver Brown as pastor of the Murphy Presbyterian Church, at a date and time acceptable to the commission and the Murphy Church. The commission is composed of ministers R. E. McClure, Everett Brown, John Neville, Maynard Fountain, and elders Ted Nichols, T. C. Gray, and W. A. Singleton.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

The Rev. L. T. Wilds made a report of his attendance on the Trustee meetings of Davidson College and called the attention of Presbytery to the fine work being done by this church institution.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman of the Christian Education Committee, gave a verbal report of the work promoted by this committee and presented the following recommendations from the Sub-committee on Religious Education, which were adopted as amended.

1. That Presbytery express its appreciation by a rising vote to the Rev. W. W. Preston, director of the 1952 Senior Conference, and to the staff of leaders; and to the Rev. J. C. Lime, director of the 1952 Pioneer Camp, and to the staff of leaders.

2. That Presbytery approve the appointment of the Rev. W. W. Preston to serve as director of the 1953 Senior Conference; and the Rev. J. C. Lime as director of the 1953 Pioneer Camp.

3. That Presbytery express its appreciation to Misses Margaret Knight and Mary Johnson Stephens, ATS students, for their service in conducting vacation Bible schools within the Presbytery this summer.

4. That every church school in the Presbytery be urged to observe September, 1952, as Christian Education season, and September 26 as Rally Day, using the available material from the Board of Christian Education.

5. That the attention of the churches be called to the week of September 28-October 4 as Revised Standard Version Observance Season and that appropriate programs be used in order to call attention to the value of reading and studying the Holy Scriptures from the various versions.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE MESSAGE

Presbytery requested the Program Committee to arrange on the docket of the Stated Fall Session a period for the presentation of the work and needs of our Mountain Orphanage and the presentation to be made by Mr. Harry Barkley, Superintendent.

THE COMMISSION OF THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

In the absence of the chairman, C. Grier Davis, the Secretary, W. W. Preston, reported that the Commission was endeavoring to fulfil its duties. The Presbytery ordered that a special place be provided on the Stated Fall Session, in order that the Commission might make a report of its work.

EVANGELISM

The Rev. Paul Gresham made a verbal report for this committee and presented the following recommendation, which was adopted:

That Presbytery appoint a committee of at least three to work with the Committee on Evangelism in setting up plans for a Presbytery-wide Visitation Evangelism Program for early fall.

The Moderator appointed the following committee: John D. Smith, Maynard Fountain, George Lowry, Ervin Bingham, W. G. Lingo.

A season of special prayer was observed in the interest of Evangelism and a period of testimony concerning the great value of promoting the various types of evangelistic efforts throughout the whole year.

THE USE OF LAYMEN

Presbytery referred to the Home Mission Committee for study and recommendations the possibilities of using more of our laymen in promoting the work and activities of the church and requested that a report be made concerning this important matter during the Stated Fall meeting.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures—The Rev. L. T. Wilds reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

2. Judiciary—he Rev. Paul Gresham reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Minutes of Presbytery—The Rev. R. A. Potter presented the report of this committee, which was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Presbytery's Minutes has examined the records of the four meetings, Summer and Fall 1951, and Winter and Spring, 1952, and found them generally in order. With the following corrections we recommend they become the permanent record of Asheville Presbytery:

SUMMER 1951

(1) Pp. 3 and 4. Visiting brethren are only ordained ministers. Others are guests.

(2) Pg. 6. R. R. Williams was to report at Fall meeting. No record of his doing so. (This is not really a correction of a minute, but a citation of an apparent gap in our proceedings.)

FALL 1951

(1) See (2) above.

(2) Pg. 4, line 1, Steubenville Presbytery rather than Stuvenville.

WINTER 1952

(1) Pg. 11, bottom line. Andrew *I*. Keener.

SPRING 1952

(1) Pg. 4. Visiting brethren. See (1) under Summer 1951 above.

(2 Pg. 6. Should incorporate some statement as to nature of amendments approved, under proposed Amendments.

(3) Pg. 7, upper column. Dillingham and Ivy Park same line, assessment item of each should be shown.

(4) Mis-spellings or typographical errors.:

Pg. 2. Under Ex. Com., Chris Educ., Candid. for Ministry, John R. *Williams*.

Pg. 2. Under Church Exten., 5. (Negro) work, omitted. W. *C*. Dillingham.

Pg. 4, next to bottom line, J. *R*. Williams.

Pg. 8, under Proposed Amendments. Error in printing of *No*.

Pg. 9, 2nd line, "t" omitted from Nominating.

Pg. 21, 8th line from bottom, "o" omitted in "who."

RESOLUTIONS

The Rev. H. B. Dendy presented the report of the Resolutions Committee, which was adopted, as follows:

Asheville Presbytery notes with great pleasure the splendid care and upkeep of the Etowah Church. We feel that pastor and people should be commended for this work.

We express our sincere thanks for the wonderful hospitality of the Etowah Church, and particularly for the fine meal which was prepared and served by the women of the church.

Special appreciation is also expressed for the music, with Mrs. L. W. Johnson at the organ and Mrs. J. E. Corwin as soloist.

We are grateful to our Moderator for his excellent work.

We express gratitude for the two fine Gospel messages of candidates Frank Brown and Robert Collins.

We are grateful to God for the four candidates for the ministry received under our care at this meeting.

We express our profound thanks to God for His great blessings upon our Presbytery, and pray that we may measure up to the opportunities before us.

H. B. DENDY, Chairman,
H. P. MITCHELL,
FRANK WADE.

SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Rev. W. G. Somerville presented a report, which was received as information.

PLACE OF MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its Stated Fall Meeting in the Murphy Presbyterian Church, the date being Tuesday, October 14, 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

REVISION OF MANUAL

Presbytery appointed the following committee to revise and to re-write our Manual, so that it will be in keeping with the present organization of Presbytery: R. E. McClure, chairman; R. A. Potter; Henry Lofquist; H. B. Dendy; W. G. Thomas.

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October 14, 1952

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—E. K. Brown, Bryson City, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Permanent Clerk—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Asheville, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission—C. G. Davis, Chairman, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, Geo. H. Wright, 1953; J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, W. G. Lingo, 1954; R. L. McClamery, C. D. Thomas, J. D. Smith, W. G. Somerville, 1955.

The Mountain Orphanage—H. B. Dendy, Chairman, E. K. Brown, J. O. Williams, Mrs. W. H. McMurray, 1953; Mrs. E. G. Simmons, J. R. McGregor, E. G. Roberts, R. L. Prevoet, 1954; Mrs. F. A. Plummer, W. W. Preston, C. C. Demaree, J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1955.

Christian Education:

1. **Educational Institutions**—J. E. Henderson, 1953; H. V. Lofquist, 1954; L. T. Wilds, Chairman, 1955.
2. **Candidates for the Ministry**—J. H. Gruver, 1953; C. G. Worley, 1954; John R. Williams, Chairman, 1955.
3. **Religious Education**—John C. Neville, W. M. Fountain, Crawford Pearson, E. K. Brown, 1953; James B. Light, John D. Smith, J. C. Lime, C. A. Stubbs, 1954; Walter Abernethy, R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, W. G. Thomas, General Chairman, 1955; Robert Collins, 1955; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education, appointed by Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship; and Executive Secretary.

COMMISSIONS

The Minister and His Work—C. G. Davis, Chairman, W. G. Thomas, 1953; L. Nelson Bell, W. W. Preston, 1954; Hugh Lamb, J. E. Corwin, 1955.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations—H. B. Dendy, 1953; Edward G. Roberts, J. J. Stone, 1954; Robert A. Potter, W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955.

Presbytery Council:

1. **Program and Publicity** (sub-committee)—H. V. Lofquist, Sub-Chairman, 1953; F. A. Plummer, P. N. Gresham, 1955; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.
2. **Budget** (sub-committee)— J. A. Gray, L. C. Davis, 1953; J. C. Neville, E. C. Conrad, John R. Williams, J. C. Lime, Chairman Full Committee, 1954; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.

World Missions—J. L. N. Talmage, 1953; R. T. Reed, 1954; W. H. Armistead, 1954; W. M. Fountain, 1955; L. Nelson Bell, Chairman, 1955.

Church Extension:

1. **Assembly's Home Missions**—L. B. Nichols, 1954; J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1955.
2. **Evangelism**—C. W. Solomon, 1953; M. R. Williamson, Chairman, 1954.
3. **Christian Relations**—R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1953; Geo. H. Wright, 1954.
4. **Radio**—H. V. Lofquist, Chairman Full Committee, 1953; Emerson Rose, 1954.
5. **Negro Work**—J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1953; W. G. Dillingham, 1955.
6. **Defense Service**—Ed G. Brumby, 1953; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.

Annuities and Relief—P. N. Gresham, 1953; J. H. Flanagan, 1954; L. T. Wilds, Chairman, 1955.

Woman's Work—W. J. Gammon, 1953; C. D. Richmond, 1954; R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1955.

Assembly's Special Causes—J. L. Gash, 1953; Sidney McCarty, 1954; J. H. Gruver, 1954; R. A. Mann, 1955; W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1955.

Examinations—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—John R. Williams, Chairman, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1955.
Sacraments—J. Q. Wallace, 1954; W. M. Fountain, Chairman, 1955.
Church Government—Paul Gresham, Chairman, 1953; C. R. Yeargan, 1954.
English Bible—W. J. Gammon, 1953; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—E. K. Brown, 1953; John D. Smith, Chairman, 1955.
Academic Studies—W. P. Chedester, 1953; Chas. F. Stube, Chairman, 1954.
Seminary Studies—J. E. Corwin, Chairman, 1954; C. W. Solomon, 1955.

Presbytery's Historical Committee—R. L. Gash, 1953; R. A. Hardwick, 1954; R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1955.

Trustees—Presbytery: W. H. McMurray, 1953; J. J. Stone, 1954; Geo. H. Wright, Chairman, 1955. Davidson College: C. Grier Davis, Chairman, 1953; L. T. Wilds, 1954.

Men of the Presbytery—J. Paul Teal, President; Dr. C. D. Thomas, First Vice-President; F. B. Gardner, 2nd Vice-President; Crawford Pearson, Secretary-Treasurer.

STATED FALL MEETING

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Fall meeting at the Murphy Presbyterian Church, Murphy, N. C., Tuesday, October 14, 1952, at ten-thirty o'clock in the morning. Presbytery, in the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. Donald E. Williams, missionary to Brazil, was called to order by Ruling Elder Harry Barkley, former Moderator, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Everett Brown.

The Rev. W. W. Preston, at the request of the Moderator, preached the sermon on the subject, "Courage."

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Rev. Robert Collins and the Rev. Frank O. Brown conducted the Communion Service, assisted by Ruling Elders W. M. Harbin, R. S. Parker, W. W. Brigman, and Charles Pettit.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY
ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches. The following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, E. K. Brown, W. P. Chedester, J. E. Corwin, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, W. M. Fountain, W. J. Gammon, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville, R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, W. G. Somerville, J. D. Smith, W. G. Thomas, John R. Williams, and Malcolm R. Williamson (19).

Churches represented were:

Ruling Elders, R. H. Marshall, Arden; C. A. Brown, Andrews; L. B. Ordway, Asheville First; W. W. Brigman, Brittain Cove; E. E. White, Black Mountain; W. C. Dillingham, Dillingham; R. A. Hardwick, Friendship; J. C. Davis, Hazelwood; J. L. Waters, Kenilworth; W. M. Harbin, Malvern Hills; J. C. Rice, Montreat; R. S. Parker, Murphy; J. B. Nichols, Swannanoa; Charles Pettit, Sylva; E. A. Williamson, Waynesville; P. B. Ray, Weaverville; and H. B. Mitchell, West Asheville (16).

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Rev. Robert M. Hart, North Alabama

Presbytery; Rev. G. R. Talbot, Roanoke Presbytery; and Rev. Andrew I. Keener, Steubenville Presbytery, U. S. A.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Rev. Everett K. Brown was elected Moderator by acclamation.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following brethren were excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery: R. C. Anderson, Paul Gresham, J. V. N. Talmadge, J. R. McGregor, J. H. Gruver.

SPECIAL PRAYER

Special prayer was offered by Dr. C. Grier Davis for the following brethren, who were reported seriously ill: R. C. Anderson, J. H. Gruver, and R. E. Burton.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. Frank O. Brown, host pastor, presented the report of the Program Committee and recommended that the docket prepared and distributed by the Stated Clerk be adopted, with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 and reconvene at 1:30 o'clock.

2. That a season of prayer in behalf of the United Nations be the first order of the afternoon session.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—John Smith, W. G. Somerville, Harry Barkley.

2. Judiciary—H. B. Dendy, Robert Collins, E. H. Marshall.

3. Minutes of General Assembly—R. A. Potter, Frank O. Brown, Charles Pettit.

4. Resolutions—W. W. Preston, L. B. Ordway, H. P. Mitchell.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

The Stated Clerk read a certificate of transfer for Rev. Robert M. Hart to our Presbytery from North Alabama Presbytery, and a certificate of transfer for Rev. G. B. Talbot to our Presbytery from Roanoke Presbytery. The certificates were found in order and Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Hart and Mr. Talbot according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order.

The examination of Experimental Religion was conducted by the Moderator; that on Theology was conducted by the Rev. John R. Williams; that on Church Government by the Rev. M. R. Williamson; that on the Sacraments by the Rev. W. M. Fountain. The examinations were approved as satisfactory and Mr. Hart and Mr. Talbot were enrolled upon signing the "Ex Animo" statement.

Dr. C. Grier Davis, chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, reported that the call from the Highlands Presbyterian Church to Mr. Hart had been examined and found to be in order, excepting the fact that no reference was made to the church agreeing to pay a sum equivalent to 7½% of the salary basis into the Minister's Annuity Fund. Dr. Davis stated that the session of the Highlands Church had agreed to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of having the church to incorporate the payment of the 7½% of the salary basis into the Minister's Annuity Fund.

After the Rev. Robert M. Hart had indicated an acceptance of the call, Presbytery appointed a Commission to install him pastor of the church Sunday, November 16, 7:30 p. m. The Commission is composed of the Rev. Robert B. DuPree, to preside and to propound the constitutional questions; the Rev. John D. Smith, to charge the pastor; Dr. R. E. McClure, to charge the congregation; and ruling elders Holland McSwain and C. P. Anderson. The Commission was granted the privilege of inviting the Rev. E. B. Robinson, of Talladega, Ala., to preach the sermon.

The Stated Clerk read the call from the Swannanoa Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. G. B. Talbot. The call was found in order and placed in his hands. After

indicating his acceptance of the call, the following Commission was appointed to install him pastor of the church Sunday, October 26, 7:30 p. m.: the Rev. Robt. A. Potter, to preside and to propound the constitutional questions; Dr. L. Nelson Bell, to charge the pastor; the Rev. W. W. Preston, to charge the congregation; Dr. H. B. Dendy, Secretary; and ruling elder, E. G. Roberts, to offer prayer. The Commission was authorized to invite the Rev. T. H. Spence, of Montreat, to preach the sermon.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Executive Committee of the Board of Christian Education concerning the proposed organization for Christian Education in Synods and Presbyteries. The paper was referred to Presbytery's Christian Education Committee.

The Stated Clerk read a request from Presbytery's Permanent Committee on Christian Education for the appointment of an additional member to the Sub-committee on Religious Education to enable the committee to have an additional adult adviser for the Youth Fellowship Council. The Rev. Robert Collins was appointed to serve as the third adult adviser in the class of 1955.

The Stated Clerk read the report of the Commission to install the Rev. Frank Oliver Brown as pastor of the Murphy Presbyterian Church. The report was admitted to record.

The Commission appointed to ordain and install Mr. Frank O. Brown as pastor of the Murphy Presbyterian Church met in that Church at 7:15 P. M., July 20, 1952.

Present were: Rev. R. E. McClure, D. D., Chairman, Rev. E. K. Brown, Rev. John C. Neville; Ruling Elders L. B. Nichols, T. C. Gray, and candidate Frank O. Brown.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. McClure. Rev. Neville was elected clerk.

The call was read by the Chairman, and moved by Rev. Brown to be placed in the hands of Mr. Brown. In the presence of the congregation, the actions of Asheville Presbytery were recited by the Chairman.

Rev. McClure preached the sermon, his theme being, "Preach the Word."

The Chairman propounded the constitutional questions and the pastor-elect answered the questions in the affirmative, as set forth in the Book of Church Order.

The congregation responded with a vote of acceptance of Mr. Brown as their pastor. During the "Laying on of Hands by Presbytery" the ordination prayer was made by Rev. Brown.

Rev. E. K. Brown charged the congregation, and Rev. J. C. Neville charged the pastor.

The Chairman declared that Mr. Brown had been duly ordained a minister of the Gospel in the Presbyterian Church, U. S., and elected and installed as Pastor of the Murphy Presbyterian Church.

The meeting was adjourned with the apostolic benediction by the Rev. Frank O. Brown.

The Stated Clerk read the report of the Commission to install the Rev. Robert Collins as pastor of the Sylva Presbyterian Church. The record was admitted to record.

The Commission appointed to Ordain and Install Robert R. Collins met at the Sylva Church, just prior to the evening service on August 3, 1952.

Present: Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. Everett K. Brown, Rev. W. Maynard Fountain, Rev. R. E. McClure, and Ruling Elders S. W. Black and Walter R. Harbin.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Davis, and opened with prayer. Dr. McClure was named Secretary.

Following instructions of the Presbytery, the call from the Sylva Church was read and found in order, promising a salary of $900.00, without a manse, but with participation in the Ministers' Annuity Fund. It was placed in the hands of Candidate Robert R. Collins and accepted by him.

At the regular evening service the Chairman presided, preached and propounded the constitutional questions to the Candidate and the Congregation.

These having been answered in the affirmative and satisfactorily, Candidate Robert R. Collins knelt, the Commission invited members of the local session to participate, and with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, Rev. Maynard Fountain offered the Ordination Prayer.

The right hand of fellowship was given Rev. Robert R. Collins after the Chairman had pronounced him duly ordained and installed.

Dr. McClure delivered a charge to the Minister and Rev. Mr. Brown to the Congregation, and after the singing of a hymn and the Benediction, pronounced by the newly installed pastor of the church, the Commission adjourned.

C. GRIER DAVIS, Chairman.
R. E. MCCLURE, Clerk.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch after being led in prayer by the Rev. Robert Collins.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 p. m. by singing the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation."

SPECIAL PRAYER

Dr. R. E. McClure, chairman of Christian Relations Committee, directed Presbytery in a special season of prayer in behalf of the Assembly of the United Nations and for our nation to be given divine guidance in the coming national election.

RESOLUTION

The Rev. W. G. Somerville presented the following resolution, which was adopted: Asheville Presbytery, in session at Murphy, October 14, 1952, requests that those responsible for fixing dates for Young People's Rallies of the Presbytery select some other day than the Lord's Day, whenever possible.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

The Rev. John R. Williams and the Rev. John D. Smith gave reports of their attendance upon the last meeting of the General Assembly held at the First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, W. Va. The reports were received with interest and the commissioners were commended for their diligence.

EVANGELISM

The Rev. M. R. Williamson, chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, presented an oral report concerning plans for a Presbytery-wide program of visitation evangelism. Presbytery requested the Committee of Evangelism to arrange for a Presbytery-wide program of evangelism to be conducted in the spring of 1953, and that the committee make the necessary plans and present same to the January meeting of the Presbytery.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

Dr. C. Grier Davis, chairman of the Trustees of Presbytery, announced that the trustees had no report to make at this meeting of Presbytery.

WORLD MISSIONS

The Rev. W. M. Fountain, in the absence of the chairman, Dr. Nelson Bell, presented the following report, which was adopted:

I regret that I will be unable to present this report to you in person but the Board of World Missions meets in Nashville on the 13th and 14th and it will be necessary for me to attend that meeting.

It is with real thanksgiving that I report that Dr. and Mrs. Frank W. Price have finally been permitted to leave Shanghai by the Communists and they arrived safely in Hongkong about ten days ago. They were the last two of our missionaries left in China and they have virtually been under house arrest for some time. Our Christian brethren in China need our prayers as never before and we should pray constantly for them in the ordeal through which they are passing.

Our work in Korea continues with great encouragement to all now on the field but our missionaries are working there under terrific strain and pressure. This strain is so great that one of our ablest and oldest missionaries has recently broken under the strain and been forced to return to America for rest and treatment. There are 500 students in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul.

The work in the other fields continues to be greatly blessed with the sobering thought that, humanly speaking, the results are limited simply by the number of missionaries we can send to the field. Your Board of World Missions is encouraged by the number of young people offering themselves for service on the mission fields of the world while at the same time we are faced with the tremendous increase in cost of operating this work, just as inflation has increased the cost of living here at home.

At the request of our Africa Mission your Board sent Dr. C. Darby Fulton and Dr. James A. Jones to Africa in June to assist them in solving some of the difficult problems now facing them in an awakened and changing Africa. I do not believe we could have sent two men more capable of being of assistance to the Mission and of encouraging and inspiring our home Church on their return than these two men. They arrived in New York on the 7th of this month and the Board will hear their report the day this is being read to you.

To increase interest in the great task of World Missions in our

own Presbytery your Committee is planning two days of Schools of Missions for our Presbytery on the 3rd and 4th of December. It is planned to have three classes at 5 p. m., one for men led by Rev. Eugene Daniel, Candidate Secretary of the Board of World Missions; one for women led by Mrs. James N. Montgomery, recently returned from Formosa with a month spent visiting her daughter in Africa, and a third class for young people, the leader to be announced later. After supper Mr. Daniel will speak at an inspirational meeting for the entire group and a picture of our Africa work will be shown.

Respectfully submitted,

L. NELSON BELL, Chairman.

HOME MISSIONS

Dr. C. Grier Davis, chairman of the Home Missions Committee, presented a verbal report concerning the work of the Home Missions Committee and called the attention of Presbytery to the valuable work rendered by the Executive Secretary, Dr. R. E. McClure; and presented an appeal for the churches receiving home mission support to endeavor to become self-supporting churches at the earliest possible date.

CHURCH EXTENSION OFFERING

Dr. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, presented the following 1952 Goals in the interest of Church Extension:

Asheville Presbytery is the recipient of $11,000 from The Board of Church Extension in the SUPPORT of Home Mission Work during 1952-1953.

Presbytery asks that the offering for this cause be generous this year and that it reach a minimum of $4,000 on November 2nd.

Some Churches have been giving beyond their average share of this Goal. Others have been giving LESS than their average share.

The Goals set below are either: (1) The average share, as determined according to the direction of Presbytery, or (2) The actual gift of 1951, which ever is the larger.

Gifts from all sources, in the local church, that is Congregation, Women, Sunday School, Young People, etc., count to the total asked of each church.

In the case where the average share is larger than the actual offering in 1951, the total of that offering is shown in ( ) below.

Andrews	$ 38.00	(19.25)	Hendersonville	$750.00	(633.82)
Arden	135.56		Highlands	22.00	(14.00)
Asheville 1st	1,395.00	(350.60)	Ivy Park	6.00	(00000)
Bethel	11.00	(7.50)	Kenilworth	104.00	(100.00)
Blk. Mt.	165.41		Malvern Hills	71.75	
Brevard	97.00	(35.50)	Mills River	38.00	(28.00)
Brittains Cove	6.00	(00000)	Montreat	357.35	
Bryson City	48.50		Murphy	42.00	(20.37)
Canton	238.90		Oak Forest	48.00	(23.46)
Dillingham	26.25		Robbinsville	5.00	(00000)
Etowah	18.00	(00000)	Swannanoa	184.00	(161.50)
Franklin	191.80		Sylva	15.00	(12.60)
Friendship	37.06		Waynesville	166.00	(47.00)
Hayesville	10.00		Weaverville	278.94	
Hazelwood	20.00		W. Asheville	144.00	(95.61)

IN EVERY CASE THE LARGER AMOUNT ABOVE IS SUGGESTED FOR YOUR MINIMUM GOAL.

See that contributions are sent to the Central Treasurer of the Presbytery as soon as possible, marked "Special Offering for Church Extension."

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Dr. C. Grier Davis, chairman, presented a verbal report concerning the work of this Commission and it was received as information.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

The Rev. J. C. Lime, chairman of the Permanent Committee on the Presbytery Council, presented the report of the Sub-Committee on the Budget of Presbytery, which was adopted with the recommendations as amended. The report and recommendations are as follows:

The action of the General Assembly in changing the church year to conform with the calendar year, beginning January 1, 1954, means that the budget for consideration is for NINE MONTHS only, April 1-December 31, 1953.

The General Assembly has set larger proportionate amounts of the total goals sent down to the Synods for three of their causes: namely: World Missions, Church Extension and the General Fund.

The Synod of Appalachia asks Asheville Presbytery to adopt $36,675.00 as the goal for 1953 (nine months), whereas Asheville

Presbytery was able to accept only $28,900 for the current twelve month year, or a comparable figure of $21,770 for nine months.

This was done in order to place the budget on a DOLLAR BASIS, with emphasis on giving to "Regular Benevolences," and assuring Presbytery's Causes a definite income in proportion to actual needs. This means that 57% of the divisible budget now goes: Presbytery's Home Missions 33%, The Mountain Orphanage 22%, and Religious Education 2%.

The Synod of Appalachia asks the Presbytery to place the following amounts in the Budget for 1953 (nine months):

King College, $7,425.00; Synod's Education, $2,098.00; Seminaries, $1,498.00.

Because Asheville Presbytery contributes to TWO colleges, it has observed the custom of placing each in the budget for the same amount.

On a Nine Month basis the current budget (1952-1953) for these causes is shown in the first column below. Amounts proposed for 1953 Budget are shown in second column in ( ).

King College	$2,250.00	($2,500.00)
Synod's Education	1,125.00	(1,200.00)
Union Seminary	750.00	(800.00)
Louisville Seminary	375.00	(400.00)

The Presbytery seeks to operate on the basis of actual needs of the three causes: Presbytery's Home Missions, The Mountain Orphanage, Religious Education.

The percentage assigned to The Mountain Orphanage was increased for this current year to 22% (was 16%). The percentage for Presbytery's Home Missions was reduced 1/3 of one percent. A NEW percentage (2%) was assigned to Religious Education, which released that much from the spending budget of Presbytery's Home Missions.

Amounts to produce the same amount as now being received for each of these causes MUST be continued to prevent each from facing an operating deficit. In addition the Committee on Religious Education is asking for $1,350.00 for the NINE MONTH period, as against $1,200.00 for the full year.

Presbytery has carried an item at $1,000 for full year, known as an "Emergency Fund." This current year it was assigned to the Stonewall Jackson Debt, and this Presbytery has met its full obligation to this fund.

We recommend:

(1) That Asheville Presbytery place $11,100.00 in the budget for "regular benevolences" and set total goals of $13,500.00 in Special Offerings as indicated in the table below, making a total of $24,600.00 for Assembly Causes.

(2) That Asheville Presbytery place $4,900.00 in the budget for "Regular Benevolences," and urge the churches to consider ways and means of raising an additional $1,000 for King College, and to set $500.00 as the Presbytery's goal for the "special offering" for Synod's Committee on Christian Education, as requested by Synod.

(3) That identical amounts and plans be adopted for Montreat College, as for King College.

(4) That amounts be placed in the budget to produce on a nine month basis the same income now being received for Presbytery's Home Missions, The Mountain Orphanage and Religious Education during this current year, from "Regular Benevolences," with the understanding that The Mountain Orphanage share will be supplemented by the Thanksgiving Offering, Sunday School offerings, Clothing Fund gifts, and such other ways as now are used by churches in the Presbytery.

(5) That for the year 1953 the amount marked "Special Fund" be designated to supplement the income for Religious Education in the Presbytery.

(6) That the following be adopted as the the BENEVOLENT ASKINGS of Asheville Presbytery for the year 1953 (April 1-December 31):

THE CHURCHES ARE ASKED TO PLACE THE FOLLOWING AMTS. BEFORE THE VARIOUS CONGREGATIONS OF THE PRESBYTERY

The Cause	Through "Regular Budget"*	Through "Special Offering"	Grand Total
World Missions	$ 5,000	----------**	$11,000
Church Extension	3,000	4,000	7,000
Christian Education	500	1,500***	2,000
Annuities and Relief	----------	2,000****	2,000
General Fund	2,500	----------	2,500
Inter Church Agencies	100	----------	100
King College	2,500	----------	3,500
Synod's Christian Educ.	1,200	500	1,700
Union Theo. Seminary	800	----------	800
Louisville Theo. Seminary	400	----------	400
Montreat College	2,500	----------*****	3,500
Pres. Chris. Educ.	1,000	----------	1,000
The Mountain Orphanage	9,800	13,000******	22,800
Presbytery's Home Miss.	14,700	----------	14,700
"Special Fund"	1,000	----------	1,000
Totals	45,000*******	29,000	74,000

*Amounts in this total may be assumed by Church Budget, Women of Church, Sunday School, Young People, or in any way acceptable to local church, and receipts are to be sent to the Central Treasurer to be disbursed as directed by the April 1953 meeting of Asheville Presbytery, in the light of actual gifts during this current year.

**The Special for World Missions will come in January 1954.

***This is the amount of the 1951 Rally Day Offering, and is subject to adjustment in the light of the 1952 figures.

****The average offering for JOY GIFT has exceeded $3,000.00 for several years past, hence the Special Offering will exceed the total askings of Synod for this cause. Hence, not included in "Regular Budget."

*****This amount for King and the same for Montreat Colleges, is not provided for in any "Special Offering." The Churches are asked to challenge their people to the support of these two institutions.

******This amount approximates the total received from the Women, Sunday Schools, and Thanksgiving Offering in an average year.

*******This amount ($45,000.00) represents an increase over the current year of $3,750.00.

(7) That the same policy as for last year be followed in assigning "Askings" to local churches, in terms of DOLLARS.

(8) That the Budget Sub-Committee be instructed to notify each local Pastor, and/or Clerk of Session, of the amount assigned to his church not later than December 1, 1952.

(9) That it be presumed that these "Askings" have been accepted by the local congregation unless the Budget Sub-Committee is advised in writing on or before the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Presbytery, January 13, 1953.

(10) That Presbytery re-affirm the action taken in October 1951 regarding supplementary gifts to Montreat and King Colleges and urge local churches to seek discussion at the earliest meeting of the Session and/or Board of Deacons some method of securing additional funds for these institutions.

(11) That Presbytery make Stewardship an order of the day for the July Meeting in 1953, for the purpose of adopting a tentative Benevolent Budget for 1954, anticipating the Every Member Canvass set for November 8, 1953.

(12) That attention be called to the fact that there will be TWO Every Member Canvass dates in 1953, and Churches be urged to plan adequately for both.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. LIME, Chairman.

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Ruling Elder Harry E. Barkley, Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, presented a verbal report concerning the Mountain Orphanage. The report was received as information.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures—The Rev. John D. Smith reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

2. Judiciary—The Rev. H. B. Dendy reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly—The Rev. R. A. Potter presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly wishes to call attention to two items in the 1952 Minutes:

(1) See Paragraph 10, page 87. We recommend that the Committee on World Missions be authorized to urge by letter all churches to respond to this appeal.

(2) See Paragraph 17, page 91. Your committee recommends that no change be suggested in Presbytery's meeting dates, but the sub-committee on Budget be prepared to make reports in line with the change in the church year.

4. Resolutions—Ruling Elder L. B. Ordway presented the report of the Resolutions Committee, which was adopted, as follows:

Asheville Presbytery wishes to express appreciation for the wonderful hospitality of the Murphy Church. We are especially grateful to the women for the hot coffee upon arrival. We enjoyed with relish the delicious country ham dinner served at the noon hour.

We note with pleasure the beautiful sanctuary and wish to commend the pastor and people for the excellent condition of the church property.

W. W. PRESTON, Chairman,
L. B. ORDWAY,
H. P. MITCHELL.

NEGRO WORK CAMPAIGN

Dr. C. Grier Davis, chairman of Synod's Committee on the Financial Campaign for Negro Work, presented a verbal report concerning the campaign, which was received

as information. Presbytery authorized the Moderator to appoint a special committee, consisting of three members (minister, layman, and woman) to represent Asheville Presbytery in promoting the Negro Work Campaign.

PLACE OF MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its stated winter meeting in the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa, N. C., the date being Tuesday, January 13, 1953, 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

MINUTES APPROVED

The Minutes of Presbytery were read by the Permanent Clerk and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. Everett Brown.

EVERETT K. BROWN, Moderator.
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, Stated Clerk.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1940 Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown

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SWANNANOA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Swannanoa, North Carolina

January 13, 1953

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—E. K. Brown, Bryson City, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, 1956, Waynesville, N. C.
Permanent Clerk—W. G. Thomas, 1955, Asheville, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission—C. G. Davis, Chairman, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, Geo. H. Wright, 1953; J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, W. G. Lingo, 1954; R. L. McGlamery, C. D. Thomas, J. D. Smith, W. G. Somerville, 1955.
The Mountain Orphanage—H. B. Dendy, Chairman, E. K. Brown, J. O. Williams, Mrs. W. H. McMurray, 1953; Mrs. E. G. Simmons, J. R. McGregor, E. G. Roberts, R. L. Prevost, 1954; Mrs. F. A. Plummer, W. W. Preston, C. C. Demaree, J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1955.
Christian Education:
1. **Educational Institutions**—J. E. Henderson, 1953; H. V. Lofquist, 1954.
2. **Candidates for the Ministry**—J. H. Gruver, 1953; C. G. Worley, 1954; John R. Williams, Chairman, 1955.
3. **Religious Education**—John C. Neville, W. M. Fountain, Crawford Pearson, E. K. Brown, 1953; James B. Light, John D. Smith, J. C. Lime, C. A. Stubbs, 1954; Walter Abernethy, R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, W. G. Thomas, General Chairman, 1955; Robert Collins, 1955; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education, appointed by Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; Woman Adult Advisor of Youth Fellowship; and Executive Secretary.

COMMISSIONS

The Minister and His Work—C. G. Davis, Chairman, W. G. Thomas, 1953; L. Nelson Bell, W. W. Preston, 1954; Hugh Lamb, J. E. Corwin, 1955.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations—H. B. Dendy, 1953; Edward G. Roberts, J. J. Stone, 1954; Robert A. Potter, W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955.
Presbytery Council:
1. **Program and Publicity** (sub-committee)—H. V. Lofquist, Sub-Chairman, 1953; F. A. Plummer, P. N. Gresham, 1955; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.
2. **Budget** (sub-committee)— J. A. Gray, L. C. Davis, 1953; J. C. Neville, E. C. Conrad, John R. Williams, J. C. Lime, Chairman Full Committee, 1954; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.

World Missions—J. L. N. Talmage, 1953; R. T. Reed, 1954; W. H. Armistead, 1954; W. M. Fountain, 1955; L. Nelson Bell, Chairman, 1955.
Church Extension:
1. **Assembly's Home Missions**—L. B. Nichols, 1954; J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1955.
2. **Evangelism**—C. W. Solomon, 1953; M. R. Williamson, Chairman, 1954.
3. **Christian Relations**—R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1953; Geo. H. Wright, 1954.
4. **Radio**—H. V. Lofquist, Chairman Full Committee, 1953; Emerson Rose, 1954.
5. **Negro Work**—J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1953; W. G. Dillingham, 1955.
6. **Defense Service**—Ed G. Brumby, 1953; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.

Annuities and Relief—P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1953; J. H. Flanagan, 1954; Warren F. Thuston, 1955.
Woman's Work—W. J. Gammon, 1953; C. D. Richmond, 1954; R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1955.
Assembly's Special Causes—J. L. Gash, 1953; Sidney McCarty, 1954; J. H. Gruver, 1954; S. A. Mann, 1955; W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1955.
Examinations—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—John R. Williams, Chairman, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1955.
Sacraments—J. Q. Wallace, 1954; W. M. Fountain, Chairman, 1955.
Church Government—Paul Gresham, Chairman, 1953; C. B. Yeargan, 1954.
English Bible—W. J. Gammon, 1953; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—E. K. Brown, 1953; John D. Smith, Chairman, 1955.
Academic Studies—W. P. Chedester, 1953; Chas. F. Stube, Chairman, 1954.
Seminary Studies—J. E. Corwin, Chairman, 1954; C. W. Solomon, 1955.

Presbytery's Historical Committee—R. L. Gash, 1953; R. A. Hardwick, 1954; R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1955.
Trustees—Presbytery: W. H. McMurray, 1953; J. J. Stone, 1954; Geo. H. Wright, Chairman, 1955. Davidson College: C. Grier Davis, 1955; M. R. Williamson, 1956.
Men of the Presbytery—J. Paul Teal, President; Dr. C. D. Thomas, First Vice-President; F. B. Gardner, 2nd Vice-President; Crawford Pearson, Secretary-Treasurer.

STATED WINTER MEETING
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Winter meeting at the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa, N. C., Tuesday, January 13, 1953, at 10:30 in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Everett Brown, and constituted with prayer by the Rev. Robert Collins. The Moderator read the Scripture lesson from Col. 1:9-23, and preached a sermon based on the theme "Christ is Pre-eminent."

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Rev. R. M. Hart and the Rev. G. B. Talbot conducted the Communion Service, assisted by Ruling Elders Dr. L. Nelson Bell, O. L. Merchant, W. H. McMurray, Edw. G. Roberts, J. O. Williams, and Hugh Lamb.

MEMORIAL

The Rev. R. E. McClure read a memorial to the late Rev. L. T. Wilds, which was adopted, and copies were ordered sent to the family and to the *Christian Observer* for printing. A prayer of thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the late Dr. Wilds was offered by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

REV. LOUIS TREZEVANT WILDS, JR.

Louis Trezevant Wilds, Jr. was called to his eternal reward on Sunday afternoon, January 11, 1953, after a pastorate of nearly thirty years at Hendersonville, and membership in Asheville Presbytery for a like period of time. His passing was swift and without prolonged suffering or illness, as he and his wife were travelling homeward from a Florida visit.

Dr. Wilds' thirty years at Hendersonville would have been completed on March 31, 1953. The officers of that congregation had voted to continue his salary to that date, even though, in his resignation in the summer of 1952, he had indicated his willingness to retire upon the arrival of his successor.

He had gone to Florida shortly after his successor arrived on January 1st. He suffered a heart attack while driving near Haines City, Fla., and slipped quietly into the presence of his Master before he could be rushed to a hospital.

He was a native of Longtown, S. C. He was born July 7, 1885, attended Davidson College, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1906, and Columbia Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1911. For a while he was a teacher and athletic director. In 1920 he received the degree of Doctor of Divinty, earned by special study at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

At the time of his retirement he was a trustee of Davidson College.

His ministry in the Presbyterian Church, U. S., included pastorates at Plant City, Fla., 1911-1913; Highland Church, Fayetteville, N. C., 1913-1917; Lexington, N. C., 1917-1923; and Hendersonville from 1923 to the time of his passing through death into life eternal.

His relationship to Asheville Presbytery and the Hendersonville Church was one of constructive and sympathetic leadership. He saw both grow substantially over a span of three decades. He served as Moderator of the Presbytery and on the Home Mission Committee, which for a long time operated The Mountain Orphanage through a sub-committee of which Dr. Wilds was a member.

In the Synod of Appalachia he was faithful and active. In 1950 he was named Moderator just the year before the Synod met in the Hendersonville church, thus making him both host pastor and retiring Moderator.

He was married July 1, 1911, to Miss Laura Eliza Candler, of Decatur, Ga., who survives him. To them were born three children: Mary Scott, Director of Religious Education at the Second Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., of Lexington, Ky.; Annie Edmunds, wife of Rev. L. F. McLeod, Methodist minister at Demopolis, Ala.; and Rev. Murphey Candler Wilds, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Senatobia, Miss.

He was one of thirteen children, including Miss Cornelia Wilds, a sister, who for twenty seven years has been Church Visitor for the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.; Miss Mamie C. Wilds, a sister, now a teacher in Anderson, S. C., and formerly a missionary in China under the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.; and Rev. Samuel Hugh Wilds, missionary of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., in Africa.

He was the author of several books and pamphlets and contributed frequently to church papers. These included "Why Good People Suffer" and "The Holy Spirit, Our Spiritual Mother."

In retiring at the age of 67, earlier than required by the church, Dr. Wilds had planned to give a number of years to the active work of supplying needy churches in various parts of the Assembly. He expected to make his home in Hendersonville, the officers of the congregation he served so long having granted him the use of the old manse as long as he desired it.

God had other plans and called his servant to dwell in "a building of God, an house nor made with hands, eternal in the heavens." He will be missed. The fruits of his labors will abide and continue to bring forth fruit.

Asheville Presbytery pays sincere homage and respect to his memory as a faithful presbyter, a great Christian, a strong preacher, a devoted pastor and as the head of a family whose children and grandchildren will rise up and call him "Blessed."

To the widow, the children, sisters and brothers, we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and assure them of our earnest prayer that "the God of all grace" comfort them and strengthen them that they may grow more and more into the full realization that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

Adopted by Asheville Presbytery at its regular quarterly session at the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church, this the 13th day of January, 1953.

(Signed) L. NELSON BELL, *Moderator.*
Attest: (Signed) MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY
ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches. The following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, E. K. Brown, Frank O. Brown, W. P. Chedester, Robert Collins, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, W. M. Fountain, P. N. Gresham, W. J. Gammon, J. H. Gruver, Robert M. Hart, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. R. McGregor, J. C. Neville, R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, W. G. Somerville, J. D. Smith, C. W. Solomon, J. V. N. Talmadge, G. B. Talbot, John R. Williams, and Malcolm R. Williamson (25).

Churches represented were:

C. G. Worley, Arden; Walter Abernethy, Asheville First, E. P. McCoy, Brevard-Davidson River; J. B. Light, Bryson City; J. O. Williams, Black Mountain; Clifton Terrell, Bethel; Holland McSwain, Franklin; R. A. Hardwick, Friendship; F. B. Gardner, Hendersonville; Sidney McCarty, Highlands; Crawford Pierson, Kenilworth; E. G. Roberts, Malvern Hills; M. E. Lance, Mills River; Dr. L. N. Bell, Montreat; E. H. Brumby, Murphy; Hugh Lamb, Oak Forest; W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa; Charles Pettit, Sylva; J. C. Rose, Waynesville; B. H. Evans, Weaverville; H. L. Mastin, West Asheville (21).

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: the Rev. Charles W. Smith, pastor of the Swannanoa Baptist Church; the Rev. C. W. Bates, pastor of the Swannanoa Methodist Church; the Rev. Erwin Diehl, Holston Presbytery, U. S. A.; the Rev. I. M. Ellis, Knoxville Presbytery; the Rev. Paul Freeland, New Orleans Presbytery; Dr. Thomas Spence, Concord Presbytery; the Rev. Andrew I. Keener, Steubenville Presbytery, U. S. A.; Dr. Arthur Bannerman, Holston Presbytery, U. S. A.; the Rev. Paul F. Warren, Pee Dee Presbytery; the Rev. Warren Thuston, Holston Presbytery.

In addition to the above ministers, the following were introduced to Presbytery: candidates for the ministry: Robert Smith Dendy, Weaverville Church; George Edward Scott, First Presbyterian Church, Asheville; and elders from the Hendersonville Church; Oren Lancaster, Dr. J. S. Brown, Cal Kuykendall, Leslie Singley, and E. E. Brown, from First Church, Asheville.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following brethren were excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery: R. C. Anderson, T. G. Tate, K. J. Foreman, Jones Earl Corwin.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to send the Rev. Jones Earl Corwin, who is ill in the Duke Hospital, Durham, N. C., a letter assuring him of Presbytery's interest and prayers for a speedy recovery.

A WORD OF WELCOME

Elder W. H. McMurray extended Presbytery a cordial welcome to the Swannanoa Church.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Dr. L. Nelson Bell was elected Moderator by acclamation.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. G. B. Talbot, host pastor, presented the report of the Program Committee and recommended that the

docket prepared and distributed by the Stated Clerk be adopted, with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 1:00 o'clock and reconvene at 2:00 o'clock.
2. That the reception of ministers be the first order following the adoption of the Program Committee's report.
3. That the first order of the afternoon session be the reception of candidates for the ministry.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

The Stated Clerk read a certificate of transfer for the Rev. Warren Thuston from Holston Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery, and for the Rev. Paul F. Warren from Pee Dee Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery.

The certificates were found in order and Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Thuston and Mr. Warren according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order.

The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. R. A. Potter, at the request of the Moderator; that on Theology, by the Rev. John R. Williams; that on Church Government, by the Rev. Paul Gresham; and that on the Sacraments, by the Rev. W. M. Fountain.

The examinations were approved as satisfactory and Mr. Thuston and Mr. Warren were enrolled upon signing the "Ex Animo" statement.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—W. G. Somerville, Maynard Fountain, J. B. Light.
2. Judiciary—E. K. Brown, Paul Gresham, E. G. Roberts.
3. Minutes of Synod—Robert Collins, Holland McSwain, J. C. Neville.
4. Resolutions—H. V. Lofquist, J. C. Gore, Walter Abernethy.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS

Presbytery elected the following ministers and ruling elders to represent Presbytery at the next meeting of the General Assembly, to be held at Montreat, N. C., June 4, 1953:

Ministers: the Rev. C. G. Davis and the Rev. H. B. Dendy; with alternates, the Rev. E. K. Brown for Mr. Davis, and the Rev. W. G. Somerville for Mr. Dendy.

Ruling Elders: L. N. Bell, Montreat, and F. B. Gardner, Hendersonville; with alternates, W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa, for Dr. Bell, and John Ray for Mr. Gardner.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch after being led in prayer by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 o'clock. The Rev. Paul Warren offered the prayer.

RECEPTION OF CANDIDATES

The Rev. John R. Williams, chairman of the Committee on Candidates for the Ministry, stated that the candidates, Robert Smith Dendy, of Weaverville, and George Edward Scott, of First Church, Asheville, had been examined, and recommended that the young men be received under the care of the Presbytery as candidates for the gospel ministry. The examinations on Experimental Religion and on Motives for Seeking the Ministry were made by the Rev. Paul Gresham. The examinations were sustained as satisfactory and they were received as candidates for the gospel ministry. The Rev. John R. Williams delivered the charge to the candidates and prayer was offered by the Rev. C. Grier Davis. The young men were enrolled as candidates for the ministry.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk read a letter from Dr. P. D. Miller concerning the coming campaign for Negro Work. It was received as information.

The Stated Clerk reported that a letter of transfer for the Rev. James Crook to Mecklenburg Presbytery had been sent on request. Presbytery approved the action of the Stated Clerk.

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Dr. H. B. Dendy, chairman of the Mountain Orphanage Board of Trustees, presented to Presbytery the Proposed Budget for 1953. It was adopted and is as follows:

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE, INC.
Proposed 1953 Budget
(12 Months)

Your Committee on the Budget submits herewith a statement showing:

In Column One—Budget Allowance for 1952.
In Column Two—Actual Net cost in 1952.
In Column Three—Recommended Budget for 1953.

	Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION			
Salaries	6,200.00	$5,139.23	$5,400.00
Insurance	1,400.00	1,385.53	1,400.00
Finance and Publicity	900.00	1,063.48	1,000.00
Travel	700.00	879.48	800.00
Office Expenses	625.00	789.29	800.00
INSTITUTIONAL CARE OF CHILDREN			
Salaries of Matrons	7,000.00	6,587.04	7,000.00
Food Purchased	5,500.00	5,242.80	5,500.00
Clothing, etc. Purchased	1,700.00	1,817.98	2,000.00
Household Supplies	1,400.00	1,368.97	1,400.00
Travel	1,000.00	690.14	800.00
Other Costs	400.00	385.33	500.00
Health	500.00	379.10	500.00
Education	650.00	558.70	650.00
PLANT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE			
Salaries, Wages	1,200.00	1,145.76	1,200.00
Fuel, Water, Lights, Etc.	4,000.00	3,470.23	3,800.00
Replacement and Repairs			
Current	700.00	796.32	1,200.00
Depreciation Reserve	———	———	1,800.00*
FARM OPERATIONS			
Salaries, Wages	1,800.00	1,468.73	1,600.00
Feed, Seed, upplies, Stc.	3,500.00	3,588.62	3,500.00
Replacement and Repairs			
Current	1,000.00	730.85	600.00
Depreciation Reserve	———	———	900.00*
TOTALS	40,150.00	37,823.83	42,350.00**

*To be paid monthly into reserve account for use as ordered by Board at subsequent meetings, for purposes indicated.

**The increase is accounted for by setting up a Depreciation

Reserve calling for annual payments of $2,700.00, leaving net comparable figure of $39,650.00, $500.00 LESS than amount approved for 1952.

SPECIAL COMMISSION

The Rev. W. W. Preston, chairman of the Commission to Install the Rev. George Bird Talbot as pastor of the Swannanoa Church, read the report of the Commission and it was admitted to record.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. GEORGE BIRD TALBOT AS PASTOR OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SWANNANOA, NORTH CAROLINA

The Commission met in the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church at 7:15 P. M. on October 26th, 1952. The following members of the Commission were present: Rev. W. W. Preston, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. Robert A. Potter, Elder L. Nelson Bell, M. D., and Elder Edward G. Roberts. The Commission was called to order by Rev. W. W. Preston, Chairman, and Rev. H. B. Dendy was elected Secretary.

At 7:30 the Commission met with the congregation and pastor in the auditorium of the Church where the following service for the installation of Rev. George Bird Talbot as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa, North Carolina was carried out.

Immediately after this service the Commission read its minutes. The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. W. W. Preston.

W. W. PRESTON, *Chairman.*
H. B. DENDY, *Secretary.*

The Stated Clerk read the report of the Commission to Install the Rev. R. M. Hart, pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian Church, and it was admitted to record.

COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. R. M. HART HIGHLANDS, N. C., NOVEMBER 16, 1952

A commission consisting of the following members met in the "session room" of the Highlands Presbyterian Church, Highlands, N. C., Sunday evening, November 16: Rev. Robert B. DuPree, Moderator; Rev. E. B. Robinson, Rev. John Douglas Smith, Clerk; Dr. R. E. McClure, Mr. Holland McSwain, Dr. C. J. Anderson.

The commission was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Robert B. DuPree, and prayer was offered by Rev. John Douglas Smith. It was moved, seconded, and passed that Rev. John Douglas Smith act as clerk for the commission.

Following an impressive worship service over which Rev. Robert DuPree presided, an instructive and edifying sermon was preached by Rev. E. B. Robinson on the subject of "The Holy Spirit."

The service of installation was conducted by:

Rev. Robert DuPree, who propounded the constitutional questions to the pastor and congregation, and then led in prayer.

Rev. John Douglas Smith, who delivered a charge to the pastor.

Rev. R. E. McClure, who delivered a charge to the congregation.

Following the singing of an hymn, the newly installed pastor, Rev. Robert M. Hart, concluded the service with the apostolic benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN DOUGLAS SMITH, *Clerk.*

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Evangelism—The Rev. Malcolm Williamson, chairman of the Special Committee on Evangelism, presented a report on plans to promote a Presbytery wide "Visitation Evangelism Week," March 1-6. The plan was adopted, with recommendation as follows:

(a) That a Presbytery wide rally be held Sunday, March 1st, 3:00 P. M., in First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, and that the details of the program be left to the Rev. Malcolm Williamson and Dr. W. H. McCorkle.

(b) That Presbytery engage in a season of prayer in the interest of the special evangelistic effort.

2. Defense Service—The Rev. W. G. Somerville, chairman of Defense Service Council, presented a report, which was adopted with the recommendations, and it is as follows:

DEFENSE SERVICE

More than 2,000,000 young men have been drafted into the armed forces of the United States since 1950. Add to this number those who have volunteered and we see how important is the work of the Defense Service Council. These young men need our ministry that the lost may be won to Christ and the Christians strengthened. Many need help in choosing their life work.

The Chief of Chaplains stated recently that 200 additional Protestant Chaplains would be needed for the year beginning January 1st, 1953. The Chaplaincy presents a great challenge to the ministers of our Church. We recommend:

1. That the churches of the Asheville Presbytery be asked to pray for the work of our Chaplains.

2. That the attention of the Presbytery be called to the action of the General Assembly of 1952 regarding financial support of the Defense Service Council recorded on page 74 of the Minutes.

W. G. SOMERVILLE, *Chairman.*

3. Radio—The Rev. H. V. Lofquist, chairman, did not have a report for this meeting of Presbytery.

4. Christian Relations—The Rev. R. E. McClure, chairman, presented a report, which was received as information.

WORLD MISSIONS

The Stated Clerk read to Presbytery a communication he had received from the Rev. Don Williams, one of our missionaries to Brazil. It was received as information.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted: 1. The Rev. M. R. Williamson to fill the unexpired term of the late Dr. Wilds as trustee of Davidson College, 1956. 2. The term of Dr. C. Grier Davis as trustee of Davidson College to expire 1955. 3. The Rev. M. R. Williamson to serve as Stated Clerk, 1956. 4. The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Permanent Clerk, 1955. 5. The Rev. Warren F. Thuston to fill the unexpired term of the late Dr. Wilds on the Annuities and Relief Committee, 1955. 6. The Rev. Paul N. Gresham to serve as Chairman of the Annuities and Relief Committee, 1953.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Dr. C. Grier Davis, chairman, presented the following report, which was admitted to record:

REPORT ON THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK TO ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY, JANUARY 13, 1953, SWANNANOA, N. C.

The Commission on the Minister and His Work has held frequent meetings during the last three months. All of our efforts have been directed toward helping vacant churches to secure pastors. We are happy to report that, when all of the men who have been called and have accepted the calls have been installed as pastors of the churches, for the first time in many years our Presbytery will have a pastor for every church.

Rev. Warren F. Thuston has accepted the call to the First Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, N. C. and will be received under the care of Presbytery today.

Rev. Paul F. Warren has accepted a call to begin a new church in North Asheville and will be received today.

The following men have accepted calls to the churches indicated and will be installed as pastors after they have graduated from the theological seminary in June:

Mr. Archie C. Graham of Louisville Theological Seminary has accepted a call to the Hazelwood and Bethel Presbyterian Churches.

Mr. George N. Clayman of Louisville Theological Seminary has accepted a call to the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church.

Mr. J. Bryan Hatchett of Columbia Theological Seminary to the Franklin Presbyterian Church.

The Commission has found the calls to Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Rev. Paul F. Warren, Mr. Archie C. Graham, and Mr. George N. Clayman in order and recommends that Ashevivlle Presbytery place these calls in the hands of the ministers to whom they have been extended.

CALLS FOR PASTORAL SERVICES

1. The call from the Hendersonville Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Warren F. Thuston, the terms of which are $5,000.00 in regular monthly payments and a manse and a sum equivalent to 7½% of the salary into the ministers' annuity fund, was placed in the hands of Mr. Thuston.

After indicating his acceptance of the call, the following commission was appointed to install him pastor of the Hendersonville Church, February 1, 1953, 7:30 P. M.: the Rev. C. Grier Davis, chairman; the Rev. Ferguson Wood, of Johnson City, Tenn., to preach the sermon; the Rev. H. B. Dendy to charge the congregation; Dr. L. Nelson Bell, to charge the pastor; the Rev. John D. Smith, of Brevard, and elder J. L. Gash, of the Etowah Church, to serve as additional members of the Commission.

2. The call from the Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery for the establishment of a church in North Asheville to Rev. Paul F. Warren was read and

placed in his hands. The call was accepted by Mr. Warren. The terms of the call are as follows: (a) $3,600.00 in regular monthly payments and a manse from the Home Mission Committee, and $1,200.00 in regular monthly payments from the funds by the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville for the North Asheville project. (b) The Home Mission Committee will pay a sum equivalent to 7½% of the salary basis of $4,800.00, plus 15% of the salary basis into the ministers' annuity fund.

AMENDMENTS TO BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

A consideration of the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order were docketed until the Spring meeting of Presbytery, 1953. The following committee was appointed to make a study of the proposed amendments and to bring a report to the Spring meeting of Presbytery: the Rev. Geo. Bird Talbot, the Rev. John R. Williams, and the Rev. W. H. Armistead.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures—The Rev. W. G. Somerville reported that no matters has been placed in their hands.

2. Judiciary—The Rev. Everett Brown reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Minutes of Synod—The Rev. Robert Collins presented the report of this Committe, which was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod would call to the attention of the Presbytery the recommendations of the Synod's Committee on Christian Education, found on pages 20-22 of the Minutes for 1952. Special attention is called to recommendations 10, which reads: The Budget Committee of Presbytery is asked to make special note of recommendations 16, 17, found on page 22.

Members of Presbytery are encouraged to study the Minutes of Synod in order to obtain a more thorough knowledge of the total work of Synod.

Respectfully,
ROBERT R. COLLINS, *Chairman.*

4. Resolutions—The Rev. H. V. Lofquist presented the report of the Resolutions Committee, which was adopted as follows:

The Presbytery of Asheville herewith expresses to Rev. G. B. Talbot, pastor, and the officers and members of the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church our heartfelt thanks for their generous hospitality. We have been sumptuously fed by the Women of the Church and express to them our appreciation. May God bless you with the gifts of His grace in recompense for your good service.

H. V. LOFQUIST, *Chairman.*

PLACE OF MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its Stated Spring meeting in the Highlands Church, Tuesday after the third Sunday, April 21, 1953, 10:00 A. M.

SPECIAL PRAYER

Presbytery engaged in a season of special prayer in behalf of our country and for the President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower, and his associates.

MINUTES APPROVED

The Minutes of Presbytery were read by the Permanent Clerk and were approved as corrected, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Rev. C. Grier Davis at the request of the Moderator, Dr. L. Nelson Bell.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1941 Spring	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	—Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell

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Highlands, North Carolina

April 21, 1953

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

A. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY:

1. **Moderator**—Rev. W. M. Fountain, Asheville, N. C.
2. **Stated Clerk**—M. R. Williamson, 1955.
3. **Permanent Clerk**—W. G. Thomas, 1955.
4. **Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences**—R. E. McClure, 1955.

B. TRUSTEES:

1. Presbytery Trustees: W. H. McMurray, 1956; J. J. Stone, 1954; Geo. H. Wright, Chairman 1955.
2. Davidson College Trustees: C. Grier Davis, 1956; Malcolm R. Williamson, 1955.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:

1. **Home Missions:** C. G. Davis, Chairman, 1956; P. N. Gresham, 1956; Forest R. Gardner, 1956; Geo H. Wright, 1956; J. R. McGregor, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1954; R. P. Booth, 1954; W. G. Lingo, 1954; B. L. McGlamery, 1955; C. D. Thomas, 1955; J. D. Smith, 1955; W. G. Somerville, 1955.
2. **The Mountain Orphanage:** H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1956; R. J. Sprang, 1956; E. K. Brown, 1956; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1956; Mrs. E. G. Simmons, 1954; J. R. McGregor, 1954; E. G. Roberts, 1954; R. L. Prevost, 1954; Mrs. F. A. Plummer, 1955; W. W. Preston, 1955; C. C. Demaree, 1955; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1955.
3. **Christian Education:**
   a. **Educational Institutions:** Holland McSwain, 1956; H. V. Lofquist, 1954; R. M. Hart, 1955.
   b. **Candidates for the Ministry:** Frank O. Brown, 1956; C. G. Worley, 1954; John R. Williams, Chairman, 1955.
   c. **Religious Education:** W. M. Fountain, 1956; Walter Harbin, 1954; G. B. Talbot, 1956; James B. Light, 1954; John D. Smith, 1954; J. C. Lime, 1954; C. A. Stubbs, 1954; Walter Abernathy, 1955; R. A. Potter, 1955; Robert R. Collins, 1955; W. W. Preston, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; and Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship and Executive Secretary.

D. COMMISSIONS:

1. **The Minister and His Work:** J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1956; W. G. Thomas, 1956; L. Nelson Bell, 1954; W. W. Preston, 1954; Hugh Lamb, 1955; Warren Thuston, 1955.

E. 1. **Nominations:** H. B. Dendy, 1956; Edward G. Roberts, 1954; J. J. Stone, 1954; Robert A. Potter, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955.

2. **Presbytery Council:**
   a. **Program and Publicity (Sub-Committee):** R. E. McClure, 1956, Sub-Chairman; F. A. Plummer, 1955; P. N. Gresham, 1955; and the following: ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk.
   b. **Budget (Sub-Committee):** Chas. Pettit, 1956; J. O. Williams, 1954; J. C. Neville, 1954; E. C. Conrad, 1954; John R. Williams, 1954; J. C. Lime, Chairman Full Committee, 1954; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk and Executive Secretary.
3. **World Missions:** Frank O. Brown, 1956; R. T. Reed, 1954; W. H. Armistead, 1954; W. M. Fountain, 1955; L. Nelson Bell, Chairman, 1955.
4. **Church Extension—six sub-committees:**
   a. **Assembly's Home Missions:** L. R. Nichols, 1954; J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1955.
   b. **Evangelism:** C. W. Solomon, 1956; M. R. Williamson, Chairman, 1954.
   c. **Christian Relations:** Robert R. Collins, Chairman, 1956; Geo. H. Wright, 1954.
   d. **Radio:** H. V. Lofquist, Chairman, 1956; Emerson Rose, 1954. Rose, 1954.
   e. **Negro Work:** J. C. Lime, Chairman, 1956; W. C. Dillingham, 1955.
   f. **Defense Service:** James B. Light, 1956; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.
5. **Annuities and Relief:** P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1956; J. H. Flanagan, 1954; Warren L. Thuston, 1955.
6. **Woman's Work:** Paul Warren, 1956; C. D. Richmond, 1954; R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1955.

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STATED SPRING MEETING

Asheville Presbytery

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Spring meeting at the Highlands Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, April 21st at 10:00 o'clock. Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, Dr. L. N. Bell and constituted with prayer. After reading appropriate passages of Scripture Dr. Bell delivered an excellent sermon on the theme: "Reasons why we Evangelicals believe in the Virgin birth of Christ."

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion service was conducted by the Rev. R. M. Hart and the Rev. Paul Warren assisted by ruling elders C. D. Richmond, F. B. Gardner, H. P. Mitchell, and Sidney McCarty.

Following the Communion service a memorial to the late Rev. Jones Earl Corwin was read by the Rev. W. W. Preston. The memorial was adopted and Presbytery engaged in prayer for the family of the deceased. The prayer was led by the Rev. E. K. Brown. A copy of the memorial was directed to be sent to the family and is printed herewith:

The Rev. Jones Earl Corwin, a member of Asheville Presbytery, passed on to be with the Lord February 3, 1953. In so going the Kingdom lost a good warrior and true preacher of the gospel.

Mr. Corwin was born in Blanchester, Ohio, April 11, 1880, the son of William Henry Corwin and the former Adda Luella Jones. He was a graduate of business college in Cincinnati, Ohio and before entering the ministry he did bookkeeping and accounting. He married Louise May Montgomery of Montgomery, West Virginia, May 5, 1915. He attended Moody Bible Institute from 1916 to 1918 and studied at McCormick Theological Seminary. Mr. Corwin was ordained in November of 1918 by the Northern Baptist Convention, Aurora Association in which he served until 1922. He served in U. S. A. Presbyterian churches from 1922 to 1939 including pastorates at Grace Church, Peoria, Illinois; First Church, Pana, Illinois and First Church Fulton, Illinois. He was honorably retired by the Presbytery of Rock River and was in the Presbyterian Church U. S. since October 1949. He served as supply in various churches, in West Texas Presbytery. He lived at Harlington, Texas five years.

Rev. Corwin did a great deal of evangelistic work holding meetings in numerous places. He was assisted by his wife who is a talented musician. In 1950 the Corwins came to Black Mountain, N. C. to retire.

Brother Corwin never actually retired but soon after his arrival in Asheville Presbytery began filling vacant pulpits and was called to be the Stated Supply Pastor of the Etowah Presbyterian Church. He was active in religious and civic activities of Black Mountain until the time of his going to Duke University Hospital in November 1952.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Jones Earl Corwin, Jr. of Alexandria, Virginia, a daughter Mrs. Tindall P. Jones of San Angelo, Texas and six grandchildren.

Mr. Corwin was an able and faithful preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ and has received his Lord's "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, E. K. Brown, Frank O. Brown, W. P. Chedester, Robert R. Collins, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, W. M. Fountain, P. N. Gresham, Robert M. Hart, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, W. G. Somerville, J. D. Smith, G. B. Talbot, W. G. Thomas, John R. Williams, Malcolm R. Williamson, and Paul Warren (22).

The following ruling elders were present:

Arden, Charles Dunn; Asheville First, Arthur Eave; Brevard-Davidson River, W. B. Clark; Brittain Cove, W. W. Brittain; Bryson City, Kelly Bennett; Black Mountain, E. E. White; Bethel, George Blalock; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Franklin, George E. Brown; Friendship, R. A. Hardwick; Hazelwood, W. B. Winchester; Highlands, Sidney McCarty; Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Malvern Hills, John C. Russell; Mills River, Alec Clark; Montreat, Dr. L. N. Bell; Murphy, E. H. Brumby; Oak Forest, E. J. Duckworth; Swannanoa, O. L. Merchant; Sylva, D. B. Hooper; Waynesville, R. H. Gibson; Weaverville, R. T. Reed; West Asheville, H. P. Mitchell; and Hendersonville, J. H. Flanagan (26).

The following brethren were excused from attendance: R. C. Anderson, Kenneth Foreman, J. R. McGregor, J. C. Neville, C. W. Solomon, T. G. Tate, and W. F. Thuston.

Visiting brethren introduced were: Dr. Geza Soos of the Reformed Evangelical Church, Hungary; Dr. Benjamin Bush, Presbytery of Detroit, U. S. A. Ruling Elder F. B. Gardner of the Hendersonville Church was also introduced together with John Lawson a deacon.

The Rev. Paul Warren presented to Presbytery a group of men who had come to present a petition for the organization of a Church in North Asheville. Those present were Joe T. Hunter, W. H. Arthur, Leon Watson, G. Henderson, William Tucker, Mark Sumner and Graham Morrison.

Mr. Archie Graham, a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under the care of Mobile Presbytery, and George Clayman, a candidate under the care of Holston Presbytery were also introduced. Harry E. Barkley, Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage; and J. O. Williams, an elder in the Black Mountain Church; John Johnson, a deacon; and Mrs. R. E. McClure, President of the Women of the Presbytery, were likewise presented to Presbytery as guests.

The Rev. R. M. Hart, pastor of the host church, extended a cordial welcome to Presbytery, after which the Rev. W. M. Fountain was elected Moderator of the Presbytery.

Presbytery by unanimous vote expressed its appreciation to the retiring moderator, Dr. L. N. Bell, for the excellent sermon of the morning.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. R. M. Hart, host pastor, presented the report of the Program Committee and recommended that the printed docket be followed with the request that the first order after lunch be the hearing of the sermons of the candidates who were appearing for licensure, and that the examinations for licensure follow immeditely. Also there was fixed a time for hearing a report on the Negro Work Campaign. The report was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented to Presbytery a Petition bearing 92 signatures requesting that Presbytery organize

a Presbyterian Church in North Asheville to be known as the Grace Covenant Church. Presbytery granted the request as set forth in the Petition and appointed a commission to organize such a church on Sunday afternoon, May 3rd, 1953 at five o'clock in the afternoon. The following commission was appointed: The Rev. R. E. McClure to preside, the Rev. C. Grier Davis to preach the sermon and the Rev. H. B. Dendy, the Rev. P. N. Gresham, the Rev. J. R. McGregor, the Rev. W. G. Thomas, and ruling elders R. R. Williams, George Wright, and F. A. Plummer to complete the commission.

REPORT OF STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk presented his financial report for the year ending March 31st, 1953, the report was placed in the hands of the sub-committee on budget for audit. The report is as follows:

STATED CLERK AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance April 1st, 1952	$1,530.33
Receipts from Churches	
West Asheville	$ 72.00
Mills River	16.77
Friendship	35.69
Kenilworth	183.00
Brevard	88.75
(Above on past year accounts)	
Mills River	17.08
West Asheville	75.03
Hendersonville	218.07
Asheville First	274.50
Kenilworth	181.78
Robbinsville	4.88
Arden	46.36
Black Mountain	93.94
Hazelwood	23.79
Bethel	19.33
Highlands	21.35
Etowah	15.36
Murphy	16.93
Sylva	15.86
Andrews	13.12

Malvern Hills	48.13
Waynesville	81.74
Oak Forest	46.43
Weaverville	110.41
Swannanoa	44.29
Bryson City	26.84
Montreat	41.18
Ivy Park	6.10
Canton	71.89
Dillingham	21.90
Total	$1,932.70

Disbursements

E. C. Scott (Assembly Tax)	$ 894.27
The Inland Press	437.18
M. R. Williamson, S. C.	200.00
W. G. Thomas, P. C.	50.00
D. R. Greenhoe (Synod's Tax)	141.74
Christian Observer (Obituary Notice)	43.86
Presbyterian Book Store (Supplies)	7.26
M. R. Williamson (Postage and Supplies)	14.00
Total disbursements	$1,768.31
Balance April 1st, 1952	$1,530.33
Receipts	1,932.70
Total	$3,463.03
Disbursements	1,768.31
Balance April 1st, 1953	$1,694.72

The Stated Clerk recommended that the per capita tax for this year remain at 30½ cents but inasmuch as this is a nine month year that churches be billed for only 3/4 of the annual assessment. The recommendation was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures*—Rev. R. A. Potter, Arthur Eave, and Kelly Bennett.
2. *Judiciary*—Rev. Henry Dendy, J. H. Flanagan, and W. C. Dillingham.

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3. *Records of Sessions*—Rev. H. V. Lofquist, Rev. W. G. Somerville, Rev. Frank Brown, Rev. J. C. Lime, Rev. Robert Collins, L. N. Bell, H. P. Mitchell, W. P. Barnes, and O. L. Merchant.

4. *Resolutions*—Rev. Paul Warren, W. W. Preston, and John Russell.

STATISTICAL REPORT

The Stated Clerk read his Statistical Report to Presbytery stating that it was incomplete due to the fact that a few churches had not turned in their reports. He was instructed by Presbytery to forward the report to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly when completed.

The following Churches upon request were granted permission to increase their pastors' salaries: Bryson City, $300; Waynesville, $200; Brevard-Davidson River, $250; Murphy, $900 bringing the Church to self-support; Swannanoa, $300; Black Mountain, $300; and Canton, $500.

Presbytery closed its morning session with prayer by the Rev. P. N. Gresham and recessed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 and was led in prayer by the Rev. W. H. Armistead. George N. Clayman, candidate for the ministry, preached before Presbytery on the subject: "The Great Comforts of the Holy Spirit" based upon the Scripture passage John 14:15-26.

Archie C. Graham, candidate for the ministry, preached on the subject, "Blue Prints of the Atonement" using as a text II Cor. 5:21.

Their letters of transfer from the Presbyteries of Holston and Mobile were read by the Stated Clerk and both candidates were received into Asheville Presbytery. Presbytery then examined the candidates with a view to their licensure and ordination. Their sermons were accepted as satisfactory. The Chairman of the examining committee stated that their papers including theses and exegesis had been examined and were satisfactory. Their college diplomas were accepted in lieu of an examination on academic studies and a letter from the registrar of Louisville

Theological Seminary stating that the two candidates were to graduate June 3rd was accepted as satisfactory for a diploma from the Seminary.

The moderator conducted the examination on Experimental Religion, the Rev. John R. Williams conducted the examination on Theology, the Rev. R. E. McClure the examination on the Sacraments, the Rev. P. N. Gresham the examination on Church Government, and the Rev. W. G. Somerville the examination on English Bible. The examinations were accepted as satisfactory and the questions for licensure were propounded by the moderator and were answered by the candidates in the affirmative.

Dr. Benjamin Bush of Detroit Presbytery delivered a charge to the candidates and offered prayer after which the moderator read the declaration from the Book of Church Order stating that they had been licensed to preach the gospel.

A call for the ministerial labors of George N. Clayman from the Oak Forest Church was read and the call accepted by Mr. Clayman. The call promised a salary of $3,800 in regular monthly payments, a manse, and 7½ per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund.

Presbytery appointed the following commission to ordain and install Mr. Clayman in the Oak Forest Church: Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. D. Smith, Rev. W. M. Fountain, Rev. Paul Warren, and Ruling Elders E. G. Roberts and George H. Wright. The time to be fixed by the commission and the pastor-elect.

Calls for the ministerial labors of Archie C. Graham were read from the Hazelwood and Bethel Churches which calls were accepted by him. The calls promise from the Hazelwood Church a salary of $2,500 and a manse with 7½ per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund, and from the Bethel Church a salary of $1,100 and 7½ per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund. The salaries to be paid on a monthly basis.

A commission was appointed to ordain and install Mr. Graham as pastor of the Hazelwood and Bethel Churches at a joint meeting of the two congregations in the

Hazelwood Church on Sunday evening, April 26, 1953. The commission appointed is as follows: Rev. R. E. McClure to preside and propound the constitutional questions, the Rev. C. Grier Davis to preach, the Rev. W. J. Gammon to deliver the charge to the congregation, and the Rev. M. R. Williamson as alternate. Ruling Elder L. Nelson Bell to charge the pastor, Clifton Terrell an alternate, and Baxter B. Wilson of Mecklenburg Presbytery and father-in-law of the pastor-elect to be invited to sit with the commission.

RECEPTION OF DR. SOOS

Dr. Geza Soos, a professor at Montreat College, and an ordained Minister of the Reformed Evangelical Church in Hungary, was presented to the Presbytery by Dr. Benjamin Bush. Dr. Bush stated that Dr. Soos would like to be received into Asheville Presbytery and inasmuch as he could not obtain a letter of transfer from his Presbytery in Hungary that he would vouch for him. Dr. Bush paid high tribute to the character and Christian zeal of Dr. Soos having had personal contact with him during the time he was studying for the ministry. Dr. Soos presented his college and Seminary diplomas in evidence of his having completed his courses of study.

The Moderator examined Dr. Soos on Experimental Religion and in answer to the questions he gave a beautiful testimonial of his Christlike devotion to God and of his love for Christ as his personal saviour. The Rev. John R. Williams conducted the examination on Theology, that on the Sacraments was conducted by the Rev. R. E. McClure, and that on Church Government was conducted by the Rev. P. N. Gresham.

The examinations were sustained as satisfactory and Dr. Soos was received into Asheville Presbytery upon his signing the "ex Animo" statement.

REPORTS

The Rev. P. N. Gresham made the report for the Committee on Annuities and Relief. The report stated that during the year $3,515 had been sent by the committee to seven people within the bounds of our Presbytery. The report was received as information and the recommendation that applications for appropriations for widows and orphans remain the same as last year was adopted. The committee also expressed the hope that the Joy Gift will again be sufficient to supplement these appropriations.

Mr. H. E. Barkley spoke briefly on the work at the Mountain Orphanage.

The Rev. J. C. Lime called attention to the Campaign for Negro Work and Presbytery approved the quota assigned for our Presbytery and urged that we make every effort to see that the total amount is raised.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. H. B. Dendy made the report for the Nominating Committee. The report was adopted and printed in the directory of this issue of the Minutes of Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on the Proposed Amendments to the Book of Church Order was made by the Rev. G. B. Talbot. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

Your Committee met in Black Mountain on April 18th and carefully considered each of the seven proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order.

We recommend to Asheville Presbytery that amendment 1, pertaining to paragraph 70 in the Book of Church Order, be disapproved. Likewise that amendment 5, pertaining to paragraph 263 in the Book of Church Order, be disapproved.

We recommend that the other proposed amendments, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. TALBOT, Chairman,
W. H. ARMISTEAD,
J. R. WILLIAMS.

The Rev. E. K. Brown reported on the Mountain Orphanage. The report was received as information.

INSTALLATION OF REV. W. F. THUSTON

The Stated Clerk read a report of the Commission appointed to install the Rev. Warren F. Thuston, pastor of the Hendersonville Presbyterian Church. The report was received and admitted to record:

Presbytery's Committee to install the Rev. Warren F. Thuston in the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, N. C., February 1, 1953, met in the Session Room prior to the service where Rev. C. Grier Davis presided and Rev. John D. Smith was elected secretary.

The following members were present: Mr. Harold Flanagan, Rev. John D. Smith, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. Henry Dendy, Rev. Ferguson Wood, Rev. Warren Thuston, Dr. L. Nelson Bell. Rev. Henry Dendy opened the meeting with prayer.

Following an impressive worship service conducted by Rev. C. Grier Davis, the installation service proceeded according to schedule. A moving sermon by Rev. Ferguson Wood was heard.

The constitutional questions were propounded by Rev. C. Grier Davis; the charge was given to the pastor by Dr. L. Nelson Bell; the charge was given to the congregation by Rev. Henry Dendy; the prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Ferguson Wood; and following the singing of several hymns during which time the congregation filed by congratulating the pastor and wife (who stood at the front). Rev. Warren F. Thuston, the newly installed pastor, pronounced the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN D. SMITH, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, made his report which was adopted and is as follows:

The attached sheets summarize the accounts handled by the Executive Secretary, as follows:

The Mountain Orphanage, Administration Account.
The Mountain Orphanage, Investment Account.
The Home Mission Committee, General Account.
The Home Mission Committee, North Asheville Account.
The Religious Education Committee.
The Central Treasury Account.

Each of the above accounts has been audited and a copy of the audit is filed with the Stated Clerk.

Each Church was furnished a summary statement of amount contributed by the church for Benevolences and how same were disbursed.

A complete and detailed account, by churches, of receipts is published in the April 1953 issue of OUR MOUNTAIN WORK.

The attached sheets are submitted for adoption and printing in the Minutes of Asheville Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. MCCLURE, Executive Secretary.

April 21, 1953.

Financial Statement—THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE
Year Ending Dec. 31, 1952.
Based on Official Auditor's Report of Administration Account

RECEIPTS			
January 1, 1952:			
Bank Balance		$3,162.15	
Reserve for 1951 Accts. Payable		830.16	2,331.99
Churches of Presbytery		27,870.81	
Duke Endowment		1,542.31	
Legacies, Trust Accounts		1,888.23	
Parents and Relatives		1,936.60	
Others		1,958.63	
Interest on Endowments and Special Funds		1,191.72	
Farm Sales		191.87	
Money Borrowed:			
Bank	1,188.00		
Investment Account	5,550.00	6,738.00	
Refunds		30.37	43,348.56
Reserve for 1951 Accts. Payable			830.16
Total Available Funds			$46,510.71
DISBURSEMENTS			
Administration Costs		9,257.02	
Institutional Care of Children		16,092.26	
Health		379.10	
Education, including Conferences, etc.		558.70	
Plant Operation and Maintenance		5,412.31	
Farm Operation		5,788.20	
Loans Repaid:			
Bank	1,188.00		
Investment Account	5,550.00	6,738.00	
Extra Institutional Care (College)		152.00	
Capital Expenditures*		189.25	
Paid on 1951 Accounts Payable		830.16	45,397.00
December 31, 1952, Bank Balance, verified			1,113.71

*Part of the cost of finishing Apartment over Service Building.

NOTE: Disbursements were itemized in report in January. Auditor's report corrected one item as printed by addition of one cent.

Financial Statement—THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE
Year Ending Dec. 31, 1952.
Based on Official Auditor's Report of Investment Account

RECEIPTS			
January 1, 1952:			
Bank Balances—Checking		$ 9,336.56	
Savings		842.49	10,179.05
Received on Mortgage Loans:			
Principal	1,839.06		
Interest, to Administration	839.39		
Interest, R. P. Smith Fund	311.19	2,989.64	
Received on Temporary Loans:			
Advance to Superintendent for Building Expenses	600.00		
Current Expenses	5,550.00	6,150.00	
Settlement, Sale Property, 5th Avenue:			
Insurance Refund	5.71		
Net from sale	348.13	353.84	
Tax Reserve, Tucker Mortgage		84.63	
Interest on Savings		20.64	
Capital Increases:			
R. P. Smith Fund	20.00		
In Lieu of Flowers	1,697.25		
Lawrence Fund	164.09	1,881.34	11,680.09
Total To Be Accounted For			21,859.14
DISBURSEMENTS			
Loans to Current Expenses, Administration Acct.		5,550.00	
Purchased, Farm Combine	1,266.98		
Farm Truck	1,629.50	2,896.48	
Finished Apt., Service Bldg.		429.61	
Legal Services, re Fifth Avenue	105.00		
Insurance on Fifth Avenue	4.82	109.82	
Refund, overpayment Moore Mortgage		49.93	
Paid Interest to Administration Acct.		839.39	
Refund, Contributions "In Lieu of Flowers"		110.00	
Paid Taxes account Tucker Mortgage		82.47	
Expense—Josephine Packett:			

Erskine College	286.45		
Gorette Nichols—Nurses Training	104.75	391.20	
Printing Cards, "In Lieu of Flowers"		16.25	
Annuities:			
M. O. Dunham	151.00		
J. C. Kinloch	150.00		
Foster-Lewis	4.20	305.20	15,430.35
December 31, 1952—Verified Bank Balances:			
Checking		4,851.57	
Saving		1,027.22	5,878.79

ASSETS OF THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Plant Assets, as shown on report to Duke Endowment:			
Land	$40,000.00		
Buildings	160,000.00		
Equipment, Furniture, etc	16,129.25		
Live Stock		$218,940.00	$218,940.00
Assets examined by Auditor:			
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT:			
Balance in Bank: Checking	4,851.57		
Savings	1,027.22	5,878.79	
Mortgage Loans:			
Arden Manse	3,193.71		
T. W. Bremmer (Old Malvern Hills Manse)	4,488.15		
Dr. Wm. Hollister	1,821.36		
W. W. Tucker	874.66	10,377.88	
Stocks and Bonds:			
Kansas, Nebraska Nat'l Gas Company (par)	465.00		
Farmers Federation (par)	80.00		
U. S. Bond (cost)	74.00		
Haywood B. & L. Stocks	5,000.00	5,619.00	
Real Estate:			
Malvern Hills Property		6,350.00	28,225.67
Cash Balance, Administration Account			1,113.71
Total Verified Assets			248,279.38

Account written off books in 1950, admitted as due to us: Two Notes, with interest from March 10, at 6%		360.00
from March 10, 1941, at 6%		3.60.00
Total Known Assets		248,639.38

ASSETS IN INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Funded as follows:

Open Bequest Accounts	$1,201.18	(DEFICIT)	
Lillian Terry Fund	6,404.46		
R. P. Smith Fund	14,414.13		
In Lieu of Flowers	4,307.35		
Baby Cottage	30.90		
Lawrence Fund (New)	167.88		
Annuities:			
M. O. Dunham ($151.00)	1,773.53		
J. C. Kinloch ($150.00)	2,119.74		
Foster Lewis ($4.20)	208.86	$28,225.67	

Note Re: Stocks and Bonds:

Kansas, Nebraska Natural Gas—93 Shares has market value of $1,860.00. In 1952 the dividends on this stock was $78.12. This stock was a gift. The Building and Loan Stock was purchased during the year. The U. S. Bond matures in 1954 for $100.00. This bond was a gift.

Financial Statement—PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS
Based on Official Auditor's Report for year ending March 31, 1953

RECEIPTS

April 1, 1952:			
Cash Balance (Bank)	$3,054.14		
Less Reserve Funds	2,245.00	Oper. Bal.	$809.14
Churches of Presbytery		17,586.93	
Board of Church Extension		9,434.14	
Mountain Orphanage (One Half Office Expenses)		1,649.53	
Account Our Mountain Work		51.10	
Malvern Hills Church, on Mortgage Debt		935.00	
Sylva Church, on temporary loan		200.00	
Maxwell Fund Interest (North Asheville)		200.36	
Refunds		5.70	30,052.76
			30,861.90

DISBURSED

Executive Secretary:		
Salary	4,200.00	
House Allowance	900.00	
Expenses	569.10	
Ministers A. F.	382.50	6,051.60
Office Expenses:		
Secretary	2,400.00	
Other Expenses	953.14	3,353.14
Salaries, Ministers:		
Paid Direct	12,824.96	
Ministers A. F.	256.12	13,081.08
Students and Temporary Supplies		1,677.60
Minister's Annuity, 7½% for Com.		895.54
Our Mountain Work		2,020.20
Malvern Hills Debt		1,277.16
Maxwell Fund Interest, to Mt. Orphanage		200.36
To North Asheville Project		600.00
Franklin Church		500.00
Travel to Committee meetings, etc.		180.70
Painting Office		76.43
Social Security, Exec. Sec. and Off. Sec.		80.99
Permanent Office Equipment		24.82
Miscellaneous		2.40
Annual Audit		135.00
		30,157.02

Balance		704.88
Less funds designated for Grace Covenant Church		300.00
Available for use as working balance		404.68
ADD Reserve from 1952	2,245.00	
Designated contribution	300.00	2,545.00
March 31, 1953—Verified Bank Balance		2,949.88

Note: The Budget for 1952-1953 included $1,250.00 for North Asheville counting the $250.00 received from Board of Church Extension.

All obligations related to the Budget for 1952-1953 were met in full with the exception of this. The amount paid out to North Asheville was $600.00.

At the beginning of the year the anticipated revenue included promise of $1,000.00 to apply on Ministers' Salaries which did not materialize.

Financial Statement—HOME MISSION COMMITTEE
Year ending March 31, 1953, "North Asheville Project" Account
Auditor's Statement

April 1, 1952, Bank Balance			$ 266.52
RECEIVED			
Rent, Asheville Country Day School	$2,375.04		
Rent, Parking Lot, Dixie Home	370.00		
Contribution, Asheville First Church	1,992.00		
Balance, Sale Rivershore Property, Notes and interest	2,376.00		
Sale of Old Stove	6.00		
Administration Account of Presbytery's Home Mission Com.	600.00		
Contribution, individual	20.00		7,739.04
Total Funds Available			8,005.56
DISBURSED			
Imperial Life Ins. Co. Prin. and Int.	$2,975.00		
Board Church Extension Prin. and Int.	2,317.60		
Maxwell Fund, Int. Only	200.36		
Insurance on property	351.35		
Boiler Repairs	24.08		
State Inspection Fees	3.00	$5,871.39	
Work of New Church:			
Salary—Paul F. Warren	1,200.00		
Apartment Rent	250.00		
Minister's Annuity	103.50		
Moving Paul F. Warren	390.92		
Printing, Supplies, etc.	185.67	1,130.00	8,001.48
March 31, 1953, Bank Balance			$4.08

NOTE: Principal Payment to the Board of Church Extension, due February 28th, was deferred for ninety days by consent of the Board. Interest due on February 28th, was paid. Amount due May 28, 1953—$1,010.00,

IN ADDITION to other obligations due prior to December 30, 1953:

August 28, 1953	To Board of Church Extension	$1,113.60
Sept. 1, 1953	To Imperial Life Ins. Co.	1,450.00

Sept. 1, 1953	To Maxwell Fund, Int. Only	100.18
Sept. 1, 1953	Renewal Premiums on Insurance	351.35

Financial Statement—RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Year ending March 31, 1953
Auditor's Statement

This Committee's Financial Statement is independent this year for the first time, and began without a cash balance.

RECEIPTS			
Church of Presbytery	$1,180.53		
Synod's Committee	100.00		
Acct. Pioneer Camp (Fare on Chartered Bus, (Registration, Insurance)	167.59		
Acct. Senior Conference Registration, Insurance)	82.00		
Women of Presbytery	52.00	1,582.12	1,582.12
DISBURSED			
Senior Conference, 1952, 1953			
Insurance 1952—Delegates	41.00		
Net Cost 1952	427.90		
Advance Cost 1953	30.00	498.90	
Pioneer Camp, 1952, 1953			
Insurance 1952—Campers	49.50		
Chartered Bus	46.08		
Net Cost 1952	399.75		
Advance on 1953	36.65	531.98	
Vacation Church Schools			
Salary, Two Summer Workers	240.00		
Supplies	17.71	257.71	
Refund to Synod's Committee, requesting that it be allocated to Student Work, Sylva		100.00	1,338.59
March 31, 1953—Verified balance on hand			$193.53

Financial Statement—CENTRAL TREASURY BENEVOLENCES
March 31, 1953
Auditor's Statement

Cause	Balances 4-1-52	Receipts	Disbursements	Balances 3-31-53
World Missions, etc.	$517.94*	$12,779.23	$12,261.29	$
Church Extension		6,207.69	6,207.69	

Christian Education		1,829.67	1,829.67	
Annuities and Relief		4,594.81	4,594.81	
General Fund		3,176.25	3,174.25	
Inter-Church Agencies		142.19	142.19	
Mountain Orphanage		27,509.49	27,509.49	
Montreat College		2,810.99	2,810.99	
King College		2,756.11	2,756.11	
Union Seminary		1,050.33	1,050.33	
Louisville Seminary		450.20	450.00	
Stonewall Jackson Debt		203.00	203.00	
Religious Education—Snyod		1,303.44	1,303.44	
Religious Education—Presbytery		1,180.53	1,180.53	
Presbytery's Home Missions		16,663.98	16,663.98	
Miscellaneous		686.98	563.48	123.50
Operating Reserve	1,213.94		22.49	1,191.48
TOTALS	$696.00	$83,344.89	$82,725.94	$1,314.95

*Denotes Overpayment on previous year, adjusted in disbursements for 1952-53.

HOME MISSION REPORT

The Rev. R. E. McClure made the report for the Committee on Home Missions and the financial requests and budget for the church year adopted as follows:

We request that Asheville Presbytery recognize and approve the following status in the amounts and bases of salaries for men who received any part of their salary through the Home Mission Committee in 1952-1953 or will during the year ending December 31, 1953.

(For practical purposes all amounts are on a twelve month basis.)

	Paid by Field	Paid by Committee	Total
Executive Secretary, salary			
R. E. McClure		$4,200.00	$4,200.00
(house allowance)		900.00	900.00
Andrews, Robbinsville			
J. C. Neville	1,800.00*	1,800.00	3,600.00
Arden			
R. A. Potter	2,760.00*	840.00	3,600.00
Dillingham, Ivy Park			
W. G. Somerville	1,731.00*	1,869.00	3,600.00
Franklin			

J. Bryan Hatchett, Pastor-Elect	3,076.92*	223.08	3,300.00
Friendship			
W. H. Armistead	1,500.00	1,514.00	3,114.00
(Friendship Church $950.00; Montreat Church $550.00)			
Malvern Hills			
W. M. Fountain	1,800.00	1,800.00	3,600.00
Murphy ACCEPTING FULL SELF SUPPORT			
Frank O. Brown	3,600.00*	———	3,600.00**
Sylva			
Robert R. Collins	900.00*	2,400.00	3,300.00**
(Manse at Sylva being built by church)			

*Church furnishes Manse. **Subject to increase to $3,450.00 effective July 1, 1953.

Grace Covenant			
Paul F. Warren	———	4,800.00	4,800.00

After organization the Church will provide living quarters. The Committee to pay full salary until December 31, 1953.

NOTE: By special contributions from their Budget, the First Presbyterian Church promises to pay to the Committee $2,000.00 during the nine months to December 31, 1953, to apply on this salary.

The Home Mission Committee submits to Asheville Presbytery the following Budget for approval for the year April 1-December 31, 1953:

Executive Secretary—		
Salary	$3,150.00	
House	675.00	
Expenses	500.00	
M. A. F.	290.00	$4,615.00
Office Expenses—		
Secretary	1,800.00	
Other Costs	900.00	2,700.00
Annual Audit		135.00
Ministers Salaries	10,000.00	
Ministers A. Fund on same	862.50	10,862.50
Temporary Supplies, Students, etc.		2,700.00
Our Mountain Work		1,800.00
Pledge to Franklin		100.00
Malvern Hills Property Interest		254.00
Miscellaneous Reserve, Moving Men, Office		

Repairs, Permanent Office Equipment, etc.	900.00	$24,066.50
Anticipated Income		
Churches of Presbytery	$13,500.00	
Board Church Extension	8,271.00	
Mountain Orphanage	1,350.00	
Miscellaneous Designated Gifts	500.00	
Possible economies in commitments not called for account vacant fields and other adjustments	500.00	24,121.00

Note: Office repairs contemplated two years ago but not carried out will be about $200.00 as soon as Committee feels it possible to lay a tile floor and care for other details related thereto.

A request from the Home Mission Committee that Presbytery approve an acceptance of a gift of $1,000 from the Committee on Church Extension to be applied on the purchase of a lot adjacent to the property now owned in North Asheville was granted.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was made by the Rev. E. K. Brown. Recommendations adopted are as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We recommend:

1. That a Vacation Bible School be conducted in every church and chapel within the Presbytery during the coming summer.

2. That pastors and sessions be urged to encourage all Vacation Bible School teachers and workers to attend at least one of the Vacation Bible School institutes, sponsored by Synod's R. E. Committee, to be conducted in our Presbytery:

Saturday, May 9, Bryson City Church, 10:30 — 3:30.
Monday, May 11, Hendersonville Church, 7:00 P .M.
Tuesday, May 12, First Church, Asheville, 7:00 P. M.

3. That pastors and sessions support the youth activities of the summer months:

Pioneer Camp at Camp Hope, June 8-13.
Senior Conference at Montreat, June 15-19.
Synod's Youth Conference at Montreat, June 10-15.

4. That, wherever possible, Day Camps and Story Hours be promoted by the churches during the vacation period.

5. That every church send a delegation of men to the Men of the Presbytery meeting to be held at the Mountain Orphanage, Black Mountain, N. C., Friday, May 1st, 7:00 o'clock.

6. That pastors and sessions promote the attendance of the men to the Synod's Men's Conference to be held at Montreat, August 29-30.

7. That the churches of Asheville Presbytery arrange with our Regional Director of Christian Education, Rev. I. M. Ellis, 620 State Street, Knoxville, Tenn., to conduct a church school clinic in their church. (A clinic is a critical examination of the educational program of the church by qualified Christian educators and the formation of plans to improve the church's educational program.)

8. That the churches which do not have a regular church school worker's Conference be encouraged to investigate the possibilties of using this as a means for planning the educational work of the church and for training leaders.

9. That where there are a number of churches in the same immediate area, they be encouraged to cooperate in putting on a Leadership School. The areas should investigate the possibilties of inter-denominational schools. Help in planning for Leadership Schools can be secured from the Regional Director or from Dr. David B. Walthall, Leadership Department, Board of Christian Education, 8 North 6th Street, Richmond, Va.

10. That the churches of Asheville Presbytery take advantage of the excellent Leadership School at Montreat, which is sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. The dates for the school this year are June 30-July 9.

11. That the action of our committee to provide scholarships to the Leadership School and to the Superintendents' Conference at Montreat this summer be approved. The scholarship to the Leadership School will be $10.00 and to the Superintendents' Conference $5.00, provided the delegate enrolls and attends the whole period for which registered. The limit will be to two persons from each church attending these conferences, one to each.

12. That the churches of Asheville Presbytery secure and use copies of the October, 1953, issue of *Presbyterian Action*, which will feature six articles on the following phases of Leadership Education: (1) Classes and Schools, (2) Worker's Conferences, (3) Teacher Consultant-Training Center, (4) Institutes, (5) Clinics, (6) Proper Use of Literature.

13. That the churches of Asheville Presbytery encourage and urge all church school officers, teachers, and the members of the Religious Education Committee to attend one of the two church school

Leadership Institutes which will be held in the Presbytery October 18-27.

14. That the churches make use of the Leadership Education Audio-visual kit, which contains the following film strips with records: (1) Leads to Leadership, (2) The Great Adventure, (3) So You Are the Superintendent, (4) Making the Most of Rooms and Equipment, (5) The Growing Teacher, (6) No Two Alike, (7) As the Twig is Bent, (8) How Persons Learn, (9) The Teacher Prepares, and (10) The Teacher Teaches. These may be borrowed from the office of the Presbytery's Executive Secretary, 26 Church Street, Asheville, N. C., or from Rev. Dr. I. M. Ellis, Regional Director of Christian Education, 620 State Street, Knoxville, Tenn.

15. That the pastors and sessions be urged to give our Synod's Student Work Program their whole-hearted support.

16. That Presbytery request the Presbytery Council to consider the advisability of working out some equitable plan of reimbursing Presbytery committee members for travel expenses when they come from outside of the city limits of the place where the meetings are being held.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

The Rev. J. R. Williams made the report for the Committee on Candidates for the ministry. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES

Your Sub-Committee on Candidates submits the following report:

Candidates for the Ministry and full time service in the Church number now an all time high for our denomination. The Board of Christian Education, at the last meeting of the General Assembly, reported 1,007 candidates. Since then many more have been received than have graduated, so the number now is far beyond 1,000. "This outpouring of consecrated young life challenges the members of our Church to meet the presentation of life with an equally loyal dedication of abilities and gifts for advancing the cause of Christ." (Report of Board of Ed.)

This Presbytery has now 15 Candidates on its roll, distributed as follows: Columbia Seminary 5, Union Seminary 1, Austin Seminary 1, Davidson College 1, Southwestern 1, King 1, Maryville 1, Wheaton 1, Furman 1, University of N. C. 1, and in no school 1.

Two of our Candidates in Columbia Seminary, John and Edward Somerville, will graduate this spring. John has been accepted by the Board of World Missions, and will probably be sent out this

summer or fall. They will both ask for licensure and ordination at the Summer Meeting of the Presbytery.

Two men are being transferred to this Presbytery as Candidates for the Ministry, from other Presbyteries, and they will seek licensure at this meeting of Presbytery.

Most of the Candidates have been heard from during the year, and all those in College and Seminary are doing good work.

Respectfully submitted,

SUB-COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES,
JOHN R. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

WOMAN'S WORK

Mrs. R. E. McClure, President of the Women of the Presbytery, was presented by the Rev. W. J. Gammon. She made the report for the Women of the Presbytery and by vote of Presbytery she was commended for her faithful and excellent work and the fine report. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Spiritually, we have grown, gifts and work have naturally followed.

Many report that our Bible Study on the Work of the Holy Spirit proved a blessing and the Circle Study of Colossians was most helpful. Most Circle Chairmen considered the Bible study the most important part of their work, which is as it should be. More prayer bands seem to have been one result.

Our gifts have been generous and varied. Money, yes, time and talents, in large measure. A group of 10 made three quilts for the Orphanage. Eighteen contributed $400.00 to their building fund. Sixty six canned 447 quarts of fruits and vegetables for the Orphanage. One small group invited other denominations to join them in a prayer service for our new President Eisenhower and one organized community prayer groups. More scholarships were given, one to a worthy negro boy. Overseas Relief and Duffle Bags to Korea were given by most of our organizations. All these show that our love and interest extend far and wide.

Twenty eight organizations with a membership of 3,186, working in 91 circles, contributed a total of $33,613.00, a per capita average of more than $10.50.

One new Women of the Church was organized in the Brittain's Cove congregation last summer.

Our Theme "Not to be ministered unto, but to Minister" should spur us on to greater service for our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. E. MCCLURE, President.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures—The Rev. R. A. Potter presented the report for the Committee on Bills and Overtures. The following overture was adopted: The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully overtures the General Assembly meeting in Montreat, June 4, 1953—That inasmuch as paragraph 126 of the Book of Church Order includes an explanatory section for each of the official titles named in the introductory section of said paragraph except the titles 'Mission Pastor' and 'Minister of Education,' explanatory sections be added for these also."

2. Records of Session—The report for the Committee on Records of Session was made by the Rev. H. V. Lofquist. The report was adopted and is as follows: Your committee of Examinations of Sessional Records has approved the Minutes of Sessions from the following churches: Arden, Bryson City, Bethel, Canton, Dillingham, Black Mountain, Franklin, Friendship, Highlands, Hazelwood, Hendersonville, Kenilworth, Malvern Hills, Montreat, Murphy, Robbinsville, Oak Forest, Mills River, Swannanoa, Waynesville, West Asheville, and Weaverville. The following were approved with exceptions noted: Andrews, Asheville First, Brevard-Davidson River, Ivy Park, and Sylva. No records were presented from Etowah, Brittain Cove, and Hayesville.

3. The Judiciary reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

4. Resolutions—The Rev. Paul Warren presented a verbal report during the luncheon hour at which time he expressed appreciation of the Presbytery for the gracious hospitality of the Highlands Church and for the excellent and bountiful luncheon served by the good women of the Church.

A motion presented by the Rev. R. A. Potter prevailed, 1. That Presbytery earnestly request all representatives at meetings of Church Courts to so arrange their time that they can remain through all sessions if at all feasible. 2. That there be placed on the docket for the Summer meeting the

matter of arranging the dockets so as to assign definite time for the several items in the agenda.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its Stated Summer meeting in the Canton Church—the invitation having been extended during the morning session of Presbytery. The time is Tuesday, July 14th, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with the apostolic benediction by the moderator.

W. M. FOUNTAIN, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

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7. **Assembly's Special Causes:**
   a. **Historical Foundation**
   b. **Montreat**
   c. **Assembly's Training School**
   d. **American Bible Society**
   J. W. Smith, 1956; Sidney McCarty, 1954; J. H. Gruver, 1954; E. A. Mann, 1955; W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1955.
8. **Examinations**—The Moderator, Chairman.
   a. **Experimental Religion:** The Moderator.
   b. **Theology:** John R. Williams, Chairman, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1955.
   c. **Sacraments:** J. Q. Wallace, 1954; W. M. Fountain, Chairman, 1955.
   d. **Church Government:** W. J. Gammon, 1956; C. B. Yeargan, 1954.
   e. **English Bible:** J. H. Gruver, 1956; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.
   f. **Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon:** E. K. Brown, 1956; John D. Smith, Chairman, 1955.
   g. **Academic Studies:** W. P. Chedester, 1956; Chas. F. Stube, Chairman, 1954.
   h. **Seminary Studies:** G. B. Talbot, Chairman, 1954; C. W. Solomon, 1955.
9. **Presbytery's Historical Committee:** J. L. Brittain, 1956; R. A. Hardwick, 1954; R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1955.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1942 Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain

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SUMMER

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CANTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Canton, North Carolina

July 14, 1953

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

A. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY:

1. **Moderator**—S. W. Black, Bryson City, N. C.
2. **Stated Clerk**—M. R. Williamson, 1955.
3. **Permanent Clerk**—W. G. Thomas, 1955.
4. **Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences**—R. E. McClure, 1955.

B. TRUSTEES:

1. Presbytery Trustees: W. H. McMurray, 1956; J. J. Stone, 1954; Geo. H. Wright, Chairman 1955.
2. Davidson College Trustees: C. Grier Davis, 1956; Malcolm R. Williamson, 1955.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:

1. **Home Missions:** C. G. Davis, Chairman, 1956; P. N. Gresham, 1956; Forrest R. Gardner, 1956; Geo. H. Wright, 1955; J. R. McGregor, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1954; R. P. Booth, 1954; W. G. Lingo, 1954; B. L. McGlamery, 1955; C. D. Thomas, 1955; J. D. Smith, 1955; W. G. Somerville, 1955.
2. **The Mountain Orphanage:** H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1956; R. J. Sprang, 1956; E. K. Brown, 1956; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1956; Mrs. E. G. Simmons, 1954; J. R. McGregor, 1954; E. G. Roberts, 1954; R. L. Prevost, 1954; Mrs. F. A. Plummer, 1955; W. W. Preston, 1955; C. C. Demaree, 1955; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1955.
3. **Christian Education:**
   a. **Educational Institutions:** Holland McSwain, 1956; H. V. Lofquist, 1954; R. M. Hart, 1955.
   b. **Candidates for the Ministry:** Frank O. Brown, 1956; C. G. Worley, 1954; John R. Williams, Chairman, 1955.
   c. **Religious Education:** W. M. Fountain, 1956; Walter Harbin, 1956; G. B. Talbot, 1956; James B. Light, 1954; John D. Smith, 1954; J. C. Lime, 1954; C. A. Stubbs, 1954; Walter Abernathy, 1955; R. A. Potter, 1955; Robert R. Collins, 1955; W. W. Preston, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; and Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship and Executive Secretary.

D. COMMISSIONS:

1. **The Minister and His Work:** J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1956; W. G. Thomas, 1956; L. Nelson Bell, 1954; W. W. Preston, 1954; Hugh Lamb, 1955; Warren Thuston, 1955.

E. 1. **Nominations:** H. B. Dendy, 1956; Edward G. Roberts, 1954; J. J. Stone, 1954; Robert A. Potter, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955.

2. **Presbytery Council:**
   a. **Program and Publicity (Sub-Committee):** R. E. McClure, 1956, Sub-Chairman; F. A. Plummer, 1955; P. N. Gresham, 1955; and the following: ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk.
   b. **Budget (Sub-Committee):** Chas. Pettit, 1956; J. O. Williams, 1956; J. C. Neville, 1954; E. C. Conrad, 1954; John R. Williams, 1954; J. C. Lime, Chairman Full Committee, 1954; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk and Executive Secretary.
3. **World Missions:** Frank O. Brown, 1956; R. T. Reed, 1954; W. H. Armistead, 1954; W. M. Fountain, 1955; L. Nelson Bell, Chairman, 1955.
4. **Church Extension—six sub-committees:**
   a. **Assembly's Home Missions:** L. B. Nichols, 1954; J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1955.
   b. **Evangelism:** C. W. Solomon, 1956; M. R. Williamson, Chairman, 1954.
   c. **Christian Relations:** Robert R. Collins, Chairman, 1956; Geo. H. Wright, 1954.
   d. **Radio:** H. V. Lofquist, Chairman, 1956; Emerson Rose, 1954. Rose, 1954.
   e. **Negro Work:** J. C. Lime, Chairman, 1954; W. C. Dillingham, 1955.
   f. **Defense Service:** James B. Light, 1956; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.
5. **Annuities and Relief:** P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1956; J. H. Flanagan, 1954; Warren L. Thuston, 1955.
6. **Woman's Work:** Paul Warren, 1956; C. D. Richmond, 1954; R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1955.

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STATED SUMMER MEETING
ASHEVILLE MEETING

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Summer meeting at the Canton Presbyterian Church, Canton, N. C., Tuesday, July 14, 1953, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. W. M. Fountain.

At the request of the Moderator the worship service was conducted by the two candidates for Licensure. Candidate J. Bryan Hatchett, Atlanta Presbytery, read for the Scripture lesson Romans 8:1-11, and preached a sermon on the subject: "No Condemnation In Christ." The text was Romans 8:1-2. Candidate John M. Somerville, Asheville Presbytery, read for the Scripture lesson Philippians 3:1-10; and preached a sermon on the subject: "Knowing Christ," using as the text Romans 3:10.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion service was conducted by the Rev. J. Clayton Lime and the Rev. Archie C. Graham, assisted by Ruling Elders Harry Barkley, Dr. C. D. Thomas, F. B. Gardner, J. Lee Brittian, and M. N. Clark.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY
ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches. The following minsters were present:

W. H. Armistead, E. K. Brown, Frank O. Brown, W. P. Chedester, Robert R. Collins, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, W. M. Fountain, P. N. Gresham, W. J. Gammon, J. H. Gruver, Robert M. Hart, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville, R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, W. G. Somerville, W. G. Thomas, John R. Williams, Malcolm R. Williamson, Warren Thuston, Paul Warren, Archie Graham, and George Clayman (26).

Churches represented were:

R. H. Marshall, Arden; George Terry, Asheville First; S. W. Black, Bryson City; C. D. Thomas, Black Mountain; George Blalock, Bethel; Thomas Furness, Canton; G. S. Stone, Dillingham; J. L. Gash, Etowah; Bryan McClure, Franklin; W. H. Arthur, Jr., Grace

Covenant; L. N. Davis, Hazelwood; E. G. Simmons, Hendersonville First; J. J. Stone, Kenilworth; C. W. Dixon, Malvern Hills, M. N. Clark, Mills River; S. A. Mann, Oak Forest; Roy W. Alexander, Swannanoa; J. H. Bryson, Sylva; R. L. Prevost, Waynesville; C. D. Ray, Weaverville; D. R. Clark, West Asheville (21).

VISITING BRETHREN

The followng were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: The Rev. Wade C. Smith, Orange Presbytery; the Rev. Andrew I. Keener, Steubenville Presbytery, U. S. A.; the Rev. I. M. Ellis, Knoxville Presbytery. The following were introduced and extended a cordial welcome: James Tippings, Candidate for the Ministry, Nashville Presbytery; J. Bryan Hatchett, Candidate for the Ministry, Atlanta Presbytery; John S. Somerville, Candidate for the Ministry, Asheville Presbytery; Blake Breitenhirt, Candidate for the Ministry, Bluestone Presbytery; H. E. Barkley and J. O. Williams, Elders in the Black Mountain Church, Black Mountain, N. C.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following brethren were excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery: R. C. Anderson, T. G. Tate, G. B. Talbert, John D. Smith, J. V. N. Talmadge.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Ruling Elder S. W. Black, Bryson City, was elected Moderator by acclamation. The Rev. Everett Brown, by request of the newly elected Moderator, led Presbytery in a special prayer.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. J. C. Lime, host Pastor, extended Presbytery a cordial welcome and then presented the report of the Program Committee and recommended that the printed docket be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 o'clock and reconvene at 1:30 o'clock.
2. That the examination of Candidates for Licensure be the first order of the afternoon session.

3. That the reception of ministers be the second order of the afternoon session.
4. That a special season of prayer in behalf of the troubled condition of the world be the third order of the afternoon session. The report was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk read the following communications:

1. A letter from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly giving information concerning the Short Church year ending December 31, 1953, and the beginning of the new church year beginning January 1, 1954.
2. A request from the congregation of the Hendersonville Presbyterian Church that the name of the church be changed to that of "The First Presbyterian Church of Hendersonville." The request was granted.
3. A request from the Rev. W. W. Preston that his pastoral relations with the Black Mountain Church be dissolved, effective October 1, 1953, and that he be allowed to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery for a period of four years in order to serve as a missionary to Brazil under the Board of Unevangelized Fields Mission In Brazil. After a statement from Mr. Preston and after hearing from the representative of the church, the Ruling Elder C. D. Thomas, concerning the concurrence of the congregation in the request, Presbytery granted the request.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—W. M. Fountain, J. J. Stone, H. B. Dendy.
2. Judiciary—Paul Warren, F. B. Gardner, R. H. Marshall.
3. Minutes of Presbytery—E. K. Brown, Robert Collins, C. D. Thomas.
4. Resolutions—H. V. Lofquist, John C. Neville, Bryan McClure.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 o'clock. The Moderator announced the appointment of a Sessional Records Committee consisting of Archie Graham and George Clayman. The committee reported the examination of the Session records of the Etowah Church and the approval of the records with the exceptions noted.

THE EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

The Rev. John R. Williams, chairman of the Committee on Candidates for the Ministry, presented to Presbytery Candidate John Somerville, Asheville Presbytery, and J. Bryan Hatchett, Atlanta Presbytery. The Stated Clerk read a letter of transfer from the Presbytery of Atlanta of J. Bryan Hatchett, and he was received into Asheville Presbytery as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

Presbytery then examined the candidates with a view to their licensure and ordination. Their sermons, preached during the opening worship period of Presbytery, were accepted as satisfactory. The Chairman of the examining committee stated that the papers including theses and exegesis of Candidate John Somerville had been examined and were satisfactory. The Chairman reported that the papers of Candidate J. Bryan Hatchett had been placed in the hands of the Rev. John D. Smith, a member of the examining committee, and as he was not present for this meeting of Presbytery, no report had been made concerning the papers. Presbytery directed that a report should be received by the Commission appointed to ordain Mr. Hatchett. Their college and seminary diplomas were accepted in lieu of an examination on academic studies. The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. Everett Brown at the request of the Moderator. The Rev. John R. Williams conducted the examination on Theology, the Rev. W. M. Fountain the examination on the Sacraments, the Rev. Paul Gresham the examination on Church Government, the Rev. J. H. Gruver the examination on the

English Bible. The examinations were accepted as satisfactory and the questions for licensure were propounded by the Rev. John R. Williams, at the request of the Moderator, and were answered in the affirmative.

The call for the pastoral services of J. Bryan Hatchett from the Franklin Church was found in order and was placed in his hands. The call promised a salary of $3,300.00 a year, $3,076.92 by the church and $223.08 by the Home Mission Committee, to be paid in regular monthly payments, a manse, and 7½ per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund.

The following Commission was appointed to ordain and install Mr. Hatchett as pastor of the Franklin Church, Sunday, July 26, 8:00 P. M.: The Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, the Rev. Frank Brown, the Rev. R. R. Collins, the Rev. R. M. Hart, and Ruling Elders E. H. Brumby and S. J. McCarty.

The following Commission was appointed to ordain John Somerville as an Evangelist, Sunday, July 26, 3:00 P. M., at the Dillingham Church: The Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, the Rev. Maynard Fountain, the Rev. W. G. Somerville, and Ruling Elders J. T. Reed and Harold Sluder. Mr. Somerville has been appointed to go as a Missionary to Korea.

RECEPTION OF MINISTER

The Stated Clerk read a certificate of transfer for the Rev. Wade C. Smith from Orange Presbytery to Asheville. The certificate was found in order and Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Smith according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order.

The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. John R. Williams, at the request of the Moderator, that on Theology by the Rev. John R. Williams, that of the Sacraments by the Rev. W. M. Fountain, and that on Church Government by the Rev. Paul Gresham.

The examinations were approved as satisfactory and Mr. Smith was enrolled after signing the "Ex Animo" statement.

CANDIDATE TRANSFER

The Stated Clerk read a request from Edward Somerville, Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, for a letter of transfer to the Augusta-Macon Presbytery. The request was granted.

A SEASON OF PRAYER

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev. H. B. Dendy offered a prayer for God's guidance and blessing upon our Nation and upon the World during these troubled days.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Education, made a verbal report and presented the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. That Presbytery express its appreciation by a rising vote to the Rev. W. W. Preston, director of the Senior Hi Conference held at Montreat, June 15-19, and to the staff of leaders; and to the Rev. J. C. Lime, director of the Pioneer Camp, held at Camp Hope, June 8-13, and to the staff of leaders.

2. That Presbytery approve the appointment of the Rev. J. C. Lime to serve as Pioneer Camp Director for 1954.

3. That Presbytery approve the appointment of Mrs. Robert Collins, Sylva, to serve as adult adviser on Presbytery's Senior Hi Council, Miss Jeannie Ogilvie having resigned after serving for several years in an efficient manner as the adult adviser.

4. That Presbytery approve the appropriation of $300.00 from the treasury of the Religious Education Committee to the treasury of Synod's Religious Education Committee. This appropriation is being made for this year in order to help take care of the added expense of Synod in its Student work activities.

5. That Presbytery hear the Rev. I. M. Ellis, Synod's Relgional Director, in a special message concerning the work of Synod's Religious Education Committee.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Rev. J. C. Lime, Chairman of the Budget Committee, presented a report which was adopted and is as follows:

Because of circumstances involved with the changes of the Church Year which have prevented the distribution of 1954 Askings for our Presbytery, it has been impractical to have a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Budget of the Presbytery Council.

The Chairman and Executive Secretary attended a meeting of similar officers from presbyteries in the eastern half of our church and heard statements from all of the Assembly agencies.

We have reviewed the record of Asheville Presbytery for the last several years in the matter of Benevolent Giving.

As a result of these studies and of the meeting above referred to, we wish to present to the Presbytery certain facts:

(1) The action of the "Sub Committee of the General Council of our General Assembly" for the past several years has never adequately represented the actual needs of the Assembly Agencies. They have consistently presented "Askings" for Assembly Causes that have been from 10% to 20% LESS than the estimated needs of these causes to do the work that the Assembly said SHOULD BE done.

(2) The Synod of Appalachia has for the past several years accepted the full amount asked by the Assembly, added certain amounts on the basis of ACTUAL needs of Synod's causes, and divided this amount with the Presbyteries.

(3) The Synod has assigned regularly FIFTEEN PERCENT of these totals to Asheville Presbytery.

(4) Asheville Presbytery has not for the past TEN YEARS accepted the Askings of the Synod in full.

For the Current Year the record is as follows:

Asked for Assembly Causes	$36,675.00	Accepted	$25,600.00
Asked for Synod Causes	11,021.00	Accepted	5,000.00

(5) Asheville Presbytery has adopted a system of "Askings" that is working in a practical way, and in the past ten years the gifts of the Churches remitted for distribution on a percentage basis have increased from $24,000.00 to $55,000.00.

(6) The rate of giving since April 1, 1953 indicates that ON THE PRESENT SCALE Asheville Presbytery will give approximately $60,000 on a twelve month basis, exclusive of Special Offerings and Designated Individual Gifts.

(7) As far as can be calculated—on the basis of cold statistics—the Benevolent Askings of Asheville Presbytery should be $80,000, to be divided as above, for the year—AN INCREASE OF 33% over the present giving scale.

(8) We are convinced that every effort should be made to increase the gifts of the Churches so that the Assembly and Synod Causes will receive a larger amount in actual dollars.

We therefore recommend:

(1) That Presbytery anticipate the action of Synod in accepting the Assembly's Askings and assigning 15% to this Presbytery.

(2) That Presbytery accept an increase in TOTAL ASKINGS through "Regular Benevolences," which with Special Offerings (estimated on the basis of experience), will enable the Presbytery to accept a substantial increase for 1954.

(3) That Presbytery indicate the intention of making another substantial increase in the askings for 1955, with the purpose of accepting the "Askings" for that year in full.

(4) That Presbytery authorize the Sub-Committee on Budget to increase its membership on the following basis:

(A) The addition of SIX to TEN persons, at least two thirds of whom shall be laymen to serve in the emergency between now and January 1, 1954.

(5) That this Sub-Committee be authorized to assign the various churches proportionate amounts so as to make the ASKINGS of the Presbytery for "Regular Benevolences" a total of $70,000.00 for 1954.

(6) That this Sub-Committee be instructed to convey to each church the amount of the asking for that Church and encourage the placing of that amount in the Budget of the Congregation, in such way as the local officers may elect.

(7) That the distribution of the $70,000.00 be recommended to the Presbytery at the October meeting, for adoption at that time.

(8) That the Presbytery instruct the Central Treasurer to divide the receipts assigned to "Special Fund" for the last six months of this church year so that there shall be made available to the Sub-Committee on Budget a sum not to exceed $200.00 for the promotion of the Every Member Canvass, and the remainder of this "Special Fund" be assigned to "Christian Education in the Synod."

The attention of Pastors and Church Officers is called to the Church Calendar which provides:

A Tithing Season, from October-December 1953, with emphasis on the LOCAL BENEVOLENT and Current Expense Budget as the channel through which the Tithing Gifts are to be put. See Minutes, General Assembly, 1952, page 89, paragraph 3. This specially urged as a support to the needs—of the church during this "short year."

The Every Member Canvass on November 8, 1953, involved adoption of Budgets, etc., and other details well in advance.

The General Council of the Assembly is preparing literature and supplies for the 1954 Every Member Canvass. Such will be mailed to local churches to reach the PASTOR on or about September 1, 1953.

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR IT. If necessary write,

General Council, 324 Church Street, Decatur, Ga.

On the basis of EXPERIENCE for the first three months of this Church Year:

13 out of 31 Churches are remitting "Regular Benevolences" EACH MONTH.

5 out of the remaining 18 are remitting QUARTERLY.

13 have made NO REMITTANCE AT ALL—in behalf of the CHURCH—since April 1st.

Salaries and expenses from the Presbytery, Synod and Assembly level MUST be paid MONTHLY. Remittances should be on that basis if possible.

A statement of total receipts for the first three months of this Church Year is available for distribution with this report.

We submit the entire for information, with the request that the Recommendations, as proposed, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. C. LINE,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Budget.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS

The Stated Clerk read a report of the Commission to ordain and install the Rev. Archie C. Graham as pastor of the Hazelwood and Bethel Churches. The report was received and admitted to record:

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ARCHIE C. GRAHAM

The Commission appointed by Presbytery to ordain and install Archie C. Graham as pastor of the Hazelwood and Bethel Churches met at the Hazelwood Church on Sunday evening, April 26th at 7:15 and was organized with the following members present: Ministers—R. E. McClure, C. Grier Davis, W. J. Gammon, and Malcolm R. Williamson; Ruling Elders—Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Clifton Terrell, and Baxter B. Wilson. Mr. Wilson, a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery and father-in-law of Mr. Graham, was invited to sit with the Commission.

Following the organization of the Commission a joint worship service of the congregations of the Hazelwood and Bethel Churches was held at which time the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. Grier

Davis based on the Scripture passage I Corinthians 1:1-15, the Scripture having been read by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson. At the conclusion of the sermon the Rev. R. E. McClure presided and propounded the constitutional questions to the licentiate and to the congregation after which Mr. Graham was set apart to the gospel ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Commission and a prayer of ordination by the Rev. R. E. McClure. Dr. L. Nelson Bell then delivered a charge to the minister and a charge to the congregation was delivered by the Rev. W. J. Gammon, prayer was offered by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson and the service concluded with the singing of a hymn and the apostolic benediction by the Rev. Archie C. Graham.

At the conclusion of the service members of the two congregations came forward to extend greetings to their new pastor, his wife and children.

Respectfully submitted,

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON,
Clerk of Commission.

The Stated Clerk read a report of the Commission to Organize the Grace Covenant Church and to install as pastor the Rev. Paul F. Warren. The report was received and admitted to record.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE THE GRACE COVENANT CHURCH

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery or organize the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church met at the school property owned by the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery, at 789 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, N. C., at 5 P. M., May 3, 1953, and was organized by the election of Rev. W. G. Thomas, Clerk, and the opening with prayer by Rev. W. M. Fountain.

Present were: Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. Paul N. Gresham, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. R. McGregor, Rev. W. G. Thomas, Ruling Elders R. R. Williams and F. A. Plummer.

Rev. W. M. Fountain, Moderator of the Presbytery, was invited to sit with the Commission.

Ruling Elder George H. Wright requested to be excused.

The Commission directed a worship service, over which the Chairman presided and stated the purpose of the meeting.

Dr. Davis preached the sermon on the subject, "Our Presbyterian Heritage."

The following persons were received as Charter Members of the new congregation by transfer from other churches, as indicated:

John P. Dosier.....Grace Methodist Church, Greensboro, N. C.
Robert C. Collins.....Asbury Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mr. Robert Lee Ettenger,
Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Robert Lee Ettenger,
Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.
Mr. Joseph A. Bunn.....Central Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mr. Frank H. Edwards....Central Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mrs. Frank H. Edwards Central Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mrs. Anna Maude Bennes....Slyva Presbyterian Church, Sylva, N. C.
Mrs. Walter Clark,
Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C.
Miss Margaret Dean Weller, First Presbyterian Church, Danville, Va.
Mrs. J. William Hendon,
Waynesville Episcopal Church, Waynesville, N. C.
Mr. Eugene A. Lamb,
Oak Forest Presbyterian Church, West Asheville, N. C.
Mrs. Eugene A. Lamb,
Oak Forest Presbyterian Church, West Asheville, N. C.
Mr. O. R. Steedley,
West Asheville Presbyterian Church, West Asheville, N. C.
Mr. Sidney Blake Hodges, Clinton Methodist Church, Clinton, N. C.
Mr. P. P. Dillingham,
Ivy Park Presbyterian Church, Democrat, N. C.
Mr. James Arthur Henderson,
Calvary Baptist Church, West Asheville, N. C.
Dr. W. R. Aiken.....Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mrs. W. R. Aiken....Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mr. Ralph Aiken, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mr. George Aiken, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mrs. James Arthur Henderson,
Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mr. Mark Sumner, Sr.,
Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mrs. Mark Sumner, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mr. Howard D. Sumner,
Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mr. F. W. Sherwood,
Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mrs. F. W. Sherwood,
Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.

From the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.:

Dr. Horace Adams, Jr.
Mrs. Horace Adams, Jr.
Mr. Malcolm F. Arthur
Mrs. Malcolm F. Arthur
Mr. William H. Arthur, Jr.
Mrs. William H. Arthur, Jr.
Dr. Stanley S. Atkins
Mrs. Stanley S. Atkins
Mr. Robert N. Baylor
Mrs. Robert N. Baylor
Miss Anna Mae Biddle
Mr. Joseph T. Bostic
Mrs. Joseph T. Bostic
Mr. Harry E. Boores
Mrs. Harry E. Boores
Norman C. Boyter
Mrs. F. G. Boyter
Miss Laura P. Boyter
Mrs. Joseph A. Bunn
Mr. J. B. Calder
Mrs. J. B. Calder
Mrs. John F. Calfee
Mr. N. Crowson Cameron
Mrs. N. Crowson Cameron
Mrs. A. B. Chapman
Mrs. Fuller H. Chapman
Mr. John S. Cheek
Mrs. John S. Cheek
Mr. M. N. Coleman
Mrs. M. N. Coleman
Mr. Richard L. Coleman
Mrs. Richard L. Coleman
Mrs. Robert L. Collins
David Collins
Dr. Curtis Crump
Mrs. Curtis Crump
Mrs. Harry DuMont
Mrs. Louise P. East
Mr. W. B. Estridge
Mrs. W. B. Estridge
Ronald R. Estridge
William Banks Estridge, Jr.
Mr. James R. Fawcett
Mrs. James R. Fawcett
Mr. L. G. Federlein
Mrs. L. G. Federlein
Mr. Allen T. Fishel
Mrs. Allen T. Fishel
Mr. Brandon K. Glasgow
Mrs. Brandon K. Glasgow
Mrs. Clarence E. Gordon, Jr.
Mr. Joseph L. Hunter
Mrs. Joseph L. Hunter
Miss Joyce Lamb
Miss Gail Lamb
Mr. David S. Latham
Mrs. David S. Latham
Mrs. Harmon M. Lee
Mr. G. Kendall Leemon, Jr.
Mrs. G. Kendall Leemon, Jr.
Mrs. J. R. Lewis
James Robert Lewis, Jr.
Mr. L. Reid Lovelace
Mrs. L. Reid Lovelace
Mrs. Emma McNary
Mr. Radford M. Moore
Mrs. Radford M. Moore
Mrs. Elizabeth Moorefield
Mr. Graham Morrison
Mrs. Graham Morrison
Mrs. L. A. Mucci
Mr. William A. Nitzer
Mrs. William A. Nitzer
Mr. Graham Price
Mrs. Graham Price
Mr. T. W. Pritchard, Jr.
Mrs. T. W. Pritchard, Jr.
Miss Ellen Pritchard
Mr. Stanley Settle
Mrs. Stanley Settle
Mr. A. Fred Sprinkle
Mrs. A. Fred Sprinkle
Mr. H. L. Stevens
Mrs. H. L. Stevens
Mr. J. Paul Teal
Mrs. J. Paul Teal
Mr. William J. Tennant
Mr. James Tisdale

Mr. William A. Tucker
Mrs. William A. Tucker
Miss Carol Lyn Tucker
Mr. Leon Walker, Sr.
Mrs. Leon Walker, Sr.
Mr. Jack Westall
Mrs. Jack Westall
Mr. J. E. Wilson
Mrs. J. E. Wilson
Mr. William S. Wiley
Mrs. William S. Wiley
Mr. George Wright, Jr.
Mrs. George Wright, Jr.
Mrs. Dewey R. Worley

Mr. James E. Chapman....First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, Ga.
Mr. Ed H. Cowan.....Knox Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
Mrs. Ed H. Cowan.....Knox Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
Miss Nita Gahagan,
(Disbanded) Oakland Heights Presbyterian, Asheville, N. C.
Mrs. Paul F. Warren....Kingston Presbyterian Church, Conway, S. C.
Mr. N. Robert Johnson.....St. John's Lutheran, Melrose Park, Ill.
Mrs. N. Robert Johnson.....St. John's Lutheran, Melrose Park, Ill.
Mr. Robert B. McArthur.....Park Lane Presbyterian, Orlando, Fla.
Mrs. Robert B. McArthur.....Park Lane Presbyterian, Orlando, Fla.
Gordon Crump.....First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.

The following were received by re-statement of their faith:
Mr. Thomas I. Lloyd (Reaffirmation).....Church of England
Mrs. Thomas L. Lloyd (Reaffirmation and Baptism),
Presbyterian Church of England

The following were received upon Profession of Faith and Baptism, the sacrament being administered by Rev. Paul F. Warren, minister of the church:
Mrs. John P. Dosier.....Profession of Faith and Baptism
Ward Hendon .....Profession of Faith and Baptism
Billy Hendon .....Profession of Faith and Baptism
Mr. J. William Hendon.....Profession of Faith and Baptism

The congregation having indicated their continuing desire to be so organized, the Chairman made the declaration of organization as required by the Book of Church Order.

Rev. W. M. Fountain, Moderator, brought the greetings of the Presbytery to the new church.

The Commission recessed for supper, after an announcement that the Charter Members were requested to sign the "Covenant" of the new church during the period.

The Commission re-convened at 7:15 P. M., at which time the congregation elected Ruling Elders and Deacons.

It was ordered that the term of office of each be for three years, for original terms ending January 1, 1957, January 1, 1956, and January 1, 1955, with the provision that no officer shall serve more

than two consecutive terms without an interval of one year elapsing before re-election.

Those elected Ruling Elders were:

Dr. W. R. Aiken, Mark Sumner, 1957.

M. N. Coleman, Dr. Curtis Crump, 1956.

W. H. Arthur, Jr., Geo. H. Wright, Jr., 1955.

Those elected Deacons were:

J. L. Hunter, J. Paul Teal, Jr., W. A. Tucker, 1957.

J. W. Hendon, J. A. Henderson, L. R. Lovelace, 1956.

J. E. Wilson, J. T. Bostic, T. I. Lloyd, 1955.

A Committee was named, composed of the Ruling Elders elect, to make recommendations regarding the calling of a Pastor, with M. N. Coleman, Chairman.

The Commission ordered that a Congregational Meeting be held at 5 P. M., Sunday, May 17th, for the following purposes:

(1) To Ordain those not previously ordained, and to Install the officers elect of the Grace Covenant Church.

(2) To hear the report of the Committee on Calling a Pastor, and to act on same.

(3) To transact any other business pertaining to either of the above items of business.

The Commission ordered a meeting of the Officers Elect at the same place, at 7:30 P. M., Friday, May 15th, to examine each according to the requirements of Paragraph 152 of the Book of Church Order.

The Commission adjourned with prayer, to meet again on May 15th.

May 15, 1953, 7:30 P. M.

The Commission met according to adjournment at 7:30 P. M., May 15th, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Wright.

Present: Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Ruling Elders R. R. Williams, George H. Wright, F. A. Plummer.

In the absence of Mr. Thomas, Mr. Plummer was asked to serve as Clerk.

All of the Officers Elect were present except Dr. Curtis Crump and M. N. Coleman, on account of illness. Rev. Paul F. Warren reported that Dr. Crump had declined to accept the office to which he was elected, namely as Ruling Elder.

It was noted that Dr. W. R. Aiken and M. N. Coleman had previously been ordained as Ruling Elders and that J. E. Wilson and J. L. Hunter had previously been ordained as Deacons.

Upon motion of Dr. Davis, it was ordered that the Session, when constituted, be requested to handle the matter of the proper examination and installation of Ruling Elder elect, M. N. Coleman.

Each officer present expressed his Christian faith and desire to serve.

Dr. Dendy conducted an examination on Doctrine, Dr. McClure on Church Government and Dr. Davis on the duties of the office, each examination being of the group, with individual statements and questions as the discussion indicated.

Upon motion each separate examination was sustained and the examination as a whole.

The tone of deep consecration and spirituality was noted on the part of the entire group.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned to meet on Sunday, May 17, 1953, according to previous adjournment. The meeting was closed with prayer.

The Commission met according to adjournment at 5 P. M., Sunday, May 17th, with the congregation of the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church and the meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Dendy, as the Invocation of the Service of Ordination and Installation.

Present: Dr. McClure, Chairman, Dr. Davis, Dr. Dendy, Mr. Gresham, Ruling Elders George H. Wright, R. R. Williams and F. A. Plummer.

In the absence of the clerk, Mr. Plummer was asked to serve.

The Chairman read an appropriate passage from the Scripture and the section of the Book of Church Order pertaining to the qualifications and duties of a Ruling Elder.

W. H. Arthur, Jr., and George H. Wright, Jr., together with Dr. W. R. Aiken, who had been previously ordained, answered affirmatively the questions required by the Book of Church Order, and the congregation re-affirmed their desire to have these brethren to serve as Ruling Elders.

Mr. Arthur and Mr. Wright knelt and were ordained to the office of Ruling Elder by the laying on of the hands of the Commission, and by prayer, offered by Dr. Davis.

The Chairman declared that all three had been duly elected, ordained and installed as Ruling Elders of this congregation.

It was noted that Dr. Curtis Crump had declined to accept the office and that Mr. M. N. Coleman was absent on account of illness and Mr. Mark Sumner, because of absence from the city.

The constituted Session was instructed to proceed according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order in each of these cases.

The same procedure was followed in the Installation and Ordination of Deacons, the Ordination Prayer being offered by Mr. Warren.

Joseph L. Hunter and J. E. Wilson had been previously ordained. J. T. Bostic, J. W. Hendon, J. A. Henderson, L. R. Lovelace,

T. I. Lloyd, J. Paul Teal, Jr., and W. A. Tucker, not having been previously ordained, knelt and received Ordination by the laying on of the hands of the Commission.

The Committee on Calling a Pastor reported through Dr. W. R. Aiken, in the absence of the Chairman.

The report was in the nature of a Call for the Pastoral Services of Rev. Paul F. Warren, promising him a salary of $2,133.36 a year, the rental on an apartment, in lieu of a manse, and $600.00 per year for car expense.

It was announced that the Home Mission Committee would supplement this cash salary to make same $400.00 monthly for the remainder of the calendar year 1953.

The Congregation named Dr. W. R. Aiken, W. H. Arthur, Jr., George H. Wright, Jr., Mrs. M. N. Coleman, Mrs. Walter Clark and Joseph L. Hunter to sign the call in their behalf.

The Chairman announced that the Installation of the Pastor-elect would be at a time to be set by the Presbytery.

Dr. Davis raised the question of the authority of the Commission to proceed at once. Upon motion made by Dr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Dendy the call was placed in Mr. Warren's hands, accepted by him, and the Commission proceeded at once to the Installation.

The required constitutional questions were answered in the affirmative by Mr. Warren and by the Congregation, whereat the Chairman declared him to be Installed as Pastor of the Grace Covenant Church.

Dr. Dendy delivered a charge to the Minister and Dr. Davis to the Congregation.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned, and was dismissed with prayer by the Chairman.

The Clerk was instructed to write the minutes according to the memoranada of actions at the several meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. McCLURE, Chairman.

Attest: W. G. THOMAS, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Stated Clerk read a written report of Dr. Nelson Bell concerning his attendance on the 1953 General Assembly held at Montreat. Reports were made also by Dr. C. Grier Davis, Dr. H. B. Dendy, and Ruling Elder F. B. Gardner. The reports were received with interest and the commissioners were commended for their diligence.

THE PLAN OF UNION

The Moderator appointed the following committee to make a study of the Plan of Union and to report the results of their study for discussion at the 1953 Stated Fall meeting of Presbytery: C. Grier Davis, Chairman, H. B. Dendy, Dr. Nelson Bell, F. B. Gardner, and the Moderator S. W. Black. Presbytery requested for the Moderator to serve on the Committee. The Program Committee was requested to give the report of this committee a special place on the docket.

The rule concerning the day of meeting for the Fall Stated meeting was suspended in order that Presbytery could meet on the first Tuesday of October rather than on the second Tuesday.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

The Rev. C. Grier Davis and the Rev. Malcolm Williamson gave interesting reports concerning the progress being made at Davidson College. The reports were received as information.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

In the absence of the Chairman, the Rev. J. R. McGregor, the Rev. W. W. Preston, Secretary, reported that the Commission did not have a report to make.

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The Rev. Malcolm Williamson gave a report on the recent visitation evangelism program conducted in the Presbytery. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Under the direction of the Committee on Evangelism a Presbytery-wide program of Visitation Evangelism was conducted in our Presbytery the week of March 8th with the assistance of Dr. William S. McCorkle, Secretary of the Division of Evangelism of the General Assembly. The program began with a meeting of workers at the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville on Sunday afternoon at which time the program was discussed in detail and an address given by Dr. McCorkle.

Practically all of our churches participated in the program and we feel that each church was stimulated and helped by the program. We do not have a report of the tangible results obtained by the churches, nor the number of members received but all reports indicated that this Presbytery-wide effort was of great value to our churches.

We urge our pastors and churches to ever keep before them the objective of Evangelism to the end that people may be won to Christ and our Churches strengthened.

SPECIAL PRAYER

The Moderator requested the Rev. R. A. Potter to offer a special prayer in behalf of the Rev. W. W. Preston and his family. Mr. Preston will leave in October as a Missionary to Brazil.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures.

This committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

2. Judiciary.

This committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Minutes of Presbytery.

The Rev. E. K. Brown presented the following report which was adopted:

Your committee has carefully examined the minutes of Asheville Presbytery for the four meetings of the 1952-53 church year and has found them in good order. We recommend that they become the permanent record of Asheville Presbytery.

4. Resolutions.

The Rev. Henry V. Lofquist presented the committee's report on resolutions which was adopted and is as follows:

Presbytery hereby expresses to the Pastor, the Rev. Clayton Lime and the congregation of the Canton Church, our deep appreciation for the generous hospitality provided us. May God grant you His continued blessings in all your good works.

PLACE OF MEETING

The Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its next stated meeting in the Franklin Church, Franklin, N. C., the date being Tuesday, October 6, 1953, 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING SPECIAL OFFERING

The Rev. R. E. McClure presented the following resolution which was adopted:

That Presbytery authorize the Executive Secretary to promote the Special Offering for Church Extension, on October 18th, by direct mail appeal. That this be done under the supervision and approval of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery, and that a budget of not in excess of $250.00 be allowed for this effort, to be deducted pro-rata from receipts in hand for this offering on December 1, 1953.

THE MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of Presbytery were read by the permanent clerk and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic benediction by the Rev. Paul Gresham.

S. W. BLACK, Moderator.
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, Stated Clerk.

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

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7. **Assembly's Special Causes:**
   a. **Historical Foundation**
   b. **Montreat**
   c. **Assembly's Training School**
   d. **American Bible Society**
   J. W. Smith, 1956; Sidney McCarty, 1954; J. H. Gruver, 1954; S. A. Mann, 1955; W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1955.
8. **Examinations**—The Moderator, Chairman.
   a. **Experimental Religion:** The Moderator.
   b. **Theology:** John R. Williams, Chairman, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1955.
   c. **Sacraments:** J. Q. Wallace, 1954; W. M. Fountain, Chairman, 1955

d. **Church Government:** W. J. Gammon, 1956; C. B. Yeargan, 1954.
e. **English Bible:** J. H. Gruver, 1956; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.
f. **Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon:** E. K. Brown, 1956; John D. Smith, Chairman, 1955.
g. **Academic Studies:** W. P. Chedester, 1956; Chas. F. Stube, Chairman, 1954.
h. **Seminary Studies:** G. B. Talbot, Chairman, 1954; C. W. Solomon, 1955.

9. **Presbytery's Historical Committee:** J. L. Brittain, 1956; R. A. Hardwick, 1954; R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1955.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1943 Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

A. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY:
1. Moderator—G. B. Talbot, Swannanoa, N. C.
2. Stated Clerk—M. R. Williamson, 1955.
3. Permanent Clerk—W. G. Thomas, 1955.
4. Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—R. E. McClure, 1955.

B. TRUSTEES:
1. Presbytery Trustees: W. H. McMurray, 1956; J. J. Stone, 1954; Geo. H. Wright, Chairman 1955.
2. Davidson College Trustees: C. Grier Davis, 1956; Malcolm R. Williamson, 1955.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:
1. Home Missions: C. G. Davis, Chairman, 1956; P. N. Gresham, 1956; Forrest B. Gardner, 1956; Geo. H. Wright, 1955; J. R. McGregor, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1954; R. P. Booth, 1954; W. G. Lingo, 1954; B. L. McGlamery, 1955; C. D. Thomas, 1955; J. D. Smith, 1955; W. G. Somerville, 1955.
2. The Mountain Orphanage: H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1956; R. J. Sprang, 1956; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1956; Mrs. E. G. Simmons, 1954; J. R. McGregor, 1954; E. G. Roberts, 1954; R. L. Prevost, 1954; Mrs. F. A. Plummer, 1955; W. W. Preston, 1955; C. C. Demaree, 1955; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1955.
3. Christian Education:
   a. Educational Institutions: Holland McSwain, 1956; H. V. Lofquist, 1954; R. M. Hart, 1955.
   b. Candidates for the Ministry: Frank O. Brown, 1956; C. G. Worley, 1954; John R. Williams, Chairman, 1955.
   c. Religious Education: W. M. Fountain, 1956; Walter Harbin, 1954; G. B. Talbot, 1955; James B. Light, 1954; John D. Smith, 1954; J. C. Lime, 1954; C. A. Stubbs, 1954; Walter Abernathy, 1955; R. A. Potter, 1955; Robert R. Collins, 1955; W. W. Preston, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; and Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship and Executive Secretary.

D. COMMISSIONS:
1. The Minister and His Work: J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1956; W. G. Thomas, 1956; L. Nelson Bell, 1954; W. W. Preston, 1954; Hugh Lamb, 1955; Warren Thueton, 1955.

E. 1. Nominations: H. B. Dendy, 1956; Edward G. Roberts, 1954; J. J. Stone, 1954; Robert A. Potter, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955.
2. Presbytery Council:
   a. Program and Publicity (Sub-Committee): R. E. McClure, 1956, Sub-Chairman; F. A. Plummer, 1955; P. N. Gresham, 1955; and the following: ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk.
   b. Budget (Sub-Committee): Chas. Pettit, 1956; J. O. Williams, 1956; J. C. Neville, 1954; E. C. Conrad, 1954; John R. Williams, 1954; J. C. Lime, Chairman Full Committee, 1954; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk and Executive Secretary.
3. World Missions: Frank O. Brown, 1956; R. T. Reed, 1954; W. H. Armistead, 1954; W. M. Fountain, 1955; L. Nelson Bell, Chairman, 1955.
4. Church Extension—six sub-committees:
   a. Assembly's Home Missions: L. R. Nichols, 1954; J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1955.
   b. Evangelism: C. W. Solomon, 1956; M. R. Williamson, Chairman, 1954.
   c. Christian Relations: Robert R. Collins, Chairman, 1956; Geo. H. Wright, 1954.
   d. Radio: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman, 1956; Emerson Ross, 1954. Ross, 1954.
   e. Negro Work: J. C. Lime, Chairman, 1956; W. C. Dillingham, 1955.
   f. Defense Service: James B. Light, 1956; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.
5. Annuities and Relief: P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1956; J. H. Flanagan, 1954; Warren L. Thueton, 1955.
6. Woman's Work: Paul Warren, 1956; C. D. Richmond, 1954; R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1955.

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STATED FALL MEETING
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Fall meeting at the Franklin Presbyterian Church, Franklin, N. C., Tuesday, October 6, 1953, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Ruling Elder S. W. Black, and constituted with prayer by the Rev. Robert R. Collins.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Everett Brown preached the sermon on the subject, "The Will of God and What Is My Response to It?", using as the text, Matt. 7:21.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. Bryan Hatchett and the Rev. George Clayman, assisted by Ruling Elders E. C. Conrad, Sidney McCarty, E. G. Simmons, S. F. Davidson, J. J. Stone, and George Brown.

MEMORIAL

The Rev. J. R. McGregor read a memorial to the late Dr. Geza Soos, which was adopted, and a prayer of thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the late Dr. Soos was offered by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Dr. Geza Soos was born in Budapest, Hungary, October 13, 1912, and died near Ligonier, Pennsylvania, on September 5, 1953.

His family heritage was rich in Christian culture and service to his church, his nation, and the world. His father before him was a judge with a position corresponding to that of a supreme court judge of our Nation.

Dr. Soos was endowed with brilliant gifts which manifested themselves in his achievement in earning the degree of Doctor of Political Science, Doctor of Philosophy, and in finishing a four-year seminary course at the University of Geneva in two years. He spoke seven languages and could work in two others. Following his father as a public servant and statesman, he at an early age held a judgeship which corresponds to our superior court judges.

In youth he was actively interested in and participated in the programs for youth of his church. He and a small group of young people led a movement which had a marvelous effect for Christian programs among high school and college students. He had been in

America twice during his youth in international youth movements, and at an early age began speaking in religious movements and leading in Christian services.

Steeped deep in the doctrine that the individual should be a free man everywhere in the world, he encountered the wrath of the Nazis who over ran his country by being the Chairman of the Central Committee of twelve who organized and led the resistance movement against the German occupation forces. No liberty-loving individual could occupy a more precarious position that threatened his life. Freedom was more preferable than to be a slave with a sadistic idealogy.

Unfortunately, the defeat of the Nazi hordes offered little haven to his oppressed and harassed country, for they were confronted with the Russian Communism almost immediately. They sought out for liquidation all those who would defy a totalitarian existence based on the theory that the State is supreme.

Dr. Soos, like all free men, would not subscribe to this falsified ideal and with determined fervor opposed the yoke of slavery and godless untruth forced upon him and his fellow countrymen. He continued to serve as Chairman of the Central Committee directing the underground movement against the Russian Communists. To the Communists he was a number one man sought for destruction.

His family was forced to live underground. While there the oldest child starved to death. Also, during this time one child was born with only two young children present.

Dr. Soos escaped from Hungary, when he was asked to fulfill a dangerous mission for the Resistance Movement, by stealing an enemy airplane and flying to Italy.

As a displaced refugee in Geneva he was befriended by Dr. Benjamin Bush, who was at that time the American Representative at the Council of Churches. Some months afterwards they managed to get his family out of Hungary. For about five years Dr. Soos was associated with the World Council of Churches, working with displaced people in Germany.

In 1950 Montreat College joined with Dr. Bush and some others in trying to get Dr. Soos and his family into America. The power of Communism influence was evident in the fact that after months it took the united efforts of senators from Michigan, North Carolina, and a Minnesota congressman to get him accepted for entrance into America.

Dr. Soos and his wife and children immediately made profound impression upon Montreat College through their gifts and graces and marvelous Christian faith and courage. The faculty and students of the College were greatly impressed with his brilliance and wisdom,

but most by the beauty and charm and winsomeness of his Christian life.

Montreat College, sensing immediately that he had a message which all America needed to hear, shared him freely with educational centers, student conferences, church conferences and all sorts of church meetings. After he had made a visit to one of our greaa state universities where he spoke to the student body and later at a luncheon for the faculty, one of the faculty members wrote: "For the first time in twenty-five years at this university, I have seen our faculty shaken loose and made to think seriously about religion."

A letter from the pastor of one of our best churches which came immediately after the notice of his death appeared in the paper said, "Few people have had as great an effect on our people as Dr. Soos. We had him for a Men's supper and then for the last Sunday in August. Our people are concerned about what will happen to Mrs. Soos and want to help in any way possible."

In an editorial which appeared last Friday, September 11, there was this quotation, "In people who have had liberty and lost it to recapture it becomes an obsession of the first order of the heart and soul. As a champion of free peoples, his energies were inexhaustible. His thirst for freedom for his people and the world was unquenchable. We who have known nothing but freedom should pause with reverence with a bowed head and a heart full of appreciation for a great champion of liberty, a defiant and courageous soul, who under God acknowledged the Supreme Being and held in scorn any avenue that would take away our liberty.

"His presence among us shall be a perpetual inspiration that man shall not dictate the destines of the world, that he worked for the good of his fellowman, and that those who knew him were inspired by his love of people, love of freedom, and love of religion.

"What does liberty mean to us? Can you and I leave a comparable heritage?"

We would express our deep gratitude to our eternal God that He in His profound wisdom, allowed Dr. Geza Soos to bring his message to us and to a good part of America, if only for a few short months. We would earnestly commend his wife and five children to our Heavenly Father for His love, blessing, and support for that rich inheritance which is theirs through husband and father and as joint heirs with Christ.

THE ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches. The following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, E. K. Brown, W. P. Chedester, R. R. Collins,

W. J. Gammon, J. H. Gruver, Robert M. Hart, J. C. Lime, H. V. C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, W. M. Fountain, P. N. Gresham, Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. R. McGregor, J. C. Neville, R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, W. G. Somerville, John Somerville, J. D. Smith, C. W. Solomon, J. V. N. Talmadge, G. B. Talbot, W. G. Thomas, John R. Williams, Malcolm R. Williamson, J. Q. Wallace, C. B. Yeargan, Paul Warren, Archie Graham, and George Clayman (32).

The following churches were represented:

Joe Tandy, Arden; W. W. Brittain, Brittain Cove; S. W. Black, Bryson City; J. O. Williams, Black Mountain; C. S. Rollins, Bethel; W. P. Barnes, Canton; W. C. Dillingham, Dillingham; George Brown, Franklin; George Wright, Jr., Grace Covenant; G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood; J. T. Fain, Hendersonville; Sidney McCarty, Highlands; J. J. Stone, Kenilworth; L. J. Coppedge, Montreat; E. H. Brumby, Murphy; H. E. Lamb, Oak Forest; S. F. Davidson, Swannanoa; Charles Pettit, Sylva; L. R. Callahan, Waynesville; R. T. Reed, Weaverville; and E. C. Conrad, West Asheville (21).

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following brethren were excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery: F. O. Brown, Warren Thuston, T. G. Tate, R. C. Anderson.

VISITING BRETHREN

Dr. A. C. Holt, Suwanee Presbytery, was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The following Ruling Elders, Oak Forest Church, were introduced: J. R. Brooks, S. A. Mann, O. E. Starnes.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. George Bird Talbot was elected Moderator by acclamation.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. Bryan Hatchett, host pastor, presented the report of the Program Committee and recommended that the docket prepared and distributed by the Stated Clerk be adopted, with the following exceptions:

(1) That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 o'clock and reconvene at 1:30.

(2) That the reception of ministers follow immediately.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Stated Clerk of Suwanee Presbytery, stating that a letter of transfer from Suwanee Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery for Dr. A. C. Holt would be sent after October 30, 1953, the date for the Fall meeting of Suwanee Presbytery.

In view of the forthcoming letter of transfer, Presbytery proceeded to examine Dr. Holt, according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order. The examination on experimental religion was conducted by the Moderator, the Rev. G. Bird Talbot; that on theology, by the Rev. John R. Williams; that on the sacraments, by the Rev. W. M. Fountain; and that on church government, by the Rev. Paul N. Gresham. The examinations were approved as satisfactory and Dr. Holt was enrolled upon signing the "Ex Animo" statement.

READING OF UNPRINTED MINUTES

The Minutes of the Called Meeting of Presbytery were read and approved:

CALLED MEETING ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY SEPTEMBER 15, 1953

Asheville Presbytery met in the Fountain City Presbyterian Church, Fountain City, Tennessee, Tuesday night, September 15, 1953, by order of the Synod of Appalachia, to transact the following business:

1. To change the time of the Fall meeting of the Presbytery from the date, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1953, 10 o'clock in the morning, to Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1953, 10 o'clock in the morning.

2. To hear and act on the requests of the Rev. Jno. R. Williams that the pastoral relationship between him and the Montreat Church be dissolved and that he be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery in evangelistic work.

3. To consider and act on any matter that may grow out of either of the two matters.

Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Rev. W. M. Fountain, former moderator.

The following ministers were present: W. M. Fountain, John R. Williams, Malcolm Williamson, C. Grier Davis, P. N. Gresham,

J. C. Lime, W. G. Thomas, W. W. Preston, H. V. Lofquist, Paul Warren, Everett Brown, Geo. Bird Talbert, Robert A. Potter, George Clayman, Archie Graham, Warren Thuston, R. E. McClure, H. B. Dendy, J. Rupert McGregor, Robert M. Hart, Robert R. Collins, John C. Neville, and Bryan Hatchett.

The following Ruling Elders were present: L. J. Coppedge, Montreat Church; John Hardin, Bethel; Wm. Griffin; G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood.

The Stated Clerk read to Presbytery the order of Synod containing the business to be transacted:

1. Concerning the changing the date for the Fall meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery declined to change the date from October 6 to October 13.

2. Concerning the dissolution of pastoral relations. The Rev. John R. Williams presented a request that his pastoral relations with the Montreat Church be dissolved as of October 1, and that he be allowed to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery in evangelistic work.

Ruling elder, Dr. L. J. Coppedge, stated that at a regularly called congregational meeting the Montreat Church had reluctantly concurred with the Rev. John R. Williams in the request for the pastoral dissolution.

After several of the brethren had spoken in appreciation of the splendid service rendered by Mr. Williams in the Montreat Church as well as to Presbytery, the pastoral relation was dissolved.

Presbytery postponed the reading of the minutes until the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

W. M. FOUNTAIN, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Stated Clerk read a letter from Rev. E. K. Brown with the request that Presbytery dissolve his pastoral relations with Bryson City Church as of November 30, 1953, and that a letter of transfer be sent to Potomac Presbytery.

S. W. Black, representing the church, reported that the Bryson City Church, in a regularly called congregational meeting, had reluctantly concurred in the request. The request was granted.

2. The Stated Clerk read a letter from Dr. Wade H. Boggs, Executive Secretary of Annuities and Relief, which was referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work, with the request that a report be brought to the next meeting of Presbytery.

THE ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

The Commission on the Minister and His Work was requested to make a study of the roll of Presbytery with a view to determine the status of the ministers who do not attend the meetings of Presbytery, and to bring a report to the next meeting of Presbytery.

3. The Stated Clerk read a letter containing a request from the Session of Franklin Church for the privilege of making a recording of the report of the Ad Interim Committee on the study of the Plan of Union. The request was granted.

THE REPORT OF COMMISSIONS

The Stated Clerk read a report of the Commission to ordain and install the Rev. George Clayman, pastor of the Oak Forest Church. The report was received and admitted to record:

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF GEORGE CLAYMAN

Be It Remembered that the Special Commission of Asheville Presbytery appointed at the Spring Meeting of Asheville Presbytery for the purpose of Ordaining and Installing Mr. George Clayman as the pastor of the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church met at the Church upon the hour of 2:00 P. M., July 19, 1953. Present were the Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman; Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. W. M. Fountain, Edward G. Roberts, and George H. Wright. By request of the Candidate, Dr. R. A. Brown, pastor of the Windsor Avenue Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tennessee, was asked to deliver the sermon.

The meeting was opened with prayer and it was moved and seconded that Dr. R. A. Brown be invited to meet with the Commission. Edward G. Roberts was elected to serve as clerk to the Commission.

Immediately following the worship service Dr. R. E. McClure propounded the obligations of the Candidate and the Congregation

following with the Ordination prayer. Mr. George H. Wright charged the Minister and Rev. Paul F. Warren charged the Congregation.

The Candidate was called before the Commission and Ordained to the Gospel Ministry by laying on of the hands; whereupon he was given the right hand of fellowship. After which the congregation sang a hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be," and the Rev. George N. Clayman pronounced the Benediction.

R. E. McCLURE,
Chairman of the Special Commission.
EDWARD G. ROBERTS, *Secretary.*

The Stated Clerk read a report of the Commission to ordain John Somerville as an evangelist. The report was received and admitted to record:

ORDINATION OF JOHN SOMERVILLE

The Commission appointed to ordain John Somerville as an evangelist on Sunday, July 26, 1953, at 3:00 P. M., at the Dillingham Church, met at the scheduled time with the following present: Rev. R. E. McClure, D. D., chairman; Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. Maynard Fountain, and Rev. W. G. Somerville; and Elders R. T. Reed and Harold Sluder. H. B. Dendy was elected Secretary. Rev. Maynard Fountain preached the sermon. The constitutional questions, acording to the Book of Church Order, were propounded by Rev. R. E. McClure. The candidate was then ordained by the "laying on" of the hands of the members of the Commission, with Rev. H. B. Dendy offering the ordination prayer. The charge was given by Rev. W. G. Somerville, father of the candidate. The Rev. John R. Somerville then pronounced the apostolic benediction. The meeting of the Commission was opened with prayer and closed with the benediction.

R. E. McCLURE, *Chairman.*
H. B. DENDY, *Secretary*

The Stated Clerk read a report of the Commission to ordain and install J. Bryan Hatchett, Jr., as pastor of the Franklin Church. The report was received and admitted to record:

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF J. BRYAN HATCHETT, JR.

The Commission appointed by Presbytery to ordain and install J. Bryan Hatchett, Jr., as pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian Church, met at the church on Sunday evening at 7:45 P. M., July 26, 1953,

was called to order by the Chairman, and opened with prayer.

Present were: Rev. R. E. McClure, chairman; Rev. R. R. Collins, Rev. F. O. Brown, Rev. Robert M. Hart, and Ruling Elders E. J. McCarty, J. Bryan Hatchett, and W. P. Matthias of the College Park Presbyterian Church, Atlanta Presbytery, together with Rev. C. E. Piephoff, pastor of the College Park Church.

Mr. Brown was elected clerk.

Upon motion Ruling Elders Hatchett and W. P. Matthias together with Rev. Mr. Piephoff were asked to sit as visiting members of the Commission. Mr. Piephoff was invited to preach the sermon and the Ruling Elders to participate in the ordination.

The Commission received a written report from Rev. John D. Smith stating that he had examined the written parts of the examination of candidate Hatchett, and upon this report, the examination of same was approved. It was ordered that the Commission proceed to the ordination and installation as ordered conditionally by the Presbytery.

The Commission conducted the evening worship service at which Mr. Piephoff brought the evening message. The chairman outlined the action of Presbytery and propounded the constitutional questions, as required by the Book of Church Order. These having been answered in the affirmative by the candidate and the congregation, J. Bryan Hatchett, Jr. was set apart to the Gospel Ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and a prayer offered by Mr. Collins.

A charge was delivered to the Minister and to the Congregation, and he was declared duly elected, ordained, and installed pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian Church in accordance with the provisions of the Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

The meeting of the Commission was adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Rev. J. Bryan Hatchett, Jr.

REV. R. E. McCLURE, *Chairman.*
REV. F. O. BROWN, *Clerk.*

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—Robert Rollins, Archie Graham, Joe Tandy, Sidney McCarty.

2. Judiciary—C. W. Solomon, H. V. Lofquist, Fred Davidson, J. J. Stone.

3. Minutes of General Assembly—W. G. Somerville, J. D. Smith, J. T. Fain, W. P. Barnes.

4. Resolutions—R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, Dr. L. J. Coppedge, H. E. Lamb.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30 P. M., after being led in prayer by the Rev. John D. Smith.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 o'clock. Prayer was offered by W. W. Preston.

AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PLAN OF UNION

Dr. C. Grier Davis, chairman, presented the report of the Ad Interim Committee on the Plan of Union, which contained the following recommendations:

1. That individual sessions or individual members of the Presbytery shall send to the Permanent Comittee on Cooperation and Union suggestions for such changes for the proposed Plan of Union as they may deem desirable; this to be done by November 1st, 1953.

2. That the Presbytery authorize the holding of two meetings in two sections of the Presbytery, at which time there shall be a discussion of the viewpoints with reference to organic union. The present committee to arrange the places, dates, and speakers for these meetings.

These two recommendations were adopted.

Following the adoption of the above recommendations, Dr. C. Grier Davis presented a brief review of the History leading up to the Proposed Plan of Union.

Dr. H. B. Dendy was heard with interest and profit.

SUGGESTED REVISIONS TO PLAN OF UNION

Presbytery adopted the following recommendations to be sent to the Joint Committee on Cooperation and Union:

1. Concerning Chapter 31, page 177, in the Proposed Plan of Union:

That the General Council be an ad interim clearing house and contact body among the several Church Boards and agencies. That it have no administrative nor executive powers; that such powers be vested in only the General Assembly and the several Boards.

2. Concerning Chapter 10, page 119, in the Proposed Plan of Union:

That the Board of Deacons be strengthened by providing that they be vested with the responsibility for development and promotion of the Stewardship Program in the local church and for the care and upkeep of both the real and personal property of the congregation.

3. Concerning Chapter 34, page 186, paragraph 11, in the Proposed Plan of Union:

We recommend that this paragraph be deleted from the Plan of Union.

4. Concerning Chapter 12, page 126, paragraph 15, in the Proposed Plan of Union:

Ministers of this church seeking admission by letter of transfer to a presbytery *shall be* examined in theology, the sacraments, and church government.

5. We recommend that the Plan of Union be so changed that the present democratic organization of mission bodies in foreign fields be preserved.

6. Concerning "The Supplemental Covenant and Agreement," page 22, in Proposed Plan of Union:

We recommend that the ratio of voting be changed from three-fourths to a majority.

THE WINTER STATED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

Presbytery adopted the following recommendations, presented by Dr. R. E. McClure, concerning the stated Winter meeting:

1. It is recommended that the Central Treasurer of Benevolences close his books for the year 1953 with the

receipt of all mail on January 5, 1954, and to furnish each local treasurer with a statement of receipts from the church and the disbursement of these receipts as soon as possible after the books close.

2. It is recommended that the Winter meeting be held at 10:00 A. M. on Tuesday after the Third Sunday in January, 1954, the date being the 19th, and that the following reports shall be made at this meeting:

(1) The statistical reports of local churches, through the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, and instruct local churches to have in the hands of the Stated Clerk not later than January 10, 1954, together with such other reports as are required by the General Assembly.

(2) A financial statement from the Home Mission Committee, the Mountain Orphanage, and the Committee on Christian Education, together with proposed spending budgets for 1954.

(3) A summary statement from the Mountain Orphanage showing how many children have been cared for in 1953, special accomplishments at and for the home, records of children who have graduated from High School in 1953, and any other data the Board of Trustees may deem wise.

(4) In view of the fact that the meeting day set for Presbytery is the same as that on which the Orphanage was opened on Crabtree Creek in 1903, it is further ordered that there shall be docketed for the first item of business after lunch a period of One Half Hour, at which time the Trustees of the Orphanage are directed to present a program appropriate to the occasion.

3. It is recommended that the Committee on Manual Revisions make its report at the January meeting in 1954.

PLACE OF MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its stated Winter meeting in the Hazelwood Church, Tuesday after the Third Sunday, January 19, 1954, 10:00 A. M.

THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, chairman, reported that the Commission on the Minister and His Work had no report to make to this meeting of Presbytery.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

The Rev. J. C. Lime, chairman of the Sub-Committee on Budget, presented the following report, which was adopted, and the Committee was commended for its splendid work:

The Sub-Committee on Budget respectfully calls the attention of Asheville Presbytery that the amount ($70,000) adopted by the Presbytery for Benevolences at the July meeting does not represent the total needs of the Benevolent Causes of Presbytery, Synod and Assembly.

The total asked of this Presbytery by Synod and General Assembly, except for the amount assigned to King College, together with the minimum spending budgets of Presbytery's Causes and a designated amount for Montreat College are as follows:

Assembly Causes		
World Missions	$26,325.00	
Church Extension	11,056.00	
Christian Education	4,738.00	
Annuities and Relief	4,006.00	
General Fund	6,317.00	
Inter Church Agencies	212.00	
Synod Causes		
King College	7,500.00	
Christian Education	3,300.00	
Union Seminary	1,500.00	
Louisville Seminary	750.00	
Presbytery Causes		
Home Missions	30,000.00	
The Mountain Orphanage	40,000.00	
Christian Education	1,500.00	
Montreat College	7,500.00	$144.704

We recommend that the Churches be advised that this represents the total needs of all Benevolent agencies for the year 1954, but on a minimum basis.

Based on past experience, it is estimated that there will be a total income of $58,000 during 1954 from one or more of the following sources:

Special Offerings for various causes, including the Thanksgiving Offering, Gifts of Women for "Clothing" at Orphanage, Sunday School offerings for Orphanage, etc.

Designated gifts from time to time for various causes, including money applicable to the Home Mission or Orphanage Budget from outside sources.

This leaves a balance of not less than $86,704, not provided by any other source than the Sunday by Sunday giving of the Churches of Asheville Presbytery.

We recommend that the Churches be advised that it will be necessary for the Presbytery to give at least $86,704 through the Central Treasurer for division among the causes, if the Presbytery is to meet her responsibility on a 100% basis during the year 1954.

It is impossible to accurately assign a definite goal to any church that will represent the amount that the particular church OUGHT to assume of this total.

We recommend:

(1) *That each church be asked to study their own ability, in the light of what God has enabled them to do, in the light of their actual record of giving, and to place in their budget a sum that in their opinion will*

HONOR THE LORD in behalf of the Benevolent Causes of their Church.

(2) *That the form letter appended hereto be approved as the request of the Presbytery as the method of promoting proportionate giving, and that it be ordered sent to each church and a reply requested by December 15, 1953 to the Executive Secretary.*

(3) That the Sub-Committee on Budget be authorized to review these reports. and, if deemed wise, re-open with any church the matter of a possible increase in such amounts as may be reported.

(4) That the Sub-Committee on Budget be instructed to report to the Presbytery at the January meeting the amounts so adopted by the Churches and reported to the Committee.

(5) That the Central Treasurer of the Presbytery be instructed to report to January 1954 meeting of the Presbytery the total amount given each cause during the calendar year through any "special offering" or "designated gifts" or source outside the Presbytery's regular benevolent giving, that shall have been handled by him.

(6) That these amounts shall be deducted from the totals—cause by cause—as shown in this report, and the remainder in each case shall be the basis on which each cause shall share in the distribution of "regular benevolences" during 1954, except that the amount to be the basis for those agencies for which the Presbytery has exclusive responsibility shall be amounts estimated to produce not less than the following amounts for the causes shown:

Presbytery's Home Missions	$20,000.00
The Mountain Orphanage	12,000.00
Christian Education	1,200.00

(7) That there shall be added to the total a net sum of $2,000.00 to be known as an "Emergency Fund," the net proceeds of which shall be assigned by Presbytery, as may seem wise, on or after September 1, 1954.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS

Dr. C. Grier Davis, chairman, reported that the Home Mission Committee did not have a report to make to this meeting of Presbytery.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

No report was presented by the Trustees of Presbytery.

WORLD MISSIONS

Dr. J. V. N. Talmadge made a brief statement to Presbytery concerning his special mission to Korea and asked for the prayers of Presbytery.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures.—This committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

2. Judiciary.—This committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Minutes of General Assembly.—W. G. Somerville, chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee recommends that all amendments to the Book of Church Order be docketed for the January meeting of Presbytery.

4. Resolutions—The Rev. R. A. Potter, chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted:

We, of Asheville Presbytery, desire to express hearty thanks to the Franklin Church, its pastor, and Women's Group for the gracious entertainment, including a most delightful dinner, accorded us during our Fall meeting of Presbytery. We would pray our Lord's rich blessing upon its activities for Him and for its continuing advance in the things of His kingdom.

SYNOD'S ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE

The Moderator was authorized to appoint a special committee composed of three members, to work with similar committees from the other presbyteries of the Synod in making a study of the various orphans' homes within the boundary of the Synod of Appalachia.

The Rev. R. E. McClure and Ruling Elders W. H. McMurray and E. G. Roberts were appointed.

The Stated Clerk was requested to write the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Appalachia a letter offering explanations for the exceptions found in the Minutes of the Stated Meetings of Presbytery.

MINUTES APPROVED

The Minutes of Presbytery were read by the Permanent Clerk and approved as corrected, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. Geo. Bird Talbot.

GEORGE BIRD TALBOT, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

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7. **Assembly's Special Causes:**
   a. **Historical Foundation**
   b. **Montreat**
   c. **Assembly's Training School**
   d. **American Bible Society**
   J. W. Smith, 1956; Sidney McCarty, 1954; J. H. Gruver, 1954; S. A. Mann, 1955; W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1955.
8. **Examinations**—The Moderator, Chairman.
   a. **Experimental Religion:** The Moderator.
   b. **Theology:** John R. Williams, Chairman, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1955.
   c. **Sacraments:** J. Q. Wallace, 1954; W. M. Fountain, Chairman, 1955.

   d. **Church Government:** W. J. Gammon, 1956; C. B. Yeargan, 1954.
   e. **English Bible:** J. H. Gruver, 1956; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.
   f. **Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon:** John D. Smith, Chairman, 1955. Smith, Chairman, 1955.
   g. **Academic Studies:** W. P. Chedester, 1956; Chas. F. Stube, Chairman, 1954.
   h. **Seminary Studies:** G. B. Talbot, Chairman, 1954; C. W. Solomon, 1955.
9. **Presbytery's Historical Committee:** J. L. Brittain, 1956; R. A. Hardwick, 1954; R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1955.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1943 Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	G. B. Talbot

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January 19, 1954

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

A. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY:

1. **Moderator**—R. A. Potter.
2. **Stated Clerk**—M. R. Williamson, 1955.
3. **Permanent Clerk**—W. G. Thomas, 1955.
4. **Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences**—R. E. McClure, 1955.

B. TRUSTEES:

1. Presbytery Trustees: W. H. McMurray, 1956; J. J. Stone, 1954; Geo. H. Wright, Chairman 1955.
2. Davidson College Trustees: C. Grier Davis, 1956; Malcolm R. Williamson, 1955.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:

1. **Home Missions:** C. G. Davis, Chairman, 1956; P. N. Gresham, 1956; Forrest R. Gardner, 1954; Geo. H. Wright, 1955; J. R. McGregor, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1954; R. P. Booth, 1954; W. G. Lingo, 1954; R. L. McGlamery, 1955; C. D. Thomas, 1955; J. D. Smith, 1955; W. G. Somerville, 1955.
2. **The Mountain Orphanage:** H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1956; Lee Brittain, 1956; R. L. Prevost, 1954; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1956; Mrs. E. G. Simmons 1954; J. R. McGregor, 1954; E. G. Roberts, 1954; Mrs. F. A. Plummer, 1955; Archie Graham, 1955; C. C. Demaree, 1955; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1955; Geo. N. Clayman, 1956.
3. **Christian Education:**
   a. **Educational Institutions:** Holland McSwain, 1956; H. V. Lofquist, 1954; R. M. Hart, 1955.
   b. **Candidates for the Ministry:** Frank O. Brown, 1956; C. G. Worley, 1954; John R. Williams, Chairman, 1955.
   c. **Religious Education:** W. M. Fountain, 1956; Walter Harbin, 1956; Dr. Quinn Constantz, 1954; G. B. Talbot, 1956; John D. Smith, 1954; J. C. Lime, 1954; C. A. Stubbs, 1954; Walter Abernathy, 1955; R. A. Potter, 1955; Robert R. Collins, 1955; Paul Warren, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; and Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship and Executive Secretary.

D. COMMISSIONS:

1. **The Minister and His Work:** J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1956; W. G. Thomas, 1956; L. Nelson Bell, 1954; G. B. Talbot, 1954; Hugh Lamb, 1955; Warren Thuston, 1955.

E. 1. **Nominations:** H. B. Dendy, 1956; Edward G. Roberts, 1954; J. J. Stone, 1954; Robert A. Potter, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955.

2. **Presbytery Council:**
   a. **Program and Publicity (Sub-Committee):** R. E. McClure, 1954, Sub-Chairman; F. A. Plummer, 1955; P. N. Gresham, 1955; and the following: ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk.
   b. **Budget (Sub-Committee):** Chas. Pettit, 1956; J. O. Williams, 1956; J. C. Neville, 1954; E. C. Conrad, 1954; John R. Williams, 1954; J. C. Lime, Chairman Full Committee, 1954; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk and Executive Secretary.
3. **World Missions:** Frank O. Brown, 1956; R. T. Reed, 1954; W. H. Armistead, 1954; W. M. Fountain, 1955; L. Nelson Bell, Chairman, 1955.
4. **Church Extension—six sub-committees:**
   a. **Assembly's Home Missions:** L. B. Nichols, 1954; J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1955.
   b. **Evangelism:** C. W. Solomon, 1956; M. R. Williamson, Chairman, 1954; Wade C. Smith, 1955.
   c. **Christian Relations:** Robert R. Collins, Chairman, 1956; Geo. H. Wright, 1954.
   d. **Radio:** H. V. Lofquist, Chairman, 1956; Emerson Rose, 1954.
   e. **Negro Work:** J. C. Lime, Chairman, 1956; W. C. Dillingham, 1955.
   f. **Defense Service:** W. G. Somerville, Chairman 1955; Bryan Hatchett, 1956.
5. **Annuities and Relief:** P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1956; J. H. Flanagan, 1954; Warren L. Thuston, 1955.
6. **Woman's Work:** Paul Warren, 1956; C. D. Richmond, 1954; R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1955.

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STATED WINTER MEETING
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Winter meeting at the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church, Hazelwood, N. C., Tuesday, January 19, 1954, at 10:00 in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. George Bird Talbot, and constituted with prayer.

The Moderator read for the scripture lesson Titus 2:11-15 and preached a sermon on the theme "The Blessed Hope," using as a text Hebrews 9:28 and Titus 2:13.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. Archie Graham and Dr. A. C. Holt, assisted by ruling elders R. L. Prevost, C. L. Davis, Clifton S. Terrell, and Thomas Furness.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, W. P. Chedester, Robert Collins, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, W. M. Fountain, Robert M. Hart, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville, R. A. Potter, W. G. Somerville, J. D. Smith, C. W. Solomon, G. B. Tallbot, W. G. Thomas, Malcolm R. Williamson, Paul Warren, Warren Thuston, Archie Graham, George Clayman, Wade C. Smith, A. C. Holt, and J. C. Lime (24).

The churches represented were:

C. G. Worley, Arden; J. N. Coleman, Asheville First; W. B. Clark, Brevard-Davidson River; C. P. Hensley, Brittain Cove; S. W. Black, Bryson City; H. E. Barkley, Black Mountain; Clifton Terrell, Bethel; Thomas Furness, Canton; E. E. Jarrett, Dillingham; Holland McSwain, Franklin; Mark Sumner, Grace Covenant; L. C. Davis, Hazelwood; F. B. Gardner, Hendersonville; C. D. Richmond, Kenilworth; J. P. Russell, Malvern Hills; L. L. Burgin, Mills River; C. A. Stubbs, Montreat; J. F. Smith, Murphy; H. T. Shillinglaw, Oak Forest; J. B. Nichols, Swannanoa; C. W. Lee, Sylva; R. L. Prevost, Waynesville; J. H. Evans, Weaverville; and J. A. Anderson, West Asheville (24).

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following brethren were excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery: J. H. Gruver, T. G. Tate, R. C. Anderson, K. J. Foreman, J. R. McGregor, John R. Williams, W. W. Preston, W. J. Gammon, Bryan Hatchett, John Somerville.

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Rev. Andrew I. Keener, Steubenville Presbytery, U. S. A.; D. R. Freeman, Knoxville Presbytery; I. M. Ellis, Knoxville.

The following were introduced to Presbytery: Clifford Faulkner, C. A. Williams, Hay Robertson, William Somerville, L. N. Davis, W. T. Lewis, C. H. Law, C. W. Lee, Mrs. D. R. Freeman, Robert Stamper, George Wright.

MODERATOR

The Rev. R. A. Potter was elected Moderator by acclamation. The Moderator led Presbytery in prayer.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. Archie Graham, host pastor, extended Presbytery a cordial welcome and then presented the report of the Program Committee and recommended that the printed docket distributed by the stated clerk be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:15 and reconvene at 2:00 p. m.

2. That Dr. H. B. Dendy, chairman of Mountain Orphanage Board of Trustees, be given the first order of the day following lunch.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS

Presbytery elected the following ministers and ruling elders to represent Presbytery at the next meeting of the General Assembly, to be held at Montreat, N. C., May 27, 1954:

Ministers: The Rev. R. A. Potter and the Rev. Paul Warren with alternates, the Rev. W. G. Somerville for Mr. Potter, and the Rev. P. N. Gresham for Mr. Warren.

Ruling Eldres: F. B. Gardner, Hendersonville, and J. A. Anderson, West Asheville; with alternates, Mark Sumner, Grace Covenant, for Mr. Gardner, and W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa, for Mr. Anderson.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—Geo. B. Talbot and C. D. Richmond.

2. Judiciary—H. B. Dendy.

3. Records of Session—W. G. Somerville, Robert Collins, Paul Warren, Robert M. Hart, Warren Thuston, J. N. Coleman, W. B. Clark, Mark Sumner, L. L. Burgin, J. A. Anderson, J. Franklin Smith.

4. Minutes of Synod—A. C. Holt, J. D. Smith, E. E. Jarrett.

5. Resolutions—Wade C. Smith, C. P. Hensley.

REPORT OF STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk presented his financial report for the year ending December 31, 1953. The report was placed in the hands of the sub-committee on Budget for audit.

STATISTICAL REPORT

The Stated Clerk read his statistical report to Presbytery, stating that it was incomplete, due to the fact that a few churches had not turned in their reports. He was instructed by Presbytery to forward the report to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly when completed.

SAFETY A FILM

HOME MISSIONS

Dr. C. G. Davis, chairman of Home Missions, presented a report of the Committee, which included a financial statement and a recommended spending budget for the year 1954. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Home Mission Committee asks Asheville Presbytery to approve the following "spending budget" for 1954:

Executive Secretary:		
Salary	$ 4,200.00	
House Allowance	1,200.00	
Ministers' Annuity	382.56	
Life and Hos. Ins.	85.20	
Social Security	41.00	
Expense Account	750.00	$ 6,658.76
Office Costs:		
Secretary, Salary	2,400.00	
Social Security	96.00	
Life and Hos. Ins.	52.00	
Normal Office Costs	1,500.00	
Audit (1954)	135.00	
New Office Equipment	200.00	4,383.60
Our Mountain Work		2,700.00
Malvern Hills, Interest on Property		254.00
Church and Manse Erection Fund		2,000.00
Contributions: Travel Pool, Montreat Church Ext. Con.		45.00
Share Travel Exp. S. S. Extension Worker		90.00
Salary Supplements:		
Ordained Ministers	10.900.00	
Ministers' Annuity	1,250.00	
Life and Hos. Ins.	250.00	
Students, Summer Workers, Supplies	2,400.00	14,800.00
Reserve against cost of Moving men into Presbytery and other possible items		1,000.00
		31,931.36
We would report probable income, as follows:		
Churches of Presbytery	18,000.00	
Board of Church Extension	9,650.00	
Mountain Orphanage	1,800.00	
Our Mountain Work	150.00	
	29,600.00	
Balance, 1954 (Jan. 1)	3,289.53	32,899.53

We request permission in behalf of the Churches and Committee that Salaries be paid as follows:

	By Churches	By Committee	Total
Andrews-Robbinsville	$1,920.00	$1,680.00	$3,600.00
Arden	3,180.00	420.00	3,600.00
Dillingham-Ivy Park	1,860.00	1,740.00	3,600.00
Friendship	1,600.00*	1,714.00	3,314.00
Malvern Hills	1,848.00	1,752.00	3,600.00
Sylva	900.00	2,550.00	3,450.00**

*Montreat Church pays $550.00 of this amount.

**An automatic increase on July 1, 1954 will make this $3,600.00.

All of the above are on an ANNUAL basis, and include only churches now served by resident pastors.

We commend Franklin, Etowah and Grace Covenant who were in our Budget for 1953 but have assumed the full amount paid to their minister.

Mills River plans to call a full time pastor. The Budget, above, provides for one half of the salary on a $3,600.00 basis.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:15 p. m. Prayer was offered by the Rev. John D. Smith.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 o'clock and was led in prayer by the Rev. W. M. Fountain.

SPECIAL REPORTS

The Moderator recognized the following, who brought greetings to the Presbytery, as well as presented information of interest to the Presbytery:

The Rev. Robert L. Stamper, of Bristol, spoke briefly

concerning the work and progress of King College and challenged the Presbytery to support the college with prayers and gifts.

Elder F. B. Gardner, president of the Men of Asheville Presbytery, spoke briefly concerning men's work within the Presbytery.

The Rev. I. M. Ellis, regional director for the Synod of Appalachia, spoke briefly concerning the work of religious education throughout the Synod.

The above reports were received as information.

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Dr. H. B. Dendy, chairman of the Mountain Orphanage Board of Trustees in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the Orphanage, presented the following, who spoke concerning the history and the present work of the Orphanage: Dr. R. E. McClure, Presbytery's Executive Secretary; the Rev. D. R. Freeman, the former superintendent of the Orphanage; and Mr. Harry Barkley, the present superintendent of the Orphanage.

Dr. Dendy invited the members of Presbytery to attend the fiftieth anniversary service, to be conducted at the Orphanage, Tuesday night, January 19, 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. C. Grier Davis called the attention of Presbytery to the excellent service rendered by Dr. Dendy as chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The Rev. W. G. Somerville offered a special prayer in the interest of the Orphanage.

The Chairman presented a financial statement concerning the Orphanage, which is as follows:

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE—Investment Account Analysis

—December 31, 1953

SUBJECT TO AUDIT

Fund Accounts (Below) Accounted For (Opposite)	CASH IN BANK First Nat.	Savings	First Mtg. Bal.	Stocks, etc.	TOTALS
Bequests	1,498.21			619.00	2,117.21
Lillian Terry	1,372.73		2,031.73	3,000.00	6,404.46
R. P. Smith, Principal	60.71		11,534.15	2,000.00	13,594.86
Accrued Interest	907.40				907.40
Reserve for Taxes	7.37				7.37
In Lieu of Flowers*	5,071.31				5,071.31
Annuities:					
Dunham ($151.00)**		1,622.73			1,622.73
Kinloch ($150.00)**		1,971.44			1,971.44
Foster- Lewis ($4.20)**		205.12			205.12
**Annual payments on each					
Special Funds:					
Baby Cottage		31.68			31.68
Lawrence Fund		172.08			172.08
L. T. Wilds Fund		648.00			648.00
GRAND TOTALS	8,917.73	4,651.05	13,565.88	5,619.00	32,753.66

NOTES: In Lieu of Flowers includes receipts to December 28, 1953, only.

Interest on Savings accounts is private calculation, subject to correction when posted by bank.

Accrued Interest on R. P. Smith Funds is subject to use for education.

Stocks and Bonds includes property GIVEN, not purchased, and is listed at net cost price to donor.

In addition, three NOTES for $180.00 each have been recognized by a new note and agreement to pay—together with interest from 1941.

The lot in Royal Pines has been sold for $350.00, against which there will be a charge of $12.50 for Title Insurance.

The Chairman also presented a budget for the church year, 1954, which was adopted, and is as follows:

	Recommended Budget 1954
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	
Salaries	$ 6,000.00
Insurance	1,400.00
Finance and Publicity	1,000.00
Travel	1,000.00
Other Expenses	700.00
	10,100.00
INSTITUTIONAL COST	
Matron's Salaries	8,000.00
Food Purchased	5,500.00
Clothing Purchased	2,500.00
Household Supplies	1,400.00
Travel	800.00
Other Miscellaneous Costs	500.00
Health	500.00
Education	600.00
	19,850.00
PLANT OPERATION	
Salaries, Wages	1,800.00
Fuel, Water, Lights, etc.	3,800.00
Current Replacement and Repairs	1,200.00
Depreciation Reserve	2,400.00
	9,200.00
FARM OPERATION	
Salaries, Wages	1,600.00
Feed, Seed, Supplies	3,500.00
Current Replacement and Repairs	600.00
Depreciation Reserve	1,500.00
	7,200.00
TOTALS	$46,350.00

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented a request from Robert O. Freeman, candidate for the ministry, for a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Brazos, Texas.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from James B. Sherwood, candidate for the ministry, requesting the assignment of parts of trial looking forward to the examination for licensure. The request was placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee on Candidates for the Ministry, the Rev. John R. Williams.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, made his report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Stated Clerk read a report he had received from Dr. J. R. McGregor, chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work. The report was admitted to record.

Your committee had two matters referred to it by Presbytery:

First. The names of the ministers of Presbytery who are not members of the Ministers' Annuity Fund. We do not believe that our Presbytery can do any more than to express the regret that these brethren do not participate in the Fund.

Second. The matter of the status of the retired ministers and those who are laboring outside the bounds of our Presbytery. We find that the relationship of these to our Presbytery is in order with the possible exception of one. Your committee will ask the brethren to regularly and properly report to Presbytery.

VACANT CHURCHES: The Black Mountain, Bryson City and Montreat Churches are now without a pastor. The chairman of the commission has conferred with the committee chairman for securing a pastor for each of the three Churches, providing them with literature, and offering the help of the commission. The three Churches and their special committees desire to follow the plan of the General Assembly and our Presbytery in calling a minister.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. THOMAS,
L. NELSON BELL,
WARREN THURSTON,
J. R. McGREGOR.

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

The Rev. J. C. Lime, chairman of the Budget Committee, reported that the financial report of the Stated Clerk for the church year, ending March 31, 1953, had been examined and found to be in order, and recommended that it be admitted to record. The report was adopted, and the financial report is as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK

Church Year 1953

Receipts

West Asheville	$ 75.03
Mills River	17.08

Benevolent Funds received as "Undesignated" in 1953 were Divided as follows:

For Nine Months Percent Basis	Amount Basis	YEARLY Basis for comparison	ACTUAL TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS INCLUDING DESIGNATED GIFTS	Cause to which given	Proposed basis of division for 1954, for Undesignated funds. ALL Designated gifts to be "Over-and-above" to the Cause for which designated Amt. Basis	Percent Basis
				ASSEMBLY'S CAUSES		
10.6	5,220	6,990	8,464	World Missions	15,698	18.4
6.4	2,880	3,840	6,608	Church Extension	6,780	8.0
1.0	450	600	1,754	Christian Education	2,264	2.6
.....	.....	.....	3,672	Annuities and Relief	.....	.....
5.3	2,335	2,113	2,819	General Fund	5,685	6.7
.2	90	120	98	Inter Church Agencies	191	.2
				SYNOD'S CAUSES		
7.5	3,375	4,500	3,830	King College	7,000	8.0
3.0	1,350	1,800	1,666	Christian Education	3,300	3.6
1.6	720	960	860	Union Seminary	1,500	1.8
.8	360	480	392	Louisville Seminary	750	.9
31.8	14,310	19,080	18,800	PRESBYTERY CAUSES	20,000	24.0
21.0	9,450	12,600	24,761	Mountain Orphanage	14,000	16.0
31.8	14,310	19,080	18,800	Pres. Home Missions	20,000	24.0
7.5	3,375	4,500	3,975	Montreat College	7,000	8.0
3.3	1,495	1,993	1,423	Christian Education	1,500	1.8
100.0	45,420	60,560	79,132	GRAND TOTALS	85,662	100.00

NOTES: The Joy Gift has met in full the Askings of Synod for this cause for several years. It can be reasonably expected to do this in 1954.

Compare extreme Right (1954) and Left (1953) Columns for relative Percentage Distributions.

On basis of actual giving for 1953, it is estimated that "Undesignated Gifts" will amount to approximately 90% of amounts in next to last column on Right. Every Cause listed will receive the Percentage indicated PLUS all Designated Contributions.

The above proposes very substantial INCREASES to all Assembly Causes and several Synod's Causes.

To meet the Askings for Assembly Causes in full (100% of amount asked) it will be necessary for ALL "Special Offerings" to equal or exceed 1953 gifts and for the total Gifts of the Churches for "Undesignated" gifts to INCREASE by One Third (33.33%).

Asheville First	274.50
Dillingham	21.90
Sylva	12.59
Robbinsville	3.43
Hazelwood	18.07
Andrews	11.44
Swannanoa	43.71
Black Mountain	78.24
Murphy	16.93
Dillingham	32.03
Kenilworth	142.05
Highlands	18.30
Brevard	91.80
Etowah	11.67
Bryson City	21.96
Hendersonville	161.50
Asheville First	432.95
Malvern Hills	24.75
Weaverville	83.27
Friendship	37.52
Arden	37.98
Waynesville	64.74
Montreat	27.91
Mills River	26.08
Hayesville	3.66
Ivy Park	4.58
West Asheville	112.77
Brittain Cove	11.67
Murphy	30.74
Oak Forest	41.64
Bethel	15.15
Total	$2,007.74

Disbursements

E. C. Scott (Assembly Tax)	$ 921.31
M. R. Williamson (Postage)	7.50
The Inland Press (Minutes)	136.86
M. R. Williamson (Salary)	50.00
The Inland Press (Minutes)	109.13
M. R. Williamson (Supplies)	5.51
W. G. Thomas (Salary)	25.00
M. R. Williamson (Salary)	50.00
D. R. Greenhoe (Synod Tax)	147.28
Pres. Book Store (Blanks)	8.30

W. G. Thomas (Salary)	25.00
The Inland Press (Minutes)	91.91
M. R. Williamson (Postage)	4.50
M. R. Williamson (Salary)	100.00
Total	$1,682.30

Summary

Balance on hand April 1, 1953	$1,694.72
Received from Churches	2,007.64
Total	$3,702.36
Total Disbursements	1,682.30
Balance on hand January 1, 1954	$2,020.06

DEFENSE SERVICES

The Rev. W. G. Somerville, chairman of the Sub-committee on Defense Service, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Referring to page 82 of the Minutes of the General Assembly, 1953, attention is called to the change in the name of this committee to that of "Department of Chaplains and Military Personnel." At the request of the Board of Church Extension the General Council has provided for this cause in the budget and discontinued the special offering.

The interest and prayers of the members of Asheville Presbytery are requested for this department of our Church's work.

W. G. SOMERVILLE, Chairman.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. G. Thomas presented the report of the Nominating Committee, which was adopted, and is as follows:

We recommend:

1. That the expiration date for all terms of office be January, the Winter Stated Meeting of Presbytery, rather than the Spring Stated Meeting in April, in order to follow the calendar of the church year.

2. That the following be appointed to fill out the unexpired terms of:

The Mountain Orphanage: Lee Brittain, 1956, for R. J. Sprang, deceased; Geo. N. Clayman, 1956, for E. K. Brown; and Archie Graham, 1955, for the term of W. W. Preston.

Christian Education: Dr. Quinn Constantz, 1954, for the term of James B. Light; Paul Warren, 1955, for the term of W. W. Preston.

The Minister and His Work: Geo. Bird Talbot, 1954, for the term of W. W. Preston.

Church Extension—Sub-Committee on Defense Service: Bryan Hatchett, 1956, for the term of James B. Light.

Examinations—Sub-Committee on Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon: A. C. Holt, 1956, for term of E. K. Brown.

3. That the Rev. Wade C. Smith, 1955, be added to the Sub-Committee on Evangelism.

4. That the Presbytery grant the Nominating Committee the power to act in making new appointments for the best interest of the Sub-Committee on Candidates for the Ministry, after consulting with the chairman, the Rev. John R. Williams.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONFESSION OF FAITH

Presbytery voted to give first consideration to the proposed amendment to the Confession of Faith, chapter 26 —of Marriage and Divorce (page 91 of Minutes), and that the proposed amendment be answered in the negative.

The privilege of the floor was given to ruling elder, George Wright, of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville. He spoke briefly concerning the proposed amendment. The Moderator requested Dr. Andrew I. Keener, Steubenville Presbytery, U. S. A., to offer a special prayer for divine guidance. The Presbytery voted to disapprove revision of chapter 26, Confession of Faith.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

Presbytery voted on the proposed amendment to the Book of Church Order, as follows:

Paragraphs 70, 303, 363, 109, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 118, 139, 74, 154, approved.

Additions to Paragraphs 376A, 376B, 376C, 376D, disapproved.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE STUDY OF THE PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

Dr. C. Grier Davis, chairman, gave a report for the Committee, which was received as information.

The following recommendation presented by Dr. Davis was approved: That the public meetings sponsored by Presbytery in the interest of studying the proposed Plan of Union be delayed until after the next General Assembly meeting. The special committee appointed to arrange for the public meetings was dissolved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures—The Rev. Geo. B. Talbot, chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends that Asheville Presbytery overture the General Assembly:

"That, in the event the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order in the Directory of Worship, which would add paragraphs 376 A to D and a revision of Chapter 26 of the Confession of Faith, do not receive the required affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Presbyteries, the General Assembly appoint an ad interim committee, composed of the heads of departments of Biblical Theology in our four seminaries, several representatives of the Council of Christian Relations, and such other members as it may deem wise, to make a thorough study of the scriptural bases for marriage and divorce; and that, if, as a result of this study, they feel there should be any changes in the existing laws governing marriage and divorce, they recommend such changes to the General Assembly in 1955."

C. D. RICHMOND,
G. B. TALBOT.

2. Judiciary—The Rev. H. B. Dendy, chairman, reported that no matters had been placed in his hands.

3. Records of Sessions—The Rev. W. G. Somerville, chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Records of Sessions and it was adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee has approved the minutes of Session from the following churches without exception: Canton, Asheville First, Franklin, Mills River, Swannanoa, Weaverville, West Asheville.

The following were approved with exceptions noted: Andrews, Arden, Bethel, Black Mountain, Brittain's Cove, Dillingham, Hazelwood, Hendersonville, Highlands, Ivy Park, Kenilworth, Malvern Hills, Oak Forest, Sylva, Waynesville.

4. Minutes of Synod—Dr. A. C. Holt, chairman, reported that a study of the minutes of Synod had been made by the committee and that no matters of special interest to the Presbytery were noted.

5. Resolutions—The Rev. Wade C. Smith, chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted:
Mr. Moderator:

As I understand it, a Resolution report should have a PREAMBLE, some WHEREASES, and a THEREFORE BE IT.

Coming up the winding steps to the Banquet Hall we had the PREAMBLE, so that disposes of that.

So WHEREAS, we have had the privilege of holding our sessions in this beautiful Hazelwood Presbyterian Church, our host pastor being the Reverend Archie C. Graham, AND

Whereas, we have been regaled by this delicious Noon meal, served by the wonderful women of said church, AND

Whereas, the hospitality, the tasty and tempting cooking, and the kindly fellowship have been not only most refreshing, but positively overwhelming—

THEREFORE—

Be it resolved that this, the Asheville Presbytery of the Synod of Appalachia, of the Prsbyterian Church IN THE U. S. (and I don't mean Maybe), begs to express its profound appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Graham, the pastor of the said Hazelwood Church and his most efficient corps of Ladies for the royal entertainment enjoyed—and wish ourselves many happy returns.

Respectfully submitted,
WADE C. SMITH, Chairman.

PLACE OF MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its stated Spring meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, Tuesday after the third Sunday, April 20, 1954, 10:00 a. m.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of Presbytery were read by the Permanent Clerk and were approved as corrected, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. R. A. Potter.

R. A. POTTER, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

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Waynesville, North Carolina

April 20, 1954

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

A. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY:

1. **Moderator**—Robert R. Collins.
2. **Stated Clerk**—M. R. Williamson, 1955.
3. **Permanent Clerk**—W. G. Thomas, 1955.
4. **Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences**—R. E. McClure, 1955.

B. TRUSTEES:

1. Presbytery Trustees: W. H. McMurray, 1956; J. J. Stone, 1954; Geo. H. Wright, Chairman 1955.
2. Davidson College Trustees: C. Grier Davis, 1956; Malcolm R. Williamson, 1955.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:

1. **Home Missions:** C. G. Davis, Chairman, 1956; P. N. Gresham, 1956; Forrest B. Gardner, 1956; Geo. H. Wright, 1955; J. R. McGregor, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1954; R. P. Booth, 1954; W. G. Lingo, 1954; B. L. McGlamery, 1955; C. D. Thomas, 1955; J. D. Smith, 1955; W. G. Somerville, 1955.
2. **The Mountain Orphanage:** H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1956; Crawford Pearson, 1956; R. L. Prevost, 1954; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1956; Mrs. E. G. Simmons, 1954; J. R. McGregor, 1954; E. G. Roberts, 1954; Mrs. F. A. Plummer, 1955; Archie Graham, 1955; C. C. Demaree, 1955; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1955; Geo. N. Clayman, 1956.
3. **Christian Education:**
   a. **Educational Institutions:** Holland McSwain, 1956; H. V. Lofquist, 1954; R. M. Hart, 1955.
   b. **Candidates for the Ministry:** Frank O. Brown, 1956; C. G. Worley, 1954; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955; Paul Warren, 1957.
   c. **Religious Education:** W. M. Fountain, 1956; Walter Harbin, 1956; Dr. Quinn Constantz, 1954; G. R. Talbot, 1956; John D. Smith, 1954; J. C. Lime, 1954; C. A. Stubbs, 1954; Walter Abernathy, 1955; R. A. Potter, 1955; Robert R. Collins, 1955; Paul Warren, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; and Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship and Executive Secretary.

D. COMMISSIONS:

1. **The Minister and His Work:** J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1956; W. G. Thomas, 1956; L. Nelson Bell, 1954; G. R. Talbot, 1954; Hugh Lamb, 1955; Warren Thuston, 1955.

E. 1. **Nominations:** H. B. Dendy, 1956; Edward G. Roberts, 1954; J. J. Stone, 1954; Robert A. Potter, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955.

2. **Presbytery Council:**
   a. **Program and Publicity (Sub-Committee):** R. E. McClure, 1956, Sub-Chairman; F. A. Plummer, 1955; P. N. Gresham, 1955; and the following: ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk.
   b. **Budget (Sub-Committee):** Chas. Pettit, 1956; J. O. Williams, 1956; J. C. Neville, 1954; E. C. Conrad, 1954; John R. Williams, 1954; J. C. Lime, Chairman Full Committee, 1954; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk and Executive Secretary.
3. **World Missions:** Frank O. Brown, 1956; R. T. Reed, 1954; W. H. Armistead, 1954; W. M. Fountain, 1955; L. Nelson Bell, Chairman, 1955.
4. **Church Extension—six sub-committees:**
   a. **Assembly's Home Missions:** L. B. Nichols, 1954; J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1955.
   b. **Evangelism:** C. W. Solomon, 1956; M. R. Williamson, Chairman, 1954; Wade C. Smith, 1955.
   c. **Christian Relations:** Robert R. Collins, Chairman, 1956; Geo. H. Wright, 1954.
   d. **Radio:** H. V. Lofquist, Chairman, 1956; Emerson Rose, 1954.
   e. **Negro Work:** J. C. Lime, Chairman, 1956; W. C. Dillingham, 1955.
   f. **Defense Service:** W. G. Somerville, Chairman 1955; Bryan Hatchett, 1954.
5. **Annuities and Relief:** P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1956; J. H. Flanagan, 1954; Warren L. Thuston, 1955.
6. **Woman's Work:** Paul Warren, 1956; C. D. Richmond, 1954; R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1955.

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STATED SPRING MEETING ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Spring meeting at the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, Waynesville, N. C., Tuesday, April 20, 1954, at 10:00 in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. R. A. Potter, and constituted with prayer.

The Moderator read for the scripture lesson John 15-1-10 and prayer was offered by the Rev. Henry Lofquist. The Moderator preached the sermon on the subject, "Facing the Kingdom Lag," using as the text I Peter 4:17.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. M. R. Williamson and the Rev. R. E. McClure, assisted by ruling elders J. Lovell Smith, C. G. Worley, J. E. Rose, and E. A. Williamson.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, Frank O. Brown, Robert R. Collins, R. B. DuPree, H. B. Dendy, W. M. Fountain, P. N. Gresham, W. J. Gammon, Robert M. Hart, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. R. McGregor, J. C. Neville, R. A. Potter, W. G. Somerville, J. D. Smith, C. W. Solomon, W. G. Thomas, Malcolm R. Williamson, C. B. Yeargan, Archie Graham, George Clayman, Wade C. Smith, A. C. Holt, and Bryan Hatchett (26).

The churches represented were:

Arden, C. G. Worley; Asheville First, W. H. Wood; Brittain Cove, C. W. Brittain; Bryson City, Kelly Bennett; Black Mountain, S. L. Woodward; Bethel, John Hardin; Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Franklin, George E. Brown; Grace Covenant, M. N. Coleman; Hazelwood, William Winchester; Ivy Park, . G. Penland; Kenilworth, J. J. Stone; Malvern Hills, J. Z. Russell; Mills River, H. M. Clark; Murphy, W. A. Singleton; Oak Forest, S. A. Mann; Sylva, D. B. Hooper; Waynesville, J. E. Rose; Weaverville, R. T. Reed; West Asheville, C. E. Demaree.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following brethren were excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery: Paul Warren, T. G. Tate,

K. J. Foreman, W. W. Preston, Warren Thuston, Bird Talbot, John Somerville, John R. Williams, C. Grier Davis.

LETTER FROM W. W. PRESTON

The Stated Clerk read a letter recently received from the Rev. W. W. Preston, who is serving as a missionary under the Board of Unevangelized Fields Mission in Brazil.

The letter was received as information and the Stated Clerk was authorized to write the Rev. W. W. Preston assuring him of the continued interest and prayers of Presbytery.

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: the Rev. Morton K. Kurtz, Granville Presbytery; the Rev. I. M. Ellis, Knoxville Presbytery; the Rev. Andrew I. Keener, Steubenville Presbytery, U. S. A.

The following were introduced to Presbytery: James B. Sherwood, candidate for the ministry under the care of Asheville Presbytery; and Mrs. C. B. Yeargan.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. Robert R. Collins was elected Moderator by acclamation.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. M. R. Williamson, host pastor, extended Presbytery a cordial welcome and then presented the report of the Program Committee and recommended that the printed docket distributed by the stated clerk be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:15 and reconvene at 1:30 P. M.
2. That Dr. H. B. Dendy, chairman of Mountain Orphanage Board of Trustees, be given the first order of the day, immediately following the adoption of this report.
3. That Presbytery hear the Rev. Morton K. Kurtz, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches, as the second order of the day.

4. Reception of candidate for the ministry as the third order of the day.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. G. Thomas presented the report of the Nominating Committe, which was adopted and is as follows:

We recommend:

1. To replace Lee Brittain, resigned on the Mountain Orphanage Committee, Crawford Pearson, 1956.
2. To replace John R. Williams, resigned on the Committee of Candidates for the Ministry, W. G. Somerville, 1955, Chairman.
3. That Paul Warren, 1957, be added to the above committee.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—W. M. Fountain, Lee Brittain, Chester C. Demaree.
2. Judiciary—Kelly Bennett, Archie Graham, George Clayman, S. A. Mann.
3. Resolutions—Paul Gresham, W. A. Singleton, T. G. Penland, Wade C. Smith.
4. Records of Session—Robert Hart, D. B. Hopper, R. T. Reed.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman of the Mountain Orphanage Board of Trustees, presented a verbal report concerning the work of the Mountain Orphanage, which was received as information; and presented the following recommendation, which was adopted: "That the fact of decreased income at the Mountain Orphanage for the first three months of 1954 be referred to the Sub-Committee on Budget for study and recommendation."

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Rev. Morton K. Kurtz, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches, presented an in-

teresting report on the work of the North Carolina Council of Churches. The report was received as information.

CANDIDATE FOR THE MINISTRY

The Rev. W. G. Somerville, chairman, reported that Austin Blake Brinkerhoff, a member of the Montreat Church and a Sophomore at Davidson College, had been examined by the Committee on Candidates for the Ministry, and recommended that he be received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. The Moderator conducted the examination on experimental religion and the motives for seeking the ministry. The examination was sustained as satisfactory and Austin Blake Brinkerhoff was accepted as a candidate for the ministry.

The questions listed in the Book of Church Order were propounded and answered affirmatively. The Rev. J. Rupert McGregor delivered the charge to the candidate and prayer was offered by the Rev. Frank Brown.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:15 P. M. Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery re-convened at 1:30 P. M. and was led in prayer by Rev. W. M. Fountain.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Rev. R. A. Potter presented the following motion, which was adopted:

"In light of the fact the World Council of Churches meets this year in Evanston, Ill., I move Asheville Presbytery arrange a retreat for ministers and elders some time after the council meeting in August, if possible. The Moderator is authorized to refer to proper permanent committee or appoint a temporary committee to set up this retreat."

The Moderator referred the matter to the Committte on Christian Education.

HOME MISSIONS

The Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, in the absence of the Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman of the Home Mission Committee, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery calls the attention of the Presbytery to a plan known as the "Capital Gifts Plan," printed in the 1954 Minutes of the General Assembly, pages 82-85, and officially approved by the 1953 Assembly.

We would report that there was a meeting in Atlanta of representatives of approximately 90 per cent of the Presbyteries who heard a proposal from the Board of Church Extension to correlate this plan with the usual "Self Denial Offering for Home Missions" for a period of five years, with special emphasis on the need of the local Presbytery.

This group unofficially endorsed the plan and recommend that each Presbytery be asked to take steps to carry out its provisions in the Presbytery.

In the light of these facts, the Home Missions Committee requests Asheville Presbytery as follows:

1. That a special committee of nine laymen be named to set up "The Capital Gifts Plan" within the Presbytery, and
2. That this committee be directed to promote a special appeal for funds in accordance with the proposed plans of the Assembly's Board of Church Extension in connection with the Self Denial Offerings for Home Missions for the next five years.
3. That this special committee when appointed be instructed to report back to July meeting of Presbytery for approval.
4. These laymen to be appointed by Presbytery's Nominating Committee and the Executive Committee of the Men of Asheville Presbytery.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman, presented a verbal report concerning the work of this committee, which was received as information. The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That a Vacation Bible School be conducted in every church and chapel within the Presbytery during the summer of 1954.
2. That pastors and sessions urge all Vacation Bible School teachers and workers to attend at least one of the Vacation Bible

SAFETY FILM

Institutes sponsored by Synod's Education Committee, to be conducted in our Presbytery as follows:

1. Monday, May 17, 7:00 P. M., First Presbyterian Church, Asheville.
2. Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 P. M., First Church, Hendersonville.
3. Wednesday, May 19, 7:00 P. M., Sylva Presbyterian Church.

3. That Pastors and Sessions support the youth activities, sponsored by your Presbytery's Christian Education Committee as well as the Synod's Committee of Christian Education:

Pioneer Camp, Camp Hope, June 7-12.
Director: Rev. J. C. Lime.
Senior-High Conference, Montreat, June 7-12.
Director: The Rev. Robert Collins.
Synod's Senior-High Fellowship Conference, Montreat, June 14-19.
Director: The Rev. Thomas A. Fry.

4. That the Pastors and Sessions support the various conferences to be held at Montreat during the summer months by sending as many delegates as possible to the conferences, especially the Young Adult Conference, Superintendents Conference, Leadership School.

5. That leadership schools, clinics, and institutes and officer training classes be conducted whenever and wherever possible.

6. That the Presbytery hear the following:
   1. The Rev. George Clayman, in the interests of the Pioneer Camp.
   2. The Rev. Robert R. Collins, in the interests of the Senior Conference.
   3. The Rev. I. M. Ellis, concerning the work of Christian Education within the Synod.

THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, chairman, presented the following report, which was admitted to record:

Your commission has had two meetings since the last meeting of Presbytery, March 15 and April 2, 1954.

Your commission approved of the call of the Bryson City Presbyterian Church for the ministerial services of Mr. James B. Sherwood with a reminder that the minimum salary for a minister in Asheville Presbytery is $3,600 per year with manse.

The commission approved of the call of the Black Mountain Church for the ministerial services of Mr. William R. Klein.

The commission heard with great interest the growth of the Mills River Church and their plans to call a minister for full time, and is working with them.

ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

The Rev. Paul Gresham, chairman, presented a verbal report, which was received as information, and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That applications for appropriations for widows and orphans be the same as last year.

2. That the churches make special effort to increase the amount of the Joy Gift, so that the appropriations can be supplemented.

THE WOMAN'S WORK

The Rev. R. A. Potter, chairman, requested that Presbytery grant him the privilege of presenting the Woman's Work Report during the 1954 Stated Summer meeting of Presbytery. The request was granted.

SEASON OF SPECIAL PRAYER

The Rev. M. R. Williamson requested Presbytery to hold a season of special prayer in behalf of our commissioners to the coming meeting of the General Assembly as well as for all of the commissioners to the General Assembly, which will meet at Montreat, beginning May 27. The request was granted and a season of prayer was conducted.

MONTREAT COLLEGE

The Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, President of Montreat College, gave a verbal report concerning the place of Montreat in the program of our church and made a special appeal for prayers to be offered in behalf of the college.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The Rev. John C. Neville, a member of the Budget Committee, gave the following report concerning the recommendation which Presbytery adopted concerning the Mountain Orphanage:

That the present financial arrangement for the support of the Mountain Orphanage be continued until the Summer meeting of Presbytery and that the pastors urge the churches to give liberally and sacrificially for the benefit of our Orphanage.

THE MANUAL OF PRESBYTERY

Presbytery adopted a motion made by the Rev. Archie Graham that a special committee be appointed by the Moderator to revise the existing manual, in order for it to correspond with the present organization of Presbytery; and that the duties and responsibilities of officers and committees be outlined; and that mimeographed copies of the Manual be made for distribution to the ministers as well as a copy to every church within the Presbytery.

The following committee was appointed: The Rev. M. R. Williamson, the Rev. Archie Graham, the Rev. R. E. McClure, the Rev. W. G. Thomas, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, and the Rev. Robert R. Collins.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures—Chester C. Demaree reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

2. Judiciary—The Rev. George Clayman reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Resolutions—The Rev. Wade C. Smith presented the following report, which was adopted:

Whereas the Waynesville Presbyterian Church has on short notice volunteered to entertain the Presbytery, affording to us its comfortable facilities, for the spring meeing, and

Whereas the Ladies of the Church have served us with a most delightful noon meal,

THEREFORE—

Be it resolved that the heartfelt thanks of the Presbytery are hereby extended to the pastor, Rev. M. R. Williamson, for the hospitality of himself and his congregation, and our gratitude to the Ladies for their gracious service of a delicious luncheon.

4. Records of Sessions—The Rev. Robert M. Hart reported that the sessional records of the Bryson City Church and the Davidson River Church had been examined and approved with the exceptions noted.

PLACE OF MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its Stated Summer meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, Tuesday, July 13, 1954, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER

The Stated Clerk was authorized to issue a letter of transfer for David Parks, candidate for the ministry, to Athens Presbytery.

The Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of the Presbytery and Central Treasurer of Benevolences, submitted to Presbytery an audit of his records for the past Church year. The audit was received and a copy placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk for permanent record.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned with the apostolic benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. Robert R. Collins.

ROBERT R. COLLINS, *Moderator.*
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ASHEVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Asheville, North Carolina

July 13, 1954

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

A. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY:

1. **Moderator**—H. B. Dendy.
2. **Stated Clerk**—M. R. Williamson, 1955.
3. **Permanent Clerk**—W. G. Thomas, 1955.
4. **Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences**—R. E. McClure, 1955.

B. TRUSTEES:

1. Presbytery Trustees: W. H. McMurray, 1956; J. J. Stone, 1954; Geo. H. Wright, Chairman 1955.
2. Davidson College Trustees: C. Grier Davis, 1956; Malcolm R. Williamson, 1955.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:

1. **Home Missions:** C. G. Davis, Chairman, 1956; P. N. Gresham, 1956; Forrest R. Gardner, 1956; Geo. H. Wright, 1955; J. R. McGregor, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1954; R. P. Booth, 1954; W. G. Lingo, 1954; B. L. McGlamery, 1955; C. D. Thomas, 1955; J. D. Smith, 1955; W. G. Somerville, 1955.
2. **The Mountain Orphanage:** H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1956; Crawford Pearson, 1956; R. L. Prevost, 1954; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1956; Mrs. E. G. Simmons, 1954; J. R. McGregor, 1954; E. G. Roberts, 1954; Mrs. F. A. Plummer, 1955; Archie Graham, 1955; C. C. Demaree, 1955; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1955; Geo. N. Clayman, 1956.
3. **Christian Education:**
   a. **Educational Institutions:** Holland McSwain, 1956; H. V. Lofquist, 1954; R. M. Hart, 1955.
   b. **Candidates for the Ministry:** Frank O. Brown, 1956; C. G. Worley, 1954; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955; Paul Warren, 1957.
   c. **Religious Education:** W. M. Fountain, 1954; Walter Harbin, 1956; Dr. Quinn Constantz, 1954; G. B. Talbot, 1956; John D. Smith, 1954; J. C. Lime, 1954; C. A. Stubbs, 1954; Walter Abernathy, 1955; R. A. Potter, 1955; Robert R. Collins, 1955; Paul Warren, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; and Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship and Executive Secretary.

D. COMMISSIONS:

1. **The Minister and His Work:** J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1956; W. G. Thomas, 1956; L. Nelson Bell, 1954; G. B. Talbot, 1954; Hugh Lamb, 1955; Warren Thuston, 1955.

E. 1. **Nominations:** H. B. Dendy, 1956; Edward G. Roberts, 1954; J. J. Stone, 1954; Robert A. Potter, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955.

2. **Presbytery Council:**
   a. **Program and Publicity (Sub-Committee):** R. E. McClure, 1954, Sub-Chairman; F. A. Plummer, 1955; P. N. Gresham, 1955; and the following: ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk.
   b. **Budget (Sub-Committee):** Chas. Pettit, 1956; J. O. Williams, 1956; J. C. Neville, 1954; E. C. Conrad, 1954; John R. Williams, 1954; J. C. Lime, Chairman Full Committee, 1954; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk and Executive Secretary.
3. **World Missions:** Frank O. Brown, 1956; R. T. Reed, 1954; W. H. Armistead, 1954; W. M. Fountain, 1955; L. Nelson Bell, Chairman, 1955.
4. **Church Extension—six sub-committees:**
   a. **Assembly's Home Missions:** L. B. Nichols, 1954; J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1955.
   b. **Evangelism:** C. W. Solomon, 1956; M. R. Williamson, Chairman, 1954; Wade C. Smith, 1955.
   c. **Christian Relations:** Robert R. Collins, Chairman, 1956; Geo. H. Wright, 1954.
   d. **Radio:** H. V. Lofquist, Chairman, 1956; Emerson Rose, 1954.
   e. **Negro Work:** J. C. Lime, Chairman, 1956; W. C. Dillingham, 1955.
   f. **Defense Service:** W. G. Somerville, Chairman 1955; Bryan Hatchett, 1956.
5. **Annuities and Relief:** P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1956; J. H. Flanagan, 1954; Warren L. Thuston, 1955.
6. **Woman's Work:** Paul Warren, 1956; C. D. Richmond, 1954; R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1955.

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STATED SUMMER MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Summer meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, N. C. on Tuesday, July 13, 1954, at 10:00 A. M. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator and constituted with prayer by the Rev. John D. Smith. The Moderator invited three candidates to preach in lieu of the Moderator.

Candidate Thomas Sproule preached on "The Greatest of Sinners" after reading for Scripture Timothy 1:1-17 and used as his text Timothy 1:15.

Candidate James Sherwood preached on the subject "Coming to the Christ" after reading for Scripture Matthew 16:13-26 and for his text used Matthew 16:24.

Candidate William Klein preached on "Here I Stand Facing Eternity" after reading for Scripture John 4:16-26, 39-42 and taking for his text John 4:42.

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. C. Grier Davis and the Rev. Paul F. Warren assisted by Elders J. J. Stone, Joseph Hunter, Roy P. Booth, and Lloyd Leonard.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches and the following were present:

Ministers: Frank O. Brown, George N. Clayman, Robert R. Collins, H. B. Dendy, C. Grier Davis, Robert B. DuPree, W. M. Fountain, Jr., W. G. Gammon, Paul N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, Archie C. Graham, Robert M. Hart, Bryan Hatchett, Henry Lofquist, R. E. McClure, John C. Neville, C. W. Solomon, John D. Smith, W. G. Somerville, Wade C. Smith, Charles F. Stube, C. B. Talbot, Paul Warren, John R. Williams, and Malcolm R. Williamson (25).

Elders: R. P. Booth, Asheville First; S. W. Black, Bryson City; E. H. Brumby, Murphy; L. J. Coppedge, Montreat; L. N. Davis, Hazelwood; J. F. Dunn, Sylva; Ben H. Evans, Weaverville;

J. L. Gash, Etowah; Joseph L. Hunter, Grace Covenant; John Hardin, Bethel; L. B. Leonard, Asheville First; C. Bryant McClure, Franklin; E. P. McCoy, Brevard-Davidson River; L. H. McKay, Hendersonville; W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa; H. P. Mitchell, West Asheville; T. G. Penland, Ivy Park; J. Z. Russell, Malvern Hills; J. B. Storey, Kenilworth; Frank W. Sampson, Waynesville; O. E. Starnes, Oak Forest; G. S. Stone, Dillingham; C. G. Worley, Arden; S. L. Woodward, Black Mountain (24).

The Stated Clerk read letters for the Rev. Stanley Bennett and Candidates William Klein and Thomas Sproule which were found in Order.

VISITING BRETHREN

The Rev. Francis Morton Fox, Florida, Presbyterian Church U. S. A., was made a corresponding member. He brought greetings and spoke for Church Union. Chaplain Skelton, of the State Sanitorium at Black Mountain, was recognized and presented Mr. B. C. Aldridge, a student at Union Seminary at Richmond, Va., as was Candidate Henry Hope, Presbytery of Atlanta, who is supplying Bethel Presbyterian Church this summer.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. Henry B. Dendy, D. D., nominated by the Rev. W. G. Somerville, was elected by acclamation.

The Reverend Robert Collins re-took the Moderator's chair that the newspaper photographer might take pictures of the Moderator and the three Candidates for the ministry.

The Stated Clerk requested excuse from Presbytery to attend a funeral and asked that the Rev. J. C. Lime act as Temporary Clerk for this meeting. Request granted.

The Stated Clerk requested that the Rev. Stanley Bennett be received immediately after the report of the Program Commitee. Request granted.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. C. Grier Davis, D. D., host pastor, extended Presbytery a cordial welcome and then presented the report

of the Program Committee and recommended that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed with the following exceptions: that the first item of business after lunch be the reception of minister and candidates for the ministry.

By common consent Elders Edward Roberts and Paul Teal are to be heard at the lunch period. Recommendation 2: Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 and reconvene at 2:00.

The Stated Clerk read the letter of transfer for the Rev. Stanley Bennett from the First Presbytery A. R. P. Church to the Presbytery of Asheville.

On motion the letter was found in order and received.

EXAMINATION OF THE REV. STANLEY BENNETT

The examination of the Rev. Stanley Bennett was conducted by the Moderator on Experimental Religion. Examination sustained. The Stated Clerk conducted the examination in Theology. Examination sustained. The Rev. W. M. Fountain conducted the examination on the Sacraments. Examination sustained. The Rev. W. J. Gammon conducted the examination on Church Government. Examination sustained. The examination as a whole was sustained.

The Stated Clerk read the call of the Montreat Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Stanley Bennett for the sum of $4,200, with free use of the manse and 7½ per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund.

The call was accepted and placed in Mr. Bennett's hands.

Dr. Bell requested permission to report on the installation program later in the day. Request granted. The Rev. R. E. McClure moved and motion carried that the Rev.

Stanley Bennett be received and that his name be placed on the roll of Presbytery after his signing of the ex animo Statement which the Stated Clerk read.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Bills and Overtures—Rev. R. R. Collins, Rev. Geo. Bird Talbot, Elder L. J. Coppedge, M. D.

Minutes of Presbytery—Rev. Archie Graham, Rev. R. E. McClure, Elder J. F. Dunn.

Judiciary—Elder S. W. Black, Rev. C. W. Solomon, Elder W. H. McMurray.

Resolutions—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. Wade C. Smith, Joseph L. Hunter.

EXCUSES

The Stated Clerk read excuses from the Rev. T. G. Tate and the Rev. Kenneth Forman. Other excuses were asked for the Rev. J. Q. Wallace, W. G. Thomas, W. W. Thuston, and Rev. R. C. Anderson. The critical illness of the wife of the Rev. Andrew I. Keener was noted.

DISSOLUTION OF THE PASTORAL RELATION

The Stated Clerk read a request from the Rev. Frank Brown asking that the pastoral relationship between himself and the Murphy Church be dissolved effective Sept. 12. The request was granted with permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery, the Rev. Frank Brown having won a scholarship permitting him to take a two years course of study at the University of Edinburg, Scotland.

The Stated Clerk asked that the Rev. R. R. Collins be heard on The Young People's Conference, the Rev. J. C. Lime on the Pioneer Camp, and that the Moderator and Elder Harry Barkley be heard on the Mountain Orphanage during the reports from Special Committees.

The Stated Clerk read a communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Dr. E. C. Scott, relative to a study of Church Union and manner of balloting.

On motion of the Rev. W. G. Somerville it was made the second order of the day after lunch.

The Moderator introduced his son, Robert Dendy, who is assisting his father this summer.

The Stated Clerk read the unprinted minutes of the meeting of Presbytery that was held during the meeting of Synod and is as follows:

CALLED MEETING ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., June 29, 1954, at 5:30 P. M.; the meeting having been ordered by the Synod of Appalachia. The following members were present: Robert R. Collins, Archie Graham, W. G. Thomas, W. M. Fountain, Jr., Robert A. Potter, Paul F. Warren, R. E. McClure, George B. Talbot, W. G. Somerville, H. B. Dendy, Henry Lofquist, J. C. Lime, Malcolm R. Williamson, and ruling elders D. B. Hooper and H. L. Mastin.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Robert R. Collins, and constituted by prayer by the Rev. G. B. Talbot.

The Stated Clerk stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of receiving into Asheville Presbytery the Rev. E. Ashby Johnson by letter of transfer from Louisville Presbytery the letter having been received by the clerk.

Presbytery, thereupon proceeded to examine the Rev. Mr. Johnson upon the matters required by the Book of Church order. The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Moderator; that on his views on Theology by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson; that on the Sacraments by the Rev. W. M. Fountain, and that on Church Government by the Rev. R. E. McClure. The examination was sustained as satisfactory and the Rev. Mr. Johnson was received into Presbytery pending his signing the "ex animo" statement.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

ROBERT R. COLLINS, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

Presbytery recessed with prayer.

During the lunch period Elder Edward Roberts reported on the work of the Men Of The Church, relative to the Mountain Orphanage and the Convention in New Orleans, October 15-17. He urged that every church be represented by its Pastor and at least one Elder and Deacon. Elder Paul Teal spoke on Capital Gifts Fund.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 with prayer by Rev. W. G. Somerville.

Presbytery heard Dr. Bell's report read which is as follows:

The Commission to install the Rev. Stanley Bennett at Montreat, Sept. 5, 7:30 P. M.

Rev. J. H. McGregor to preside.
Rev. W. M. Fountain to preach the sermon.
Rev. G. B. Talbot to charge the pastor.
Elder Joe Hunter to charge the congregation.
Alternates: Rev. M. R. Williamson and Elder F. B. Gardner.

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MINISTRY

Rev. W. G. Somerville presented Mr. John Trotti for examination as a candidate for the ministry and examined him as to his personal religious experience. The examination was approved. The Moderator charged the candidate after putting the constitutional questions. The Chairman of the Committee on Examination, Mr. Somerville, offered prayer.

On motion of Frank Brown, Mr. John Trotti, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, was enrolled as a candidate for the ministry.

The Chairman of the Committee then presented:

Candidate Thomas Sproule, Presbytery of Philadelphia, U. S. A.

Candidate James Sherwood, Presbytery of Asheville.

Candidate William Klein, Presbytery of Atlanta, for examination for licensure.

The Moderator examined the candidates on Experimental Religion. Examination sustained.

The Rev. John R. Williams conducted the examination in Theology. Examination sustained.

The Rev. Paul Warren conducted the examination in the Sacraments. Examination sustained.

Rev. W. J. Gammon conducted the examination in Church Government. Examination sustained.

The Chairman moved that the college and seminary work of the candidates be approved. Carried.

The Chairman reported that the parts of trial were satisfactory. The examination for licensure as a whole was sustained.

The Moderator propounded the Constitutional Questions as set forth in the Book of Church Order. The candidates answered in the affirmative and the Moderator offered prayer. Declaration of licensure was made by the Moderator.

The Rev. R. E. McClure moved that a Commission be appointed to ordain and install licentiates James Sherwood and William Klein and that the examination as approved for licensure be accepted for ordination. Motion carried.

Dr. Davis moved that a Commission be authorized to ordain in like manner Thomas Sproule when the Commission on the Minister and His Work approves. Motion carried.

The call of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church for the pastoral services of William Klein was read promising him a salary of $4,200 with free use of the manse and

7½ per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund. Call was found in order. Mr. William Klein accepted the call and it was placed in his hands.

The request for the ordination and installation commission of William Klein in the Black Mountain Church, July 25, 1954, at 7:45 was approved and is as follows:

The Rev. J. H. Gruver to moderate the Commission.

Dr. C. Grier Davis to preach the sermon.

Dr. J. Rupert McGregor to charge the minister.

Dr. T. H. Spence to charge the congregation.

Alternates: G. B. Talbot, Elder E. E. White.

BRYSON CITY CALL

Mr. S. W. Black reported that the Bryson City Church had called James Sherwood and that he had been satisfactorily filling the pulpit. He reported that the Commission on the Minister and His Work had approved the call.

Presbytery authorized the forming of a Commission to ordain and install James Sherwood and authorized it to place the call of the Bryson City Church in his hands. The Commission is as follows:

The Rev. P. N. Gresham, Moderator.

Rev. Paul Warren to preach the sermon.

Rev. Bryan Hatchett to charge the pastor.

Alternates: Rev. R. E. McClure, Elders Paul Teal and J. B. Story.

The Moderator announced the attendance of two elders from the First Presbyterian Church, the first application of the new rule of the church.

The motion carried that Presbytery appoint a Commission to ordain Mr. Sproule, that he may serve as assistant pastor in the First Presbyterian Church, that the

ordination be conducted as the Commission on the Minister and His Work approves. The Commission is as follows:

Rev. Robert Collins, Moderator.

Dr. C. Grier Davis to charge the minister.

The Rev. Kenneth C. Stewart to preach the sermon.

Rev. H. V. Lofquist, reading Scripture.

Rev. R. E. McClure, ordination prayer.

The Moderator, the constitutional questions.

Alternates: Elders F. A. Plummer and L. B. Leonard, Rev. Joseph Sproule, D. D.

The date of ordination to be established by the Commission.

The Chairman of the Committee on Candidates, Mr. Somerville, reported a letter from Robert McClure reporting his induction into the U. S. Army, stating his intention to keep Presbytery informed as to his intentions to enter the ministry.

The Chairman of the Committee moved that when Presbytery adjourned that it adjourn to meet Sept. 6 at 2:00 to take under the care of Presbytery Owen L. Norment, Jr. Motion carried.

Mr. Somerville moved that the name, address and location of candidates for the ministry be a part of Presbytery's minutes and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to send them all copies of Presbytery's Minutes and that Presbytery advise each candidate to own a copy of the Book of Church Order. Motion carried.

Dr. Davis spoke with high praise on the quality of our candidates for the ministry in general and of John Trotti in particular. Prayer was offered by Dr. Davis for all candidates.

Dr. Davis moved and the motion carried that the matter contained in the communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly be docketed for the January Meeting.

The recommendations of the Capital Gifts Committee were approved and are as follows:

The Capital Gifts Committee has had one meeting and plans another on August 9th, with representatives of the Division of Home Missions of the Board of Church Extension.

It has been impossible to make any kind of a survey of the Presbytery, and your committee deems it unwise to proceed before the conference on August 9th.

In view of the fact that the Assembly-wide publicity of the Church Extension Season, October 17-24, 1954, will emphasize an offering for LOCAL USE primarily, and

In view of the fact that the Board of Church Extension is asking each Presbytery to give an offering that will bring the total gifts of the Presbytery up to the Amount asked by the Assembly for that Cause in 1954, and

In view of the further fact that this gives the local church a special opportunity to solicit a large offering, primarily for LOCAL use,

We recommend:

(1) That Asheivlle Presbytery ask each church to promote aggressively the Supplemental Offering, October 24, 1954.

(2) That each church be asked to secure through that offering an amount equal to $1.25 per member to be sent to the Central Treasurer of the Presbytery, but to RETAIN all over and above this total to apply on local building needs or debts.

(3) That the Central Treasurer of the Presbytery be instructed to send 3/5 of the amount received to the Board of Church Extension, in the name of the contributing Church, as their "Supplementary Offering" for Church Extension.

(4) That the Central Treasurer of the Presbytery be instructed to keep 2/5 of the amount received for the use of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee in promoting the offering, making a survey of the Presbytery and other needs related to the work of your Capital Gifts Committee.

(5) That the Capital Gifts Committee be instructed to actively promote this offering in every practical way, but including:

(A) Providing offering envelopes for the offering and such other local literature and publicity as may seem wise, provided the total cost does not exceed $350.00.

(B) Make some kind of preliminary survey of the needs of the Presbytery and make these needs known to the Presbytery in every practical way.

(6) That further action pertaining to any promotion of the Capital Gifts Plan be deferred until a subsequent meeting of the Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on Revision of the Manual was received as information.

The committee asked for authority to prepare a mimeographed "Proposed Manual" to be presented at the October Meeting. The funds to come from the Treasury of Presbytery. Request granted.

Dr. Davis asked that the name of the Red Oak Church be removed from our roll of churches. The request was granted.

The Commissioners to the General Assembly, Elders J. A. Anderson, F. B. Gardner, Rev. Robert Potter and Rev. Paul Warren, were heard. The Commissioners were commended for their diligence.

The Rev. J. C. Lime reported on Presbytery's Pioneer Camp that there were 101 campers and a staff of 13, and recommended 1. That Presbytery's Committee of Christian Education name the Rev. George Clayman director for next year. 2. That Camp Hope be secured for use again next year. 3. That the director be instructed to secure a minimum staff of 15. 4. That the members of Presbytery cooperate with the director in securing a larger percentage of ministers to staff the camp. Recommendations adopted.

The report of the Senior High Fellowship Conference was made by Robert Collins and received as information.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage was made by Dr. Dendy and Harry Barkley. The report was received and the recommendations were adopted.

Dr. Davis motion carried that Presbytery request the Nominating Committee to name an ad interum Committee

to study the place of the orphanage in the budget of Presbytery, its place in the work of Presbytery and of the work of the church as a whole. It was brought out that Asheville Presbytery spends 28% of its benevolent budget on the orphanage and that this is the highest percentage rate of any Presbytery in the whole church for this type of work.

Dr. Davis reported for the Trustees of Davidson College.

Committee on Minister and His Work—no report.

Committee on Evangelism report was made by Dr. McClure. Every church in Presbytery is asked to cooperate in Synod's Evangelistic Campaign during the week of April 17, 1955. Report was received as information.

Christian Relations—no report.

Negro Work—no report.

Dr. Davis reported on the new policy of the *Citizen-Times* to use liquor advertisements.

The Rev. Robert Potter moved that Presbytery express disapproval of the *Citizen-Times* use of liquor ads and that a Committee of Presbytery be named to talk with the publishers. Motion carried and the Moderator named C. Grier Davis, R. E. McClure, and George Wright.

Bills and Overtures—no report.

Sessional Records report was made by W. G. Somerville. The minutes of the Grace Covenant Church were approved with exception noted.

Resolutions Committee report was made by Paul N. Gresham. Presbytery is deeply grateful to the Asheville First Church for the most comfortable and delightful entertainment. Greatly enjoyed was the delicious luncheon served at noon by the women of the church.

P. N. Gresham and Wade C. Smith.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Kenilworth

Church for the Fall Meeting of Presbytery, the date being Tuesday, October 12th.

The minutes of Presbytery were read and approved.

On motion Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

J. CLAYTON LIME, *Temporary Clerk.*
H. B. DENDY, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

7. **Assembly's Special Causes:**
   a. **Historical Foundation**
   b. **Montreat**
   c. **Assembly's Training School**
   d. **American Bible Society**
   J. W. Smith, 1956; Sidney McCarty, 1954; J. H. Gruver, 1954; S. A. Mann, 1955; W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1955.
8. **Examinations**—The Moderator, Chairman.
   a. **Experimental Religion:** The Moderator.
   b. **Theology:** John R. Williams, Chairman, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1955.
   c. **Sacraments:** J. Q. Wallace, 1954; W. M. Fountain, Chairman, 1955.
   d. **Church Government:** W. J. Gammon, Chairman, 1956; C. B. Yeargan, 1954.
   e. **English Bible:** J. H. Gruver, 1956; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.
   f. **Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon:** John D. Smith, Chairman, 1955. A. C. Holt, 1956.
   g. **Academic Studies:** W. P. Chedester, 1956; Chas. F. Stube, Chairman, 1954.
   h. **Seminary Studies:** G. B. Talbot, Chairman, 1954; C. W. Solomon, 1955.
9. **Presbytery's Historical Committee:** J. L. Brittain, 1956; R. A. Hardwick, 1954; R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1955.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Clayton Bell, Montreat, N. C.
Austin Blake Brinkerhoff, Asheville, N. C.
Robert Smith Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.
James Bruce Frye, Asheville, N. C.
William A. Lofquist, Asheville, N. C.
Robert Edwin McClure, Asheville, N. C.
Stuart Arnold Plummer, Asheville, N. C.
Alfred Douglas Reed, Asheville, N. C.
Gordon K. Reed, Weaverville, N. C.
George Edward Scott, Asheville, N. C.
John Trotti, Asheville, N. C.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	Place of Meeting	Moderator
1944 Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy

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1. Presbytery Trustees: W. H. McMurray, 1956; J. J. Stone, 1954; Geo. H. Wright, Chairman, 1955.
2. Davidson College Trustees: C. Grier Davis, 1956; Malcolm R. Williamson, 1955.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:

1. **Home Missions:** C. G. Davis, Chairman, 1956; P. N. Gresham, 1956; Forrest B. Gardner, 1956; Geo. H. Wright, 1955; J. R. McGregor, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1954; R. P. Booth, 1954; W. G. Lingo, 1954; B. L. McGlamery, 1955; C. D. Thomas, 1955; J. D. Smith, 1955; W. G. Somerville, 1955.
2. **The Mountain Orphanage:** H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1956; Crawford Pearson, 1956; R. L. Prevost, 1954; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1956; Mrs. E. G. Simmons, 1954; J. R. McGregor, 1954; E. G. Roberts, 1954; Mrs. F. A. Plummer, 1955; Archie Graham, 1955; C. C. Demaree, 1955; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1955; Geo. N. Clayman, 1956.
3. **Christian Education:**
   a. **Educational Institutions:** Holland McSwain, 1956; H. V. Lofquist, 1954; R. M. Hart, 1955.
   b. **Candidates for the Ministry:** Frank O. Brown, 1956; C. G. Worley, 1954; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955; Paul Warren, 1957.
   c. **Religious Education:** W. M. Fountain, 1956; Walter Harbin, 1956; Dr. Quinn Constantz, 1954; G. B. Talbot, 1956; John D. Smith, 1954; J. C. Lime, 1954; C. A. Stubbs, 1954; Walter Abernathy, 1955; R. A. Potter, 1955; Robert R. Collins, 1955; Paul Warren, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; and Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship and Executive Secretary.

D. COMMISSIONS:

1. **The Minister and His Work:** J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1956; W. G. Thomas, 1956; L. Nelson Bell, 1954; G. B. Talbot, 1954; Hugh Lamb, 1955; Warren Thuston, 1955.

E. 1. **Nominations:** H. B. Dendy, 1956; Edward G. Roberts, 1954; J. J. Stone, 1954; Robert A. Potter, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955.

2. **Presbytery Council:**
   a. **Program and Publicity (Sub-Committee):** R. E. McClure, 1954, Sub-Chairman; F. A. Plummer, 1955; P. N. Gresham, 1955; and the following: ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk.
   b. **Budget (Sub-Committee):** Chas. Pettit, 1956; J. O. Williams, 1956; J. C. Neville, 1954; E. C. Conrad, 1954; John R. Williams, 1954; J. C. Lime, Chairman Full Committee, 1954; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk and Executive Secretary.
3. **World Missions:** Frank O. Brown, 1956; R. T. Reed, 1954; W. H. Armistead, 1954; W. M. Fountain, 1955; L. Nelson Bell, Chairman, 1955.
4. **Church Extension—six sub-committees:**
   a. **Assembly's Home Missions:** L. B. Nichols, 1954; J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1955.
   b. **Evangelism:** C. W. Solomon, 1956; M. R. Williamson, Chairman, 1954; Wade C. Smith, 1955.
   c. **Christian Relations:** Robert R. Collins, Chairman, 1956; Geo. H. Wright, 1954.
   d. **Radio:** H. V. Lofquist, Chairman, 1956; Emerson Rose, 1954.
   e. **Negro Work:** J. C. Lime, Chairman, 1956; W. C. Dillingham, 1955.
   f. **Defense Service:** W. G. Somerville, Chairman 1955; Bryan Hatchett, 1956.
5. **Annuities and Relief:** P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1956; J. H. Flanagan, 1954; Warren L. Thuston, 1955.
6. **Woman's Work:** Paul Warren, 1956; C. D. Richmond, 1954; R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1955.

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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Adjourned meeting

The Presbytery of Asheville met in an adjourned session in the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Monday, September 6, 1954, 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. The meeting was called for the purpose of receiving under the care of Presbytery Owen L. Norment, Jr., a member of the Kenilworth Church, as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

In addition to the above the following items were added to the docket:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call the Presbytery of Asheville to meet in the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church of Asheville, Monday, September 6, 1954, at 2:00 o'clock for the following purposes:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Robert R. Collins and the Sylva Church.

2. To dismiss the Rev. Mr. Collins to the Presbytery of Concord.

3. To approve the calling of Mr. Thomas Sproule as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville.

4. To transact any other matters arising out of the above."

H. B. DENDY, Moderator.

Presbytery was called to order and led in prayer by the Moderator, Dr. H. B. Dendy.

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches, and the following were present:

Ministers: Robert R. Collins, Henry V. Lofquist, William R. Klein, Thomas Sproule, John D. Smith, C. Grier Davis, Robert A. Potter, George B. Talbot, H. B. Dendy, W. G. Thomas, Archie C. Graham, Paul F. Warren, W. G. Somerville, R. E. McClure, W. M. Fountain, Paul N. Gresham, Bryan Hatchett, and Malcolm R. Williamson.

Ruling Elders: Walter M. Harbin, Malvern Hills; J. B. Storey, Kenilworth; Frank W. Sampson, Waynesville; C. G. Worley, Arden; Lawrence C. Penland, Weaverville, and Clyde C. Rector, Sylva.

The Rev. W. G. Somerville, chairman of the Committee on Candidates for the Ministry, stated that Mr. Owen L. Norment, Jr., had been examined, and recommended that he be received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry. The Moderator conducted the examination on experimental religion and on motives for seeking the ministry. The examination was sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator propounded the constitutional questions, and after being answered affirmatively by Mr. Norment, he was received as a candidate for the gospel ministry. The Rev. Paul Gresham, pastor of the Kenilworth Church, delivered a charge to the candidate. After prayer, Owen L. Norment, Jr. was enrolled as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

The Rev. Robert R. Collins stated that he had resigned his pastorate of the Sylva Church to accept a call to the Little Joe's Church, of Barium Springs, N. C., and that he was requesting Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Sylva Church, effective September 6, 1954. Ruling Elder, Clyde Rector, stated that at a regular called meeting of the congregation of the Sylva Church the church had reluctantly concurred with Mr. Collins in his request. A motion prevailed that the request be granted and that Mr. Collins be given a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Concord. A number of the brethren spoke in appreciation of the Rev. Mr. Collins's work at the Sylva Church and in the Presbytery.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis stated to Presbytery that Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, chairman of the Minister and His Work Commission, had reported to him that the commission had examined and approved the call to candidate Thomas Sproule as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville. The Stated Clerk read the call of the First Church for the pastoral services of candidate Thomas Sproul as associate minister for the sum of $3,600.00 per year and 7½% participation in the ministers' annuity fund. The call was accepted and placed in Mr. Sproule's hands. The commission to ordain Mr. Sproule having been previously appointed, Presbytery placed Dr. J. Rupert McGregor on the commission to take the place of the Rev. Robert Collins.

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman of the Nominating Committee, made the following recommendations to fill the vacancies created by Mr. Collins's leaving Presbytery:

1. The Rev. Geo. Clayman to the Religious Education Committee, 1955.

2. The Rev. William Klein to the Committee on Christian Relations, 1956.

The Minutes of the Presbytery were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

H. B. DENDY, Moderator.
MALCOLM WILLIAMSON, Stated Clerk.

STATED FALL MEETING
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Fall meeting at the Kenilworth Church, Asheville, N. C., Tuesday, October 12, 1954, at ten o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, and constituted with prayer.

The Rev. Paul N. Gresham, host pastor, read for the scripture lesson Ezekiel 3:1-21, and prayer was offered by the Rev. W. G. Somerville. The Moderator preached the sermon on the subject, "Responsibility of God's Servants to Him, and the Obligation of God's Servants to His People," using as the text Ezekiel 3-4-5.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. Paul Gresham and the Rev. William Klein, assisted by ruling elders John Parker, C. G. Worley, G. S. Stone, D. Wade Brittain, S. A. Mann, T. G. Penland, P. E. Gritnall, and John Russell.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

C. W. Solomon, W. M. Fountain, Jr., Henry Lofquist, J. C. Lime, John D. Smith, R. E. McClure, John C. Neville, C. Grier Davis, Thomas Sproule, George B. Talbot, H. B. Dendy, William R. Klein, W. G. Somerville, Paul N. Gresham, W. G. Thomas, Paul F. Warren, Robert A. Potter, W. J. Gammon, James B. Sherwood, George N. Clayman, Archie C. Graham, Frederick Volbeda, W. F. Thuston, A. C. Holt, John R. Williams, E. Ashby Johnson, Stanley L. Bennett, Wade C. Smith, Bryan Hatchett, T. G. Tate, Robert M. Hart, and Malcolm R. Williamson (33).

The churches represented were:

J. F. Dunn, Sylva; Charles D. Parker, Asheville First; L. H. McKay, Hendersonville First; R. A. Hardwick, Friendship; John E. Wilson, Grace Covenant; L. R. Orders, West Asheville; John D. Parker, Kenilworth; J. E. Henderson, Canton; E. A. Williamson, Hazelwood; S. A. Mann, Oak Forest; Harry E. Barkley, Black Mountain; Harold Sluder, Brittain Cove; T. G. Penland, Ivy Park; C. G. Worley, Arden; D. W. Brittain, Mills River; L. J. Coppedge, Montreat; S. C. Minnich, Jr., Asheville First; J. L. Gash, Etowah; W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa; J. J. Gray, Franklin; C. Bryan McClure, Franklin; J. . Russell, Malvern Hills; John Hardin, Bethel; J. C. Rose, Waynesville, and P. B. Ray, Weaverville (25).

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. Warren F. Thuston was elected Moderator by acclamation.

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: the Rev. Fred F. Shell, Newton Presbytery, U. S. A.; the Rev. R. L. Torrance, Savannah Presbytery; the Rev. Fred Brown, Winston-Salem Presbytery.

Mr. Herny Hope, a candidate for the Gospel ministry, Atlanta Presbytery, was introduced to Presbytery.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. Paul N. Gresham, host pastor, extended Presbytery a cordial welcome, and then presented the report

of the Program Committee and recommended that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed wih the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 and deconvene at 2:00 P. M.

2. That Dr. H. B. Dendy, chairman of Mountain Orphanage Board of Trustees, be given the first order of the afternoon session.

3. That a season of prayer for the Men's Convention at New Orleans be given the second order of the afternoon session.

4. That Mr. William B. Leaman, Jr., a candidate for the gospel ministry, be examined immediately following the reading of the communications.

5. That the report of the Religious Education Committee be received as the third order of the afternoon session.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—H. B. Dendy, L. H. McKay.
2. Judiciary—W. M. Fountain, L. R. Orders.
3. Assembly Minutes—John Neville, S. A. Mann.
4. Resolutions—J. D. Smith, D. W. Brittain.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Stated Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Texas concerning the Plan of Union, but had failed to bring it to Presbytery. The Clerk was requested to bring the letter to the Winter meeting of Presbytery, 1955.

2. The Stated Clerk read a report from Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Chairman of World Missions, which was adopted, and is as follows:

As Chairman of World Missions, I wish to pass on to you some information regarding our present World Mission program and also to call your attention to the urgent

importance of each individual congregation being challenged with this need at this time.

The change of the church year makes it all the more important that all of us, at this time, recognize our responsibility—in our prayers and in our gifts.

Our churches will soon be drafting the 1955 budget and this is to urge you to put in a word on behalf of World Missions.

We now have 457 missionaries, assisted by 6,000 national workers, sharing in evangelism, teaching, medical work, and also social industrial work. This takes $2,500,000 of the church's money—the largest single interest in the program of the General Assembly.

If not now doing so, I would suggest that your church assume some definite share, or shares in this work, thereby giving a personal interest and contact otherwise not possible. For such information write to the Definite Objects Department, P. O. Box 330, Nashville, Tennessee.

This is to urge your prayerful and immediate attention to this matter.

L. NELSON BELL, Chairman.

Dr. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, made an announcement concerning a workshop on World Missions, to be held at the First Church, Asheville, October 28, 1954, 4:30 through 8:30 P. M.

3. The Stated Clerk reported that Dr. L. Nelson Bell had presented Presbytery his resignation as Chairman of Presbytery's World Missions Committee as well as his memberhip on the committee. The resignation was accepted and the appointment of a new chairman and a new member to take the place of Dr. Bell was referred to the Nominating Committee.

4. The Clerk read a letter from Dr. Wade Boggs, former Secretary of Annuities and Relief, containing a request concerning ministers not participating in the Ministers' Annuity Plan. It was received as information.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had received from the Assembly's Stated Clerk a copy of the proposed amendment to the Book of Church Order. A consideration of the proposed amendments was docketed until the Spring meeting, 1955.

6. The Stated Clerk presented to Presbytery a petition bearing twenty-three signatures requesting that Presbytery organize a church in Macon County, near Franklin, N. C., to be known as the Morrison Presbyterian Church. Presbytery granted the request as set forth in the petition and appointed a commission to organize such a church, the date to be selected by the commission. The members of the commission are: the Rev. R. E. McClure, the Rev. Bryan Hatchett, Jr., the Rev. Robert M. Hart, and the Rev. James Sherwood, with ruling elders, B. J. McGlamery and J. Franklin Smith.

A LETTER OF TRANSFER

The Rev. T. G. Tate requested a letter of transfer to Granville Presbytery in the Synod of North Carolina. The request was granted. Due to the illness of the Rev. Mr. Tate, he had been placed previously on the honorably retired roll, having served his last pastorate at Murphy. Special prayer was offered for the continued improvment of Mr. Tate's health.

CANDIDATE FOR THE MINISTRY

The Rev. W. G. Somerville, chairman, reported that William B. Leaman, Jr., a member of the Kenilworth Church, had been examined by the Committee on Candidates for the Gospel Ministry and recommended that he be received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. The Moderator conducted the examination on experimental religion and the motives for seeking the ministry. The examination was sustained as satisfactory. The constitutional questions listed in the Book of Church Order were propounded and answered affirmatively. The Rev. Paul Gresham, pastor of the candidate, delivered the charge and offered the prayer, and William B. Leaman, Jr., was enrolled as a candidate for the ministry.

DISSOLUTION OF PASTORATE

The Rev. W. H. Armistead requested that his pastoral relations with the Friendship Church be dissolved, effective November 1, 1954, and that he be placed on the honorably retired roll of ministers. R. A. Hardwick, a ruling elder of the Friendship Church, reported that the congregation, in a regularly called meeting, had reluctantly acquiesced in the request. After several of the brethren had spoken concerning the work of Mr. Armistead in the Friendship Church as well as in the Presbytery, the request was granted.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30. Prayer was offered by the Rev. C. Grier Davis.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery re-convened at 2:00 P. M. The Rev. Robert M. Hart offered the prayer, with special petition being made in behalf of the Men's Convention to be held at New Orleans, October 15-17, 1954.

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman of the Mountain Orphanage Board of Trustees, presented a verbal report concerning the work of the Mountain Orphanage, which was received as information.

The Rev. William Klein, pastor of the Black Mountain Church; the Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; Harry Barkley, Superintendent of the Orphanage, and the following members of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. F. A. Plummer, Edward G. Roberts, and J. R. McGregor, spoke briefly on the work of the Orphanage.

Presbytery adopted the following proposed budget for 1955:

Administration:	
Salaries	$ 6,500.00
Office Expenses	700.00
Insurance	1,400.00
Finance and Publicity	1,000.00
Conference for Staff Dues, etc.	250.00
Travel	1,000.00
Sub totals	10,850.00
Institutional Care of Children:	
Salaries	8,000.00
Food	6,000.00
Household Supplies	1,800.00
Travel	800.00
Other costs, including Laundry, Recreation	1,000.00
Health	500.00
Education	600.00
Sub totals	21,300.00
Plant Operation and Upkeep:	
Salaries	1,800.00
Fuel, Lights, Water, etc.	3,800.00
Repairs, Replacements	3,600.00
Sub totals	9,200.00
Farm Operation, etc.:	
Salaries, Wages	1,800.00
Feed, Seed, Supplies	3,500.00
Replacement, Repairs	2,100.00
Sub totals	7,200.00
GRAND TOTALS	48,550.00

REPORT OF COMMISSIONS

The Stated Clerk read a report of the commission to install the Rev. Stanley Bennett as pastor of the Montreat Church. The report was received and admitted to record.

MINUTES OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. STANLEY BENNETT PASTOR OF MONTREAT CHURCH

The Commission met before evening worship in Gaither Hall, Montreat, N. C., at 7:30 o'clock on September 19, 1954.

Present—Ministers: J. R. McGregor, Chairman; Maynard Fountain, G. B. Talbot, and Elder Joe Hunter.

A quorum being present, the Chairman called the Commission to order. Mr. Fountain led in prayer. Mr. Talbot was appointed clerk. The Commission then adjourned to meet after the installation service.

Dr. McGregor presided over the installation, recited the proceedings of Presbytery and propounded the questions to minister and the congregation. Mr. Fountain preached the sermon: The Church Triumphant. Judges 5:2.

Mr. Talbot led in the dedicatory prayer and gave a charge to the minister, Mr. Stanley Bennett.

Elder Hunter gave a charge to the congregation.

The Chairman then declared the pastor duly installed and called on him to give the benediction.

After the worship service and installation the Commission reconvened for the reading of the minutes. The meeting was closed with prayer led by Mr. Hunter.

GEO. BIRD TALBOT, Clerk.

The Stated Clerk read a report of the commission to ordain and install the Rev. William Klein as pastor of the Black Mountain Church. The report was received and admitted to record.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
WILLIAM R. KLEIN

The Commission to ordain and install the Rev. William R. Klein met in the Black Mountain Church on July 25, 1954, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The Commission was called to order by the Rev. J. H. Gruver, Chairman and was constituted with prayer. Members of the Commission present were—Ministers: J. H. Gruver, J. Rupert McGregor, G. B. Talbot, and C. Grier Daiva; and Ruling Elder E. E. White. Also present was Dr. T. H. Spence, a member of Kings Mountain Presbytery.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. Grier Davis using as a text Acts 1:1-8.

The constitutional questions were propounded by the Chairman of the Commission, after which William R. Klein was ordained to the gospel ministery by the laying on of the hands of the Commission and prayer. He was then installed as pastor of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. T. H. Spence by invitation of the Commission delivered the charge to the congregation and the Rev. J. Rupert McGregor the charge to the minister. The service being concluded the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. William R. Klein.

J. H. GRUVER, Secretary.
E. E. WHITE, Secretary.

The Stated Clerk read a report of the commission to ordain and install the Rev. Thomas Sproule as the associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The report was received and admitted to record.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
THOMAS SPROULE

The Commission to ordain and install Thomas Sproule met in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Sunday, September 12, 1954, at the eleven o'clock worship service. The Commission was constituted by the Invocation of the worship service. Members of the Commission present were—Ministers: C. Grier Davis, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. Rupert McGregor; Ruling Elders: F. A. Plummer and L. B. Leonard. Also present was the Rev. Kenneth C. Stewart of Philadelphia Presbytery, U. S. A. By invitation of the Commission the sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Stewart. The Constitutional questions were propounded by the Rev. C. Grier Davis after which Thomas Sproule was ordained to the gospel ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Commission and prayer. He was then installed as Associate pastor of the Asheville Church. The charge to the minister was delivered by the Rev. J. Rupert McGregor and the charge to the congregation was delivered by the Rev. R. E. McClure.

The service being concluded the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Thomas Sproule.

C. GRIER DAVIS, Chairman.
R. E. MCCLURE, Secretary.

The Stated Clerk read a report of the commission to ordain and install the Rev. James Sherwood as pastor of the Bryson City Church. The report was received and admitted to record.

The Commission to ordain and install James B. Sherwood pastor of the Bryson City Presbyterian Church met in this Church at 7:45 o'clock on July 22nd, 1954, with the following members present: Rev. Paul N. Gresham, Rev. Paul Warren, Rev. R. E. McClure, D. D., Rev. Bryan Hatchett, and Elders Paul Teal and J. B. Storey.

A motion was made and carried that Rev. Kennedy Smartt, pastor of the Ingleside Presbyterian Church in Scottdale, Ga., be invited to sit as a visiting brother and to preach the sermon.

The following order of service was adopted:

Rev. Paul N. Gresham to preside and to conduct the ordination service; Rev. Paul Warren to charge the pastor, Elder Teal to charge the congregation, Elder J. B. Storey to act as Secretary of the meeting; Rev. R. E. McClure, D.D., to read the Scripture; Rev.

Bryan Hatchett to lead in prayer, and Rev. Kennedy Smartt to preach the sermon.

We report that Mr. James B. Sherwood has been regularly elected, ordained, and installed pastor of the Bryson City Presbyterian Church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Respectfully,
J. B. STOREY, Secretary.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman, presented the report of the Nominating Committee, which was adopted, and is as follows:

We recommend:

1. To replace C. C. Demaree, resigned, on the Mountain Orphanage Committee, E. C. Conrad, 1955.

2. To replace F. O. Brown on the Committee on Candidates for the Ministry, James Sherwood, 1956.

3. To replace F. O. Brown on the Committee on World Missions, Stanley Bennett, 1956, Chairman. To replace L. Nelson Bell, resigned, Robert M. Hart, 1955.

4. To replace Paul Teal, resigned, on the Capital Gifts Plan Committee, Robert Caldwell.

5. Thomas Sproule, 1956, to be added to the Religious Education Committee.

6. The Ad Interim Committee to make a study of the Orphanage in the budget of Presbytery, its place in the work of Presbytery and of the work of the church as a whole: Dr. C. Grier Davis, chairman, Dr. R. E. McClure, Rev. Malcolm Williamson, Mr. O. E. Starnes, Mr. F. B. Gardner, Mr. J. O. Williams, Mr. W. P. Barnes, Mrs. W. R. McMurray, Mrs. Joe Hunter.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman, made a verbal report concerning the work of Religious Education within the Presbytery and presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That Presbytery approve the following organization of the Religious Education Committee:

   A. Officers:
      W. G. Thomas, Chairman
      J. D. Smith, Secretary
      G. B. Talbot, Assistant Secretary
      R. E. McClure, Treasurer

   B. Councils:

      1. Children's Work:
         R. A. Potter, Chairman
         Miss Nanine Iddins, Presbytery's Children's Work Counselor

      2. Youth Work:
         George Clayman, Chairman
         Thomas Sproule, Youth Adult Adviser
         J. C. Lime, Pioneer Adult Adviser
         Fred Streetman, President of Presbytery's Youth Fellowship
         Miss Madge Garrison, Youth Adult Adviser
         Paul Warren, Director of Senior Conference
         George Clayman, Director of the Pioneer Camp

      3. Young Adult:
         J. D. Smith, Chairman
         Walter Harbin

      4. Adult Work:
         W. M. Fountain, Jr., Chairman
         F. B. Gardner, President of the Men of the Presbytery

      5. Leadership Education:
         G. B. Talbot, Chairman
         Walter Abernethy
         C. A. Stubbs

      6. Sunday School Administration:
         R. E. McClure, Chairman
         Mrs. H. N. Clark, Presbyterrial Secretary of Religious Education

2. That Presbytery recommend to the Sub-Committee on the Budget that the Religious Education Committee be provided with the

sum of $2,000.00 for the promotion of its work during the church year 1955 in the following manner:

Children's Work	$ 50.00
Youth Work	1,250.00
Young Adult Work	100.00
Adult Work	100.00
Leadership Education	200.00
S. S. Administration	100.00
Committee Expenses	200.00
TOTAL	$2,000.00

CAPITAL GIFTS PLAN

Dr. R. E. McClure made a verbal report concerning the work of the Capital Gifts Plan Committee and requested Presbytery to approve the committee's invitation to Dr. James M. Carr and Mr. Hal Hyde to assist the committee in the special surveys to be made in the Presbytery during the Fall and Winter months.

CHURCH EXTENSION

Dr. C. Grier Davis, chairman, presented a verbal report for the Home Mission Committee and presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That Presbytery's Home Mission Budget for 1955 be as follows:

Executive Secretary:	
Salary	$4,200.00
House	1,200.00
Annuity	540.00
Expenses	750.00
S. S. and Insurance	200.00
Office:	
Secretary	2,400.00
Office Expenses	1,200.00
S. S. and Insurance	175.00
Permanent Equipment	200.00
Repairs	100.00
Ministers:	
Salary Supplements	12,000.00

Minister's Annuity	1,000.00
Insurance	300.00
Student Supplies, etc.	1,000.00
Our Mountain Work	2,400.00
Malvern Hills Manse	1,000.00
Synod's S. S. Extension Worker	90.00
Montreat Travel Pool	55.00
Special Fund for moving men	3,000.00
New Work	3,000.00
TOTAL	$32,810.00

2. That Presbytery recommend to the Sub-committee on the Budget to consider giving to the Home Mission Committee 28% of the benevolent contributions rather than 24%.

THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, Chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Commission continues to aid our vacant churches in every way provided to secure a minister. We believe progress is being made.

We have heard the request of Friendship Church that they be allowed to call the Rev. C. W. Solomon. We would assure the church and Mr. Solomon of our cordial interest and affection. We suggest that Presbytery appoint two members of the Home Mission Committee, a representative of the Montreat Church, with two members of Presbytery's Commission on the Minister and His Work, as a commission with power to act in this matter.

THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Rev. J. C. Lime, chairman, presented a verbal report for the Sub-committee on the Budget, which was received as information.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Rev. W. H. Armistead, chairman, stated that his committee did not have a report for Presbytery at this time.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures—The Rev. H. B. Dendy reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

2. Judiciary—The Rev. W. M. Fountain reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly—The Rev. John C. Neville made a verbal report, which was received as information.

4. Resolutions—The Rev. J. D. Smith presented the following report, which was adopted by a rising vote:

That the Presbytery of Asheville, having been efficiently and comfortably entertained by the Kenilworth Church, wishes to express its deepest appreciation to said church—its pastor, its officers, and women—for the kindly and helpful hospitality, so genially expressed.

That, in addition to the verbal expression of thanks expressed so ably by Dr. Wade C. Smith at meal time, these written words of gratitude be added.

EVANGELISM

The Rev. Malcolm Williamson, Chairman, made a verbal report concerning the Assembly-wide, simultaneous evangelism campaign to be conducted during the spring of 1955, and recommended that the committee consist of six members instead of three, and that the enlarged committee be called Presbytery's Council on Evangelism. The recommendation was approved, and the Chairman was authorized to make the selection of the three additional membsr.

THE CANTON CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

J. E. Henderson, ruling elder of the Canton Church, extended an invitation to members of Presbytery to attend the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary on November 6 and 7.

PLACE OF MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its Stated Winter Meeting in the West Asheville Church, Tuesday, January 18, 1955, 10 o'clock in the morning.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, November 2, 1954, at 2:00 o'clock.

The Minutes of Presbytery were read and approved. The Moderator, Warren F. Thuston, led the prayer and pronounced the apostolic benediction.

WARREN F. THUSTON, Moderator.
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, Stated Clerk.

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

7. **Assembly's Special Causes:**
   a. **Historical Foundation**
   b. **Montreat**
   c. **Assembly's Training School**
   d. **American Bible Society**
   J. W. Smith, 1956; Sidney McCarty, 1954; J. H. Gruver, 1954; S. A. Mann, 1955; W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1955.
8. **Examinatons**—The Moderator, Chairman.
   a. **Experimental Religion:** The Moderator.
   b. **Theology:** John R. Williams, Chairman, 1954; M. R. Williamson, 1955.
   c. **Sacraments:** J. Q. Wallace, 1954; W. M. Fountain, Chairman, 1955.
   d. **Church Government:** W. J. Gammon, Chairman, 1956; C. B. Yeargan, 1954.
   e. **English Bible:** J. H. Gruver, 1956; W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955.
   f. **Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon:** John D. Smith, Chairman, 1955. A. C. Holt, 1956.
   g. **Academic Studies:** W. P. Chedester, 1956; Chas. F. Stube, Chairman, 1954.
   h. **Seminary Studies:** G. B. Talbot, Chairman, 1954; C. W. Solomon, 1955.
9. **Presbytery's Historical Committee:** J. L. Brittain, 1956; R. A. Hardwick, 1954; R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1955.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Clayton Bell, Montreat, N. C.
Austin Blake Brinkerhoff, Asheville, N. C.
Robert Smith Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.
James Bruce Frye, Asheville, N. C.
William A. Lofquist, Asheville, N. C.
Robert Edwin McClure, Asheville, N. C.
Stuart Arnold Plummer, Asheville, N. C.
Alfred Douglas Reed, Asheville, N. C.
Gordon K. Reed, Weaverville, N. C.
George Edward Scott, Asheville, N. C.
John Trotti, Asheville, N. C.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1944 Winter	Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston

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Stated Session

WINTER

1955

WEST ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Asheville, North Carolina

January 18, 1955

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

A. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY:

1. **Moderator**—J. Rupert McGregor.
2. **Stated Clerk**—W. G. Thomas, 1956.
3. **Permanent Clerk**—George N. Clayman, 1956.
4. **Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences**—R. E. McClure, 1956.

B. TRUSTEES:

1. **Presbytery Trustees:** George H. Wright, Chairman, 1956; W. H. McMurray, 1957; J. J. Stone, 1958.
2. **Trustees of Davidson College:** Joseph L. Hunter, 1956; C. Grier Davis, 1957.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:

1. **Home Missions:** C. Grier Davis, Chairman, 1957; George H. Wright, 1956; B. L. McGlamery, 1956; C. D. Thomas, 1956; W. G. Somerville, 1956; J. C. Lime, 1957; P. N. Gresham, 1957; Forrest B. Gardner, 1957; Stanley L. Bennett, 1958; James Sherwood, 1958; J. M. Carroll, 1958; W. G. Lingo, 1958.
2. **The Mountain Orphanage:** H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1957; Mrs. J. C. Spooner, 1956; E. C. Conrad, 1956; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1956; George N. Clayman, 1957; Crawford Pierson, 1957; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1957; J. E. Henderson, 1958; Mrs. E. C. Simons, 1958; E. G. Roberts, 1958; Bernard Smith, Jr., 1958; W. W. Preston, 1956.
3. **Christian Education:**
   a. **Educational Institutions:** H. V. Lofquist, Sub-Chairman, 1958; R. M. Hart, 1956; Holland McSwain, 1957.
   b. **Candidates for the Ministry:** W. G. Somerville, Sub-Chairman, 1956; J. B. Sherwood, 1957; C. G. Worley, 1958.
   c. **Religious Education:** W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1956; W. I. Abernethy, 1956; R. A. Potter, 1956; George N. Clayman, 1956; Paul F. Warren, 1956; W. G. Harbin, 1957; W. R. Klein, 1957; C. G. Talbert, 1957; Thomas Sproule, 1957; Quinn Constantz, 1958; J. B. Hatchett, 1958; J. C. Lime, 1958; N. E. Byers, 1958; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by the Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; and Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship and Executive Secretary.

D. COMMISSIONS:

1. **The Minister and His Work:** J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1957; H. E. Lamb, 1957; Warren Thuston, 1957; W. G. Thomas, 1957; L. Nelson Bell, 1958; G. B. Talbert, 1958.

E. PERMANENT COMMITTEES:

1. **Nominations:** W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1956; R. A. Potter, 1956; H. B. Dendy, 1957; F. A. Plummer, 1958; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1958.
2. **Presbytery Council:**
   a. **Program and Publicity (Sub-Committee):** R. E. McClure, Sub-Chairman, 1957; F. A. Plummer, 1956; P. N. Gresham, 1956; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk.
   b. **Budget (Sub-Committee):** Paul F. Warren, Chairman, 1958; Charles Pettit, 1957; J. O. Williams, 1957; Robert F. Clodfelter, 1958; J. R. McGregor, 1958; T. I. Lloyd, 1958; D. P. McGeachy, III, 1958; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk, and Executive Secretary.
3. **World Missions:** Stanley Bennett, Chairman, 1957; Robert Hart, 1956; Thomas Sproule, 1956; W. J. Gammon, 1958; R. T. Reed, 1958.
4. **Church Extension — six sub-committees:**
   a. **Assembly's Home Missions:** J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1956; L. B. Nichols, 1958.
   b. **Evangelism:** Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1958; Wade Smith, 1956; Paul N. Gresham, 1956; Paul F. Warren, 1956; W. R. Klein, 1956; C. W. Solomon, 1957.
   c. **Christian Relations:** George Wright, Chairman, 1958; W. R. Klein, 1957.
   e. **Negro Work:** J. C. Lime, Chairman, 1957; W. C. Dillingham, 1956.
   f. **Defense Work:** W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1956; J. B. Hatchett, 1957.
5. **Annuities and Relief:** P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1957; Warren Thuston, 1956; J. H. Flanagan, 1958.

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STATED WINTER MEETING
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Winter meeting at the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, West Asheville, North Carolina, Tuesday, January 18, 1955, at 10:00 A. M. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Warren F. Thuston, and constituted with prayer.

The Moderator read for the Scripture Lesson: John 15:1-12, and preached a sermon on the theme: "Princely Men," using as a text, Romans 12:9.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. Thomas Sproule and the Rev. Stanley Bennett, assisted by ruling elders: L. Nelson Bell, Arnold Plummer, James Maston, and Samuel Davidson.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, Walter P. Baldwin, Stanley L. Bennett, George N. Clayman, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, Donald R. Dilworth, R. B. DuPree, Kenneth J. Foreman, W. Maynard Fountain, W. J. Gammon, Archie C. Graham, Paul N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, Robert M. Hart, J. Bryan Hatchett, A. C. Holt, Wm. R. Klein, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville, R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, James B. Sherwood, John D. Smith, Wade C. Smith, Chas. W. Solomon, W. G. Somerville, Thomas Sproule, Charles F. Stube, G. B. Talbot, W. G. Thomas, Warren F. Thuston, J. Q. Wallace, Paul F. Warren, J. R. Williams, C. B. Yeargan, Ashby Johnson, O. F. Yates, D. P. McGeachy, III, J. R. McGregor (42).

The churches represented were:

C. G. Worley, Arden; Arnold Plummer, Asheville First; J. W. Byers, Asheville First; John Hardin, Bethel; Samuel E. Davidson, Brevard Davidson River Church, Brevard; J. O. Williams, Black Mountain; Charlie P. Hensley, Brittain's Cove; Kelly E. Bennett, Bryson City; J. E. Henderson, Canton; W. C. Dillingham, Dillingham; J. L. Gash, Etowah; R. A. Hardwick, Friendship; Holland McSwain, Franklin; L. G. Federlein, Grace Covenant; T. C. Gray, Hayesville; W. B. Winchester, Hazelwood; L. H. McKay, Hendersonville First; O. F. Summer, Highlands; T. G. Penland, Ivy Park; Crawford Pearson, Kenilworth; Edward G. Roberts, Malvern Hills;

M. E. Lance, Mills River; L. Nelson Bell, Montreat; J. J. Gray, Morrison; E. A. Brumley, Murphy; Bryan W. Alexander, Oak Forest; J. B. Nichols, Swannanoa; D. B. Hooper, Sylva; Robert H. Gibson, Sr., Waynesville; Ben H. Evans, Weaverville; J. T. Mastin, West Asheville. (31).

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

Dr. R. C. Anderson requested to be excused because of illness. Request was granted. The Rev. Paul Gresham led the Presbytery in prayer in behalf of Dr. Anderson. The Stated Clerk was also instructed to send a letter to Dr. Anderson, expressing the Best Wishes of the Presbytery and the assurance of their continued prayers for him.

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Rev. O. F. Yates, Missouri Presbytery; and the Rev. D. P. McGeachey, III, Westminster Presbytery.

Mr. Henry Hope, candidate for the ministry under Atlanta Presbytery and student pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Presbytery.

MODERATOR

The Rev. J. Rupert McGregor was elected Moderator by acclamation.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, host pastor, extended Presbytery a cordial welcome and then presented the report of the Program Committee and recommended that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed with the following exception:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:45 P.M. and reconvene at 2:00 P.M.

ELECTION OF PERMANENT CLERK

The Rev. George N. Clayman was elected Permanent Clerk by acclamation.

COMMUNICATIONS
ORGANIZATION OF THE MORRISON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Stated Clerk presented the report of the Commission to organize the Morrison Church, which was admitted to record, and is as follows:

The Commission to organize the Morrison Church met at the site of the old Morrison Congregation at 7:30 P.M., December 5, 1954. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and constituted with prayer.

Those present: Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman; Rev. Bryan Hatchett, Rev. Robert M. Hart; Ruling Elders B. L. McGlamery and J. Franklin Smith, Rev. J. Q. Wallace and Rev. C. B. Yeargan.

Mr. Yeargan and Mr. Wallace, having previously served the old Morrison Church as pastors and now retired and living in Macon County, were invited to sit as members of the Commission and to participate in the service.

Mr. Hart was named Clerk of the Commission.

The Chairman preached the sermon, presented the requirements for becoming a church and recognized the twenty-three persons present who asked for the reorganization of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williamson, Ann, Bill and Lila Williamson; Mr. and Mrs. Javan Gray, Mrs. Charles McClure, Mr. C. Bryant McClure, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wilson, Miss Virginia Dayton, and Mrs. Charles Stanfield presented letters of dismissal from the Franklin Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Dayton, Wesley Dayton, Morris Branson and Mrs. Sanders were received on reaffirmation of faith.

Billie, Bobbie and Roger Dayton, and Winnie Bates were received on Profession of Faith and Baptism.

C. Bryant McClure, Javan Gray, and A. F. Wilson, formerly Ruling Elders in the Franklin Church, were duly elected Ruling Elders at the new church.

Paul Williamson, having been previously ordained as a Deacon, was elected a Deacon and installed by the Commission.

Grady Dayton, not having been ordained, was elected a Deacon, and the newly constituted Session was instructed to ordain him after proper examination.

The name chosen for the group was THE MORRISON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, continuing a name that had been known and loved for many years, as a continuation of an older congregation known as the "Ebenezer Presbyterian Church."

It was noted that the building on the site was the same in which Mecklenburg Presbytery met in 1881 and ordained Rev. Walter W.

Moore, a long time President of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

The Church was granted permission to hold services with Mr. Curtis Crowther, student from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia, preaching twice each month during the school year, and with the understanding that a successor to Mr. Crowther would be secured on an annual basis and would spend the summer at the Hayesville and Morrison Churches, giving half his time to each church.

All of the above was transacted according to the Book of Church Order and the Congregation was declared to be "THE MORRISON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, of the Presbytery of Asheville, Presbyterian Church, U. S."

The Commission requests that it be enrolled in the Presbytery, and that the Rev. Bryan Hatchett be named by the Presbytery to take pastoral oversight of the Congregation, serving as Moderator of the Session, until such time as the Congregation may call a pastor or arrange for the services of an Ordained Minister.

R. E. McClure, Chairman
R. M. Hart, Clerk

The Stated Clerk read a letter of resignation from Mrs. Arnold Plummer, requesting to be relieved as a Trustee on the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage. The resignation was accepted and referred to the Nominating Committee.

DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Maynard Fountain, requesting Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between himself and the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church, effective January 31, 1955; and that he be dismissed to the North Mississippi Presbytery. Mr. Ed Roberts, elder from the Malvern Hills Church, expressed the concurrence of the congregation. The request was granted by Presbytery and a standing vote of Best Wishes and Appreciation was made.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. John D. Smith, requesting Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between himself and the Davidson River Presbyterian Church of Brevard, effective immediately; and that he be dismissed to the Presbytery of Concord. Mr. Samuel Davidson, elder from the Davidson River Church, expressed

the concurrence of the congregation. The request was granted by Presbytery and a standing vote of Best Wishes and Appreciation was made.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Archie Graham, requesting Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between himself and the Hazelwood and Bethel Presbyterian Churches, and that he be dismissed to the Presbytery of Bethel. John Hardin, elder from the Bethel Church, reported that the congregation had concurred in the request. The request was granted subject to the authorization of the Commission on the Minister and His Work after the congregation of the Hazelwood Church had expressed its decision. An expression of Best Wishes and Appreciation was made.

RECEPTION OF NEW MINISTERS

The Stated Clerk read a letter of transfer from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Missouri for the Rev. O. F. Yates. Another letter was also presented to Presbytery from the Rev. Stewart H. Long, stating that a letter of transfer was being sent from Westminster Presbytery for the Rev. D. P. McGeachey, III.

In view of the forthcoming letter of transfer for Mr. McGeachey, Presbytery proceeded to examine the Rev. O. F. Yates, and the Rev. D. P. McGeachey, III, according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order. The examination on experimental religion was conducted by the Moderator, Rev. J. Rupert McGregor; that on theology, by the Rev. J. O. Williams; that on the sacraments by the Rev. Maynard Fountain; and that on church government by the Rev. W. J. Gammon. The examinations were approved as satisfactory and Mr. Yates and Mr. McGeachey were enrolled upon signing the "Ex Animo" statement.

THE PASTORAL CALL FROM THE SYLVA CHURCH

The call from the Sylva Presbyterian Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. D. P. McGeachey, III, was approved and accepted by Mr. McGeachey. The follow-

ing Commission was approved for the Service of Installation: Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman; Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. W. J. Gammon, and the Elders of the Sylva Church. Time and parts are to be set by the commission except that Rev. D. P. McGeachey, Jr., of Westminster Presbytery be invited to preach the sermon.

A report on the activities of Chaplain Frederick Volbeda was read to Presbytery. It was noted that Chaplain Volbeda had retired from the Naval Chaplaincy because of physical disabilities. The report was referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, explaining the procedures that the General Assembly approved in taking the vote on Church Union. The letter was received as information.

VOTING PROCEDURE ON THE QUESTION OF CHURCH UNION

The motion was made and approved that the vote on Church Union be made by Roll Call. Another motion was made and approved that a Season of Prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the question of Union be held immediately after lunch, and that the vote should be taken immediately after the Period of Prayer without any debate.

READING OF UNPRINTED MINUTES

The Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting of Presbytery were approved and admitted to be read.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
Adjourned Meeting

The Presbytery of Asheville met in an adjourned session in the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, November 2, 1954, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Warren F. Thuston. The prayer was offered by the Rev. Paul Gresham, pastor of the host church.

The Stated Clerk called the roll, and the following ministers were present: Robert A. Potter, W. F. Thuston, Paul F. Warren, P. N. Gresham, W. G. Thomas, H. B.

Dendy, W. M. Fountain, Jr., H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, Malcolm R. Williamson, W. J. Gammon, Geo. B. Talbot, J. C. Lime, Wm. R. Klein, Thomas Sproule.

The churches represented were J. J. Stone, Kenilworth; Harry Barkley, Black Mountain.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Malcolm Williamson containing a request for Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Waynesville Church, effective Tuesday, November 2, 1954, and to grant him a letter of transfer to Mecklenburg Presbytery, so that he could accept a call extended from the Tenth Avenue Church, Charlotte. The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Session of the Waynesville Church, signed by the clerk of the session, R. L. Prevost, stating that in a regular called meeting of the congregation held Sunday, October 24, 1954, the congregation reluctantly concurred with Mr. Williamson in his request. A motion prevailed that Presbytery consider only the request of Mr. Williamson and any other matters arising out of the request at this adjourned meeting of Presbytery. A motion prevailed that the request be granted and that Mr. Williamson be given a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Mecklenbrug. A number of the brethren spoke in appreciation of the Rev. Mr. Williamson's service rendered at the Waynesville Church and in the Presbytery as Stated Clerk and in many other activities of Presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. Williamson presented his resignation as Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Presbytery, to become effective December 1, 1954. The resignation was accepted, and Presbytery elected the Rev. W. G. Thomas Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Presbytery to fill out the unexpired term.

The election of a permanent clerk was postponed until the 1955 Winter meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman of the Nominating Committee, recommended the following to fill the vacancies incurred by Mr. Williamson's leaving the Presbytery.

Davidson College Trustee—Joseph Hunter, 1955.

Evangelism—the Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1954.

Examinations, Theology—W. G. Somerville, 1955.

The minutes were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Moderator
W. G. Thomas, Permanent Clerk

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—Warren Thuston, Kenneth Foreman, and J. O. Williams.
2. Judiciary—A. C. Holt, J. C. Lime, and Crawford Pearson.
3. Records of Sessions—Tom Sproule, J. F. Dunn, W. R. Klein, L. G. Federlein, R. H. Gibson, Bryan Hatchett, J. B. Sherwood, and J. B. Nichols.
4. Minutes of Synod—R. A. Potter, J. C. Neville, Arnold Plummer, and C. G. Worley.
5. Resolutions—Paul Warren, E. A. Johnson, B. W. Alexander, and L. H. McKay.

Special Privilege was given to the Rev. J. D. Smith to vote on the proposed question of Church Union prior to lunch instead of after lunch.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:45 P.M., after being led in prayer by the Rev. Maynard Fountain.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P.M. Two verses of "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" were sung.

VOTE ON CHURCH UNION

After a period of prayer, beseeching the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the vote on Church Union was received by Roll Call. Results: For - 31; Against - 41.

OVERTURE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

An overture to General Assembly was presented to

Presbytery by the Rev. Henry Dendy and approved by a majority vote. It is as follows:

Whereas, the matter of Church Union has been before our church for many years, and

Whereas, much of the energy of many of our ministers and elders and members and much money and time have been spent, both by the proponents and the opponents of Union, and

Whereas, the result has been much disunity within the ranks of our church.

Therefore, Asheville Presbytery overtures the 1955 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., meeting in Richmond, Virginia, to drop all plans for Union at this time and dismiss the Committee on Union.

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following motion for voting procedure was made and approved: For the principal commissioners to the General Assembly, if two receive a majority they shall be elected. If no one receives a majority, then a vote shall be taken on the four highest candidates. If one receives a majority, he shall be elected and the two next highest will be voted on.

Presbytery elected the following ministers and ruling elders to represent Presbytery at the next meeting of the General Assembly, to be held in Richmond, Virginia.

Ministers: The Rev. Rupert McGregor and the Rev. P. N. Gresham with alternates, the Rev. A. C. Holt for Mr. McGregor, and the Rev. W. G. Somerville for Mr. Gresham.

Ruling Elders: L. Nelson Bell, Montreat, and E. G. Roberts, Malvern Hills; with alternates, W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa, for Mr. Bell, and B. L. McGlamery, for Mr. Roberts.

REPORT OF STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk presented his financial report to Presbytery for year ending December 31, 1954. The report was placed in the hands of the sub-committee on Budget for audit.

STATISTICAL REPORT

The Stated Clerk read his statistical report to Presbytery, stating that it was incomplete, due to the fact a few churches had not turned in their reports. He was instructed

by Presbytery to forward the report to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly when completed.

THE WHITE OAK CHURCH

The Home Mission Committee was instructed to study the situation at White Oak Church and report at the next meeting of Presbytery in the Spring.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, made his report which was received as information and placed in the hands of the Sub-Committee of Budget for audit.

HOME MISSIONS

Dr. C. G. Davis, chairman of Home Missions, presented a report of the Committee, which included the disbursements of the Committee for 1954. The report was properly audited by the sub-committee on the Budget and approved by Presbytery, which is as follows:

DISBURSEMENTS

Presbytery's Home Missions — 1954

BUDGET		DISBURSED
	Executive Secretary	
4,200.00	Salary	$4,200.00
1,200.00	House Allowance	1,200.00
540.00	Ministers Annuity	540.00
82.50	Insurance (Partially prepaid in 1953)	61.45
120.00	Social Security	120.00
750.00	Expenses	633.04
	Office	
2,400.00	Salary	2,400.00
96.00	Social Security	96.00
52.00	Insurance	36.13
1,500.00	Normal Costs	962.06
135.00	Audit	125.00
200.00	New Equipment	195.30
	Repairs, Paint, etc.	168.09
	Ministers	
10,900.00	Salaries	9,599.80
1,250.00	Annuities (8)	809.22
250.00	L and H Ins.	133.98
2,400.00	Students, Supplies, etc.	1,698.79
2,700.00	Our Mountain Work (Offset by Income $210.50)	2,583.98
240.00	Malvern Hills Interest (Assumed by Church in 1954)	73.63
45.00	Montreat Travel Pool	45.00
90.00	Synod's S. S. Extension Worker	90.00
1,000.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	
	Montreat Conferences	20.00
	Synod's Radio Debt	197.64
	Express on Mission Material	2.44
	Appropriations from 1953 Balance, $500.00 each Arden, Sylva, Mills River, Grace Covenant	2,000.00
	Loan, Synods Council on Evangelism	200.00
	Funds Handled for Accommodation	
	Asheville First for Grace Covenant	1,999.99
	Maxwell Fund, G. C. Interest	267.18
	Belk Store, Franklin, for Morrison	500.00
	Capital Gift Expenses	* 301.06
		$31,259.78

*Deducted from Offering. Balance of Offering held in Reserve. $30.56 difference from other sheet to be adjusted.

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Dr. H. B. Dendy, chairman of the Mountain Orphanage Board of Trustees presented a verbal report which was received as information. The financial report which was placed in the hands of the Sub-Committee of the Budget for auditing, will be presented for approval at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Harry Barkley, superintendent of the Orphanage, gave us some highlights of the work. There are now sixty children at the Orphanage.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman of the Board of Christian Education, presented the recommendations of his committee, which were received as information.

LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY

Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman, Professor of Theology at the Louisville Seminary, brought greetings from the faculty and student body. He told of the proposed change of loca-

tion of the seminary, from its down-town location to the edge of Louisville. The property has been purchased.

Special Prayer was held by Presbytery for the Educational Institutions that were preparing men for the Ministry. The Rev. Warren Thuston led the prayer.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Dr. J. R. McGregor, chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, presented the following report which was admitted to record:

Your Commission on the Minister and His Work would report that the Sylva Presbyterian Church has called the Reverend Daniel Patrick McGeachey, III, and that his call is approved by the Commission and it is recommended that after satisfactory examinations, the Call be placed in his hands.

The Commission has also approved the call of the Mills River Presbyterian Church for the services of Mr. James Bruce Frye.

Your Commission is working with the other vacant churches: Waynesville, Friendship and Brevard.

We are grateful to our Executive Secretary, Dr. R. E. McClure, for his untiring help to all of these churches.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. McGregor, Chairman
George B. Talbot, Secretary

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following report:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee, composed of W. G. Thomas, Chairman; E. G. Roberts, Secretary; H. B. Dendy; R. A. Potter; J. J. Stone, presents the following report:

A. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY:
1. Moderator
2. Stated Clerk: W. G. Thomas, 1955, Asheville, N. C.
3. Permanent Clerk: *George Claymon*, 1955, Asheville, N. C.
4. Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences: R. E. McClure, 1955, Asheville, N. C.

B. TRUSTEES:
1. Presbytery Trustees: Geo. H. Wright, Chairman, 1955; W. H. McMurray, 1956; *J. J. Stone*, 1957.

2. Davidson College Trustees: Joseph Hunter, 1955; C. Grier Davis, 1956.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:
1. Home Missions: Geo. H. Wright, 1955, B. L. McGlamery, 1955; C. D. Thomas, 1955; W. G. Somerville, 1955; *J. C. Lime*, 1955; C. G. Davis, Chairman, 1956; P. N. Gresham, 1956; Forrest B. Gardner, 1956; *Stanley L. Bennett*, 1957; *James Sherwood*, 1957; *John M. Carroll*, 1957; *W. G. Lingo*, 1957.
2. The Mountain Orphanage: Mrs. J. C. Spooner, 1955; E. C. Conrad, 1955; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1955; Geo. N. Clayman, 1956; H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1956; Crawford Pearson, 1956; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1956; *James Henderson*, 1957; *Mrs. E. G. Simmons*, 1957; *E. G. Roberts*, 1957.
3. Christian Education:
   a. Educational Institutions: R. M. Hart, 1955; Holland McSwain, 1956; *H. V. Lofquist*, Chairman.
   b. Candidates for the Ministry: W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955; James Sherwood, 1956; *C. G. Worley*, 1957.
   c. Religious Education: Walter Abernethy, 1955; R. A. Potter, 1955; Geo. N. Clayman, 1955; Paul Warren, 1955; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955; *W. R. Klein*, 1956; Walter Harbin, 1956; G. B. Talbot, 1956; Thomas Sproule, 1956; *Dr. Quinn Constantz*, 1957; *J. Bryan Hatchett*, 1957; *J. C. Lime*, 1957; *N. E. Byers*, 1957; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; and Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship and Executive Secretary.

D. COMMISSIONS:
1. The Minister and His Work: Hugh Lamb, 1955; Warren Thuston, 1955; J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1956; W. G. Thomas, 1956; *L. Nelson Bell*, 1957; *G. B. Talbot*, 1957.

E. PERMANENT COMMITTEES:
1. Nominations: W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1955; Robert A. Potter, 1955; H. B. Dendy, 1956; *E. G. Roberts*, 1957; *J. J. Stone*, 1957.
2. Presbytery Council:
   a. Program and Publicity (Sub-Committee): F. A. Plummer, 1955; P. N. Gresham, 1955; R. E. McClure, Sub-Chairman, 1956; and the following ex-officio members; The Moderator, Stated Clerk.
   b. Budget (Sub-Committee): Chas. Pettit, 1956; J. O. Williams, 1956; *Robert F. Clodfelter*, 1957; *J. R. McGregor*, 1957; *Paul F. Warren*, Chairman Full Committee, 1957;

and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk and Executive Secretary.

3. World Missions: Robert M. Hart, 1955; *Thomas Sproule*, 1955; Stanley Bennett, Chairman, 1956; *W. J. Gammon*, 1957; *R. T. Reed*, 1957.
4. Church Extension—six sub-committees:
   a. Assembly's Home Missions: J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1955; *L. B. Nichols*, 1957.
   b. Evangelism: Wade C. Smith, 1955; P. N. Gresham, 1955; Paul Warren, 1955; W. R. Klein, 1955; C. W. Solomon, 1956; *Warren F. Thuston*, Chairman, 1957.
   c. Christian Relations: William R. Klein, Chairman, 1956; *Geo. H. Wright*, 1957.
   d. Radio: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman, 1956; *Emerson Rose*, 1957.
   e. Negro Work: W. C. Dillingham, 1955; J. C. Lime, Chairman, 1956.
   f. Defense Service: W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1955; Bryan Hatchett, 1956.
5. Annuities and Relief: Warren L. Thuston, 1955; P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1956; *J. H. Flanagan*, 1957.
6. Woman's Work: R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1955; *J. C. Neville*, 1956; *Sidney McCarty*, 1957.
7. Assembly's Special Causes (Historical Foundation, Montreat, Assembly's Training School, American Bible Society): W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1955; S. A. Mann, 1955; J. W. Smith, 1956; *Geo. Young*, 1957; *J. H. Gruver*, 1957.
8. Examinations—The Moderator, Chairman.
   a. Experimental Religion: The Moderator.
   b. Theology: W. G. Somerville, 1955; *John R. Williams*, Chairman, 1957.
   c. Sacraments: *James Sherwood*, Chairman, 1955; *J. Q. Wallace*, 1957.
   d. Church Government: W. J. Gammon, Chairman, 1956; *C. B. Yeargan*, 1957.
   e. English Bible: R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1955; J. H. Gruver, 1956.
   f. Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon: *G. B. Talbot*, Chairman, 1955; A. C. Holt, 1956.
   g. Academic Studies: W. P. Chedester, 1956; *J. V. N. Talmage*, Chairman, 1957.
   h. Seminary Studies: C. W. Solomon, 1955; *W. H. Armistead*, Chairman, 1957.
9. Presbytery's Historical Committee: R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1955; J. L. Brittain, 1956; *R .A. Hardwick*, 1957.

The following amendments were made by Presbytery:

1. That the Nominating Committee be made an Ad Interim Committee with the authority to appoint men to fill the unexpired terms of the Rev. Archie Graham; and to appoint another man to the Mountain Orphanage Board of Trustees in place of Dr. C. Grier Davis.
2. That Mr. Thomas I. Lloyd be appointed to the Budget Committee. Term of office: 1958.
3. That the Nominating Committee replace E. G. Roberts and J. J. Stone on the Nominating Committee.
4. That Mr. Roberts and Mr. Stone remain on the Nominating Committee until they were replaced.
5. That the dates of the term of office correspond with the year in which the officers retire from office.

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted as amended.

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

The Rev. J. C. Lime, chairman of the Budget Committee, reported that the financial report of the Stated Clerk for the church year, ending December 31, 1954, had been examined and found to be in order, and recommended that it be admitted to record. The record was adopted and the financial report is as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK
CHURCH YEAR 1954

RECEIPTS

Canton (1953)	$ 55.59
Brevard (1953)	78.26
Malvern Hills	48.49
Asheville First	524.90
Black Mountain	112.65
Bryson City	32.94
Swannanoa	62.53
Hendersonville First	214.38
Oak Forest	57.65
Weaverville	118.14
Friendship	42.70
Andrews	14.64
Sylva	21.66
Arden	54.60
Waynesville	89.37
Highlands	25.62
Hazelwood	25.93

Kenilworth	206.70
Brevard	100.96
Grace Covenant	50.63
West Asheville	152.80
Dillingham	42.70
Canton	73.20
Ivy Park	6.10
Franklin	48.50
Mills River	34.16
Etowah	17.08
Murphy	37.82
Robbinsville	4.58
Bethel	22.57
Brittain's Cove	15.56
Montreat	36.60
Red Oak	3.36
Total	$2433.37

DISBURSEMENTS

E. C. Scott (Assembly Tax)	$ 957.32
Inland Press (Minutes)	108.81
M. R. Williamson (Salary)	50.00
W. G. Thomas (Salary)	25.00
M. R. Williamson (Salary)	50.00
Inland Press (Minutes)	54.89
D. R. Greenhoe (Synod Tax)	189.62
M. R. Williamson (Postage and Supplies)	7.00
Inland Press (Summer Minutes)	78.99
Waynesville Mountaineer (Registration Cards)	7.80
W. G. Thomas (Permanent Clerk Salary)	25.00
M. R. Williamson (5 Months' Salary)	83.00
W. G. Thomas (Statistical Blanks and Supplies)	15.00
M. R. Williamson (Supplies)	3.60
W. G. Thomas (December Salary as Stated Clerk)	17.00
Inland Press (Minutes)	96.18
W. G. Thomas (Supplies)	9.47
Total	$1778.78

SUMMARY

Balance on hand January 1, 1954	$2020.06
Received from Churches	2433.37
Total	$4453.43
Total Disbursements	1778.78
Balance on hand January 5, 1955	$2674.65

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SUB-COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

The Rev. J. C. Lime presented the following report to Presbytery, including special recommendations of this committee, which was adopted and admitted to record:

Your Sub-Committee on Budget calls the attention of Presbytery to certain facts:

1) By reason of an error in judgment, in over-estimating the probable income from the churches for 1954, the Presbytery in January 1954 ordered that "Regular Benevolences" be divided by the Central Treasurer on a basis that materially hampered the fullest work of The Mountain Orphanage and Presbytery's Home Mission Committee.
2) In a commendable zeal for increasing our contributions to Assembly's and Synod's causes the same action increased ALL causes, but particularly World Missions to a place where the actual disbursements to World Missions from "Regular Benevolences" reached three times the total in the budget in 1952-53, exclusive of all designated Gifts.
3) Your Committee was reluctant to take any action at the expense of Assembly and Synod causes, but we were faced with the necessity of increased amounts to Presbytery's Causes: namely, Presbytery's Home Missions, The Mountain Orphanage and Christian Education in the Presbytery.

We recommend the following:

1) That the amounts shown in Column Three (below) be the DOLLAR basis of "Regular Benevolences" for 1955, except as provided in the next recommendation.
2) That when "Presbytery's Causes," namely, Presbytery's Home Missions, The Mountain Orphanage, Christian Education in the Presbytery, and Montreat College, shall have received the full amount from "Regular Benevolences" that is named therein, then all subsequent receipts for "Regular Benevelonces" shall be divided as follows:

   One-half for World Missions, and one-half prorated to all the other Assembly and Synod Causes in the proportion created by the DOLLAR amounts shown in Column Three (See explanation below).
3) That the Sub-Committee on Budget be instructed to meet within thirty days and devise some practical means to bring the need of larger gifts to "Regular Benevolences" to the attention of the churches, particularly those giving LESS than the Presbytery average per capita which is $8.75 for 1954, and with the specific goal of $75,000.00 as the absolute minimum for Regular Benevolences in 1955.

4) That Presbytery approve the plan of the General Assembly for the three year Forward With Christ program and instruct the Nominating Committee to name a special committee of five to actively promote this program, giving the committee named the privilege of enlarging itself to meet the needs of the work.

The Presbytery is given the following information as a basis on which to consider these recommendations. The effect of adopting the figures in Column Three only.

Basis of Division 1954	Cause	Net Produced in 1954	Proposed 1955 For Adoption	Possible Increases (See Below)
15,698	World Missions	14,796.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
6,780	Church Extension	5,297.00	5,800.00	7,000.00
2,264	Christian Education (A)	1,749.00	2,000.00	2,450.00
	Annuities and Relief (NOTE***)		300.00	370.00
5,685	General Fund	4,427.00	4,500.00	5,500.00
191	Inter Church Agencies	124.00	150.00	185.00
14,000	Mountain Orphanage	10,060.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
7,000	King College	5,278.00	5,400.00	6,590.00
1,500	Union Seminary	1,245.00	1,300.00	1,590.00
750	Louisville Seminary	622.50	650.00	795.00
3,300	Christian Education (S)	2,386.00	2,500.00	3,050.00
3,000	Christian Education (P)	1,193.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
7,000	Montreat College	5,278.00	5,400.00	5,400.00
20,000	Presbytery's Home Mis.	16,177.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
85,000	Amounts to Causes if Churches give as much as		75,000.00*	
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*Proportionately up to $75,000.00.

**Proportionate INCREASE from $75,000.00 up.

Actual Gifts in 1954 were slightly less than $67,000.00.

***Joy Gift normally gives proportionate amount for this cause and frequently exceeds this proportionate amount.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures—The committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

2. Judiciary—This committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Records of Session—The Rev. Thomas Sproule, chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Records of Sessions and it was adopted, and is as follows:

The following churches have submitted their Session Records

for approval: Arden, Asheville First, Bethel, Black Mountain, Brittains Cove, Bryson City, Davidson River, Dillingham, Franklin, Friendship, Grace Covenant, Hazelwood, Hendersonville, Ivy Park, Kenilworth, Malvern Hills, Oak Forest, Swannanoa, Waynesville, and West Asheville. The records were approved with the following comments: approved with no exceptions, and approved with the following exceptions.

The Committee requests that a uniformity be used in the writing of the minutes and in the keeping of the records, preferably typing.

The approximately ten churches that have not submitted their records may consider themselves as not being in conformity with the advice of the Presbytery. The action to secure the reviewing of the books that were not presented today is left to the disposition of the Presbytery.

4. Minutes of Synod—The Rev. R. A. Potter, chairman, made the following report which was adopted by Presbytery:

Certain actions taken by the Synod at its last regular meeting in June as recorded by the Minutes, your Committee would re-enforce by its approval and commend for your adoption:

(1) The continued development of "local church clinic teams" to aid in the promotion of the Christian Education Program.

(2) That in view of the fact that the literature prepared for use in our church is an effective means of acquainting children, youth, and adults with our church's program, its position on social issues, its interpretation of the Bible and its doctrinal beliefs, all sessions be urged to see to it that it is used in the educational program of the church.

The Presbytery would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation for the hospitality shown to the members of Presbytery on January 15th.

We would like to commend the Women of the West Asheville Church for the delightful meal.

The Committee on Resolutions realizes that words are inadequate to express our heartfelt gratitude for all that was done for us and we wish to reduce the statements to say sincerely, "Thank You."

Respectfully submitted,
Paul F. Warren, Chairman

PLACE OF MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its stated Spring meeting at the Montreat Assembly Grounds, Tuesday, April 26, 1955, a 10:00 A.M. The ministers and elders are urged to bring their wives with them.

LETTERS TO CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED

The Stated Clerk was instructed to send a letter to the Andrews Church and the Robbinsville Church, expressing the regrets of Presbytery that an elder representative was not present at Presbytery from their churches.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of Presbytery were read by the Permanent Clerk and were approved as corrected, after which Presbytery adjourned with the singing of "Bless Be The Tie That Binds" and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. Rupert McGregor.

J. R. McGregor, Moderator
W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk
G. N. Clayman, Permanent Clerk

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

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6. **Woman's Work:** R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1956; J. C. Neville, 1957; S. J. McCarty, 1958.
7. **Assembly's Special Causes:**
   a. **Historical Foundation**
   b. **Montreat**
   c. **Assembly's Training School**
   d. **American Bible Society**
   W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1956; S. A. Mann, 1956; J. W. Smith, 1957; George Young, 1958; J. H. Gruver, 1958.
   e. **Experimental Religion:** The Moderator.
8. **Examinations**—The Moderator, Chairman.
   b. **Theology:** J. R. Williams, Chairman, 1958; W. G. Somerville, 1956.
   c. **Sacraments:** J. B. Sherwood, Chairman, 1956; J. G. Wallace, 1958.
   d. **Church Government:** W. J. Gammon, Chairman, 1957; C. B. Yeargan, 1958.
   e. **English Bible:** R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1956; J .H. Gruver, 1957.
   f. **Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon:** G. B. Talbert, Chairman, 1956; A. C. Holt, 1958.
   g. **Academic Studies:** J. V. N. Talmadge, Chairman, 1958; W. P. Chedester, 1957.
   h. **Seminary Studies:** W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1958; C. W. Solomon, 1956.
9. **Presbytery's Historical Committee:** R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1956; J. L. Brittain, 1957; R. A. Hardwick, 1958.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Clayton Bell, Montreat, N. C.
Austin Blake Brinkeroff, Asheville, N. C.
Robert Smith Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.
James Bruce Frye, Asheville, N. C.
William E. Leaman, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
William A. Lofquist, Asheville, N. C.
Robert Edwin McClure, Asheville, N. C.
Owen L. Norment, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
Stuart Arnold Plummer, Asheville, N. C.
Alfred Douglas Reed, Asheville, N. C.
Gordon K. Reed, Weaverville, N. C.
George Edward Scott, Asheville, N. C.
John Trotti, Asheville, N. C.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date		*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1944	Winter	Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring	Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer	Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945	Winter	Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring	West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Summer	Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Fall	Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946	Winter	Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring	Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
	Summer	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
	Fall	Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947	Winter	West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
	Spring	Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
	Summer	Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
	Fall	Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948	Winter	Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
	Spring	Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Summer	Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
	Fall	Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949	Winter	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
	Spring	Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
	Summer	Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
	Fall	Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950	Winter	Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
	Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
	Summer	Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
	Fall	Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951	Winter	West Asheville	C. G. Worley
	Spring	Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
	Summer	Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
	Fall	Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952	Winter	Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
	Spring	Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
	Summer	Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
	Fall	Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953	Winter	Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
	Spring	Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
	Summer	Canton	S. W. Black
	Fall	Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954	Winter	Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
	Spring	Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
	Summer	Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
	Fall	Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955	Winter	West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor

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Stated Session

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1955

MOUNTAIN RETREAT ASSOCIATION

Montreat, North Carolina

April 26, 1955

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

A. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY:

1. **Moderator**—Robert Hart.
2. **Stated Clerk**—W. G. Thomas, 1956.
3. **Permanent Clerk**—George N. Clayman, 1956.
4. **Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences**—R. E. McClure, 1956.

B. TRUSTEES:

1. **Presbytery Trustees:** George H. Wright, Chairman, 1956; W. H. McMurray, 1957; J. J. Stone, 1958.
2. **Trustees of Davidson College:** Joseph L. Hunter, 1956; C. Grier Davis, 1957.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:

1. **Home Missions:** C. Grier Davis, Chairman, 1957; George H. Wright, 1956; B. L. McGlamery, 1956; C. D. Thomas, 1956; W. G. Somerville, 1956; J. C. Lime, 1957; P. N. Gresham, 1957; Forrest B. Gardner, 1957; Stanley L. Bennett, 1958; James Sherwood, 1958; J. M. Carroll, 1959; W. G. Lingo, 1959.
2. **The Mountain Orphanage:** H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1957; Mrs. J. C. Spooner, 1956; E. C. Conrad, 1956; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1956; George N. Clayman, 1957; Crawford Pierson, 1957; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1957; J. E. Henderson, 1958; Mrs. E. C. Simons, 1959; E. G. Roberts, 1959; Bernard Smith, Jr., 1958; W. W. Preston, 1956.
3. **Christian Education:**
   a. **Educational Institutions:** W. W. Preston, Sub-Chairman, 1958; R. M. Hart, 1956; Holland McSwain, 1957.
   b. **Candidates for the Ministry:** W. G. Somerville, Sub-Chairman, 1956; J. B. Sherwood, 1957; C. G. Worley, 1958.
   c. **Religious Education:** W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1956; W. I. Abernethy, 1956; R. A. Potter, 1956; George N. Clayman, 1956; Paul F. Warren, 1957; W. G. Harbin, 1957; W. R. Klein, 1957; G. B. Talbot, 1957; Thomas Sproule, 1957; Quinn Constants; 1958; J. B. Hatchett, 1959; J. C. Lime, 1958; N. E. Byers, 1959; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by the Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; and Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship; and Executive Secretary.

D. COMMISSIONS:

1. **The Minister and His Work:** J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1957; H. E. Lamb, 1957; Warren Thuston, 1957; W. G. Thomas, 1957; L. Nelson Bell, 1959; G. B. Talbot, 1958.

E. PERMANENT COMMITTEES:

1. **Nominations:** W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1956; R. A. Potter, 1956; H. B. Dendy, 1957; F. A. Plummer, 1958; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1959.
2. **Presbytery Council:**
   a. **Program and Publicity (Sub-Committee):** R. E. McClure, Sub-Chairman, 1957; F. A. Plummer, 1956; P. N. Gresham, 1956; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk.
   b. **Budget (Sub-Committee):** Paul F. Warren, Chairman, 1958; Charles Pettit, 1957; J. O. Williams, 1957; Robert F. Clodfelter, 1958; J. R. McGregor, 1958; T. I. Lloyd, 1958; D. P. McGeachy, III, 1958; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.
3. **World Missions:** Stanley Bennett, Chairman, 1957; Robert Hart, 1956; Thomas Sproule, 1956; W. J. Gammon, 1958; R. T. Reed, 1958.
4. **Church Extension — six sub-committees:**
   a. **Assembly's Home Missions:** J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1956; L. B. Nichols, 1958.
   b. **Evangelism:** Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1958; Wade Smith, 1956; Paul N. Gresham, 1956; Paul F. Warren, 1956; W. R. Klein, 1956; C. W. Solomon, 1957.
   c. **Christian Relations:** George Wright, Chairman, 1958; W. R. Klein, 1957.
   d. **Radio:** D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman, 1956; Emerson Rose, 1957.
   e. **Negro Work:** J. C. Lime, Chairman, 1957; W. C. Dillingham, 1956.
   f. **Defense Work:** W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1956; J. B. Hatchett, 1957.
5. **Annuities and Relief:** P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1957; Warren Thuston, 1956; J. H. Flanagan, 1959.

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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Adjourned Meeting

The Presbytery of Asheville met in an adjourned session in the dining room of the Biltmore Plaza, Tuesday, March 15, 1955, at 12:30 P.M., prior to the regular meeting of the Presbyterian Ministerial Association. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Rupert McGregor, and constituted with prayer.

The Stated Clerk called the roll, and the following ministers were present:

D. P. McGeachey, III, Rupert McGregor, W. G. Thomas, W. J. Gammon, Paul Gresham, James Sherwood, W. W. Preston, Jr., Henry Lofquist, R. E. McClure, G. B. Talbot, Clayton Lime, W. G. Somerville, Paul Warren, Stanley Bennett, H. B. Dendy, and W. R. Klein.

The Churches represented were:

J. L. Gash, Etowah; George Young, Swannanoa; Edward Roberts, Malvern Hills; and Ben H. Evans, Weaverville.

The following ministers were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren:

The Rev. Keith Mitchell of Holston Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.; and the Rev. Walter Goodman of Concord Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Henry Lofquist, requesting Presbytery to dismiss him to the Presbytery of Birmingham where he will assume the pastorate of the North Highlands Presbyterian Church of Bessemer, Alabama. The request was granted by Presbytery and a standing vote of Best Wishes and Appreciation was made.

A call from the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. W. W. Preston, Jr., was approved and accepted by Mr. Preston. The following Commission for the Installation Service was approved:

Rev. W. G. Thomas, to preside and to propound the Constitutional Questions; the Rev. H. B. Dendy, to preach the sermon; the Rev. C. Grier Davis, to charge the pastor; the Rev. Paul Gresham, to act as Secretary and to deliver the Installation prayer; Mr. Paul Teal, elder, to charge the congregation; and Mr. W. G. Lingo, elder, to read the Scripture.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, requesting any suggestions as to the best date for holding the meeting of the General Assembly. The letter was received as information.

The minutes were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. R. E. McClure.

RUPERT MCGREGOR, Moderator
W. G. THOMAS, Stated Clerk
GEORGE N. CLAYMAN, Permanent Clerk

STATED SPRING MEETING
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Spring Meeting in the chapel at the Montreat Assembly Grounds, Tuesday, April 26, 1955, at 10:00 A.M. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, the past Moderator, Rev. Warren Thuston, called Presbytery to order and constituted it with prayer.

The Moderator invited Rev. A. C. Holt to deliver the sermon. His sermon was based on the Scriptural text: Ephesians 4:13.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. James Sherwood and the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, assisted by ruling elders: Cameron Lee, Charles Pettit, George Lacey, and Harold Sluder.

MEMORIAL

The Rev. Henry Dendy read a memorial to the late Dr. R. C. Anderson, which was adopted, and prayer of thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the late Dr. Anderson was offered by the Rev. C. Grier Davis.

Robert Campbell Anderson fell asleep in The Lord Jesus Christ at his home in Montreat, North Carolina, on Sunday, February 20, 1955. God blessed him with a long and full life having passed his ninetieth birthday last year. He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Sadie Gaither who has so faithfully worked with him in his many sided labors for the Lord. He was a strong Preacher of The

Word, an excellent Teacher, a faithful Pastor, and a great Builder. Here in Montreat where Asheville Presbytery is now meeting, one can look in any direction and see something of the great work God permitted him to do in the material buildings of Montreat.

Dr. Anderson was born near Martinsville, Virginia, July 26th, 1864, being the youngest of the ten children of the Rev. Robert Campbell and Justina Madison Armistead Anderson.

Dr. Anderson's father taught him at home in preparation for college. At the age of 16 he was so well prepared that he was able to teach a public school of forty pupils.

Dr. Anderson took his four-year college course in three years, graduating from Hampden-Sydney College with an A. B. degree in 1887. He represented his class as senior orator at commencement. In the fall of 1887 he entered Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and graduated three years later.

On December 30, 1890, Dr. Anderson married Miss Katie P. Walker, of Richmond, who died in February 1892.

He was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in 1890, and at the solicitation of Dr. R. L. Dabney went to San Angelo, Texas, where he was engaged successfully in home mission work. In 1892 he resigned and accepted a call to the Second Presbyterian Church at Roanoke, Virginia.

In 1895 he went abroad and took a special course in Free Church College and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. In company with young ministerial and doctor friends he traveled by bicycle in England, Scotland, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and Holland. While abroad, he wrote a series of articles entitled "My Sabbaths Abroad" for the Central Presbyterian, a church paper. He then returned to the church at Roanoke.

On November 11, 1896, Dr. Anderson married Miss Sadie K. Gaither, daughter of Thomas H. Gaither, a well-known citizen of Charlotte.

He accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Shelbyville, Tennessee, January 1, 1898. Dr. Anderson served as chairman of the Tennessee Home Mission Committee for two years.

On September 1, 1905, he accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church at Gastonia. While serving that church, Dr. Anderson was instrumental in organizing the Loray Presbyterian Church.

During his several pastorates he devoted much of his time to home missions and to evangelistic work. Largely through his efforts many churches were organized and built in his several pastoral fields.

On August 18, 1911, Dr. Anderson was elected president and treasurer of the Mountain Retreat Association, and came to the mountains expecting to stay only two years; but he held those positions continuously for thirty-five years, until his retirement on October 30, 1946. In 1912 he was elected manager of the Association and carried on the duties of that office in addition to those he had as president and treasurer.

In 1910, the year before his election, Dr. Anderson, who was a member of the managing committee of the association, was appointed as a committee of one to devise ways and means of removing the indebtedness which at that time rested on the association. The situation seemed hopeless. It was thought that the association's assets might have to go to satisfy its liabilities. Dr. Anderson devised a plan for removing the indebtedness, and put his plan into successful operation. In six months all notes and mortgages were cancelled and all indebtedness paid off. This was the beginning of a new era for the Association. Since that time, the growth of the physical plant of Montreat and of the various branches of its work has been constant and gratifying. From that date the Mountain Retreat Association has operated on a cash basis. Montreat College has always been run on that same basis since its founding.

Dr. Anderson was a man of vision who made his dreams come true. He was a business man of ability, and his architectural talent is shown in the auditorium bearing his name, in Assembly Inn, and in other buildings on the grounds, built of native stone and by local labor.

Under his leadership the association was shaped in policy and in material development, its ownership was transferred to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Montreat College was founded and carried to its present high state of development, and the beautiful stone buildings on the Montreat grounds were designed and erected. Under his administration, and despite periods of adversity, the town of Montreat grew to be a veritable show place of the mountains—with its public utilities, stores, large auditorium, hotels and other public buildings as well as hundreds of cottages.

In 1916, Dr. Anderson founded Montreat College, a junior college for girls. From its inception he served as its president, treasurer, and manager.

Dr. Anderson received his D.D. degree from Davidson College in 1923. Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia awarded him the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion in June, 1939.

On October 30, 1946, Dr. Anderson resigned as president and treasurer of the Mountain Retreat Association, positions which he had held since 1911. He had earnestly requested, for three years, that his resignation be accepted that he might devote more time to the work of the college. In that work he continued for another year with great energy and devotion despite his 82 years.

In August 1947, Dr. Anderson resigned as member of the board of directors of the Mountain Retreat Association. In that same month, reminding the directors by letter that he had passed his 83rd birthday, he also resigned from the board of trustees of Montreat College, as chairman of the board and treasurer of the college.

At the time of his death he was the oldest member of Asheville Presbytery and of the Synod of Appalachia.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning, February 22nd, in Gaither Chapel at Montreat with the Rev. Stanley Bennett and the Rev. Thomas A. Spence, officiationg.

Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery at Charlotte, North Carolina, on Tuesday at 2:30 P. M., February 23, 1955. Graveside services were conducted by a former Pastor, Rev. Robert King of Greenville, South Carolina.

We mourn the loss of our Friend and Brother while we rejoice in his abundant labors for the Lord.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, Stanley L. Bennett, George N. Clayman, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, W. J. Gammon, Paul N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, Robert M. Hart, Albert C. Holt, W. R. Klein, R. E. McClure, D. P. McGeachy, III, John C. Neville, Robert Potter, J. B. Sherwood, W. G. Somerville, Thomas Sproule, W. G. Thomas, G. B. Talbot, W. F. Thuston, Paul F. Warren, John R. Williams, O. F. Yates, C. B. Yeargan, W. W. Preston, C. W. Solomon.

The churches represented were:

J. L. Tandy, Arden; N. E. Byers and S. C. Minnich, Asheville First; George B. Blaylock, Bethel; W. A. Allison, Black Mountain; H. A. Sluder, Brittain's Cove; W. P. Barnes, Canton; A. D. Dillingham, Dillingham; Harry J. Nicholson, Etowah; R. A. Hardwick, Friendship; Leon Walker, Grace Covenant; E. A. Williamson, Hazelwood; Forrest B. Gardner, Hendersonville; T. G. Penland, Ivy Park; George Lacey, Jr., Kenilworth; C. W. Dixon, Malvern Hills; Lee Brittain, Mills River; K. E. Townsend, Montreat; R. W. Gray, Oak Forest; George D. Young, Swannanoa; C. W. Lee, Sylva; J. E. Rose, Waynesville; Ben H. Evans, Weaverville; G. O. Shillinglaw, West Asheville.

Presbytery had invited to its Spring Meeting the treasurer of each local church or a representative of the Board of Deacons. The following churches were represented:

B. M. Bittinger, Black Mountain; C. A. Rudisill, West Asheville; Charles Munch, Malvern Hills; J. R. Fawcett, Grace Covenant; R. F. Clodfelter, Asheville First; S. R. Riddle, Friendship; Keith E. Townsend, Montreat; J. S. Lee, Kenilworth; W. A. Singleton, Murphy; and Woodfin Glenn, Oak Forest.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The Reverends Bryan Hatchett, Kenneth Foreman, J. C. Lime, and J. Rupert McGregor were excused from attendance.

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren:

Rev. Joseph Dunglinson of Tuscaloosa Presbytery; Rev. E. H. Gartell of Winston Salem Presbytery, who is also associated with the Mission Work of our Church in West Brazil; Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt of Bluestone Presbytery; and Rev. Joseph Hopper of Lexington-Ebenezer Presbytery.

Mr. Henry Hope, candidate for the ministry under Atlanta Presbytery and student pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, was introduced to Presbytery.

MODERATOR

The Rev. Robert Hart was elected Moderator.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mr. William A. Tucker, Business Manager of the Montreat Association and Montreat College, extended a cordial welcome to Presbytery, and the visiting Deacons. He announced that a tour of the Montreat grounds was planned for the wives during the afternoon. The Rev. Stanley Bennett, host pastor, presented the report of the Program Committee and recommended that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 1:00 P.M. and reconvene at 2:00 P.M.
2. That the Forward with Christ Committee present its report immediately after Communications.

3. That a Special Season of Prayer for General Assembly be held immediately after lunch.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman, requesting Presbytery to dismiss him to Louisville Presbytery, his Presbytery of residence, effective at once. Request was granted and Stated Clerk was ordered to send a letter to Dr. Foreman, expressing the appreciation of Asheville Presbytery for the part that he has played in our work here.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from James M. Carr, Secretary of Town and Country Church Department of the General Assembly, requesting Presbytery to have its Winter Meeting prior to January 23rd, so as not to conflict with the Town and Country Pastor's Institute (January 25-28, 1956). Letter was received as information. The date of Tuesday, January 17, 1956, was approved by Presbytery for its Stated Winter Meeting of 1956.

The Stated Clerk made a certification to Presbytery that he had received the original copy of the Donation Contract made by the Board of Church Extension with the Arden Presbyterian Church and that the said Donation Contract was filed with Presbytery's permanent records.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—Warren Thuston, chairman; H. B. Dendy, and Harold A. Sluder.

2. Judiciary—G. B. Talbot, chairman; W. G. Allison, Paul N. Gresham.

3. Records of Session—Thomas Sproule, chairman; Forrest Gardner, W. R. Klein, W. W. Preston, John C. Neville, and Joe Emerson Rose.

4. Resolutions—R. E. McClure, chairman; W. P. Barnes, James Sherwood.

REPORT OF THE FORWARD WITH CHRIST COMMITEE

The Rev. George N. Clayman, Chairman of the Forward With Christ Committee, presented an overall picture of the Program and its relationship to the local church. The five areas of the Movement, Evangelism, Home Missions, World Missions, Christian Education, and Stewardship, were presented by the respective chairmen of said committees of Presbytery: Evangelism — Rev. Warren Thuston; World Missions — Rev. Stanley Bennett; Home Missions — Rev. C. Grier Davis; Christian Education — Rev. W. G. Thomas, and Stewardship — Rev. Paul Warren. Mr. Robert F. Clodfelter, member of the Sub-Committee on Budgets of Presbytery, presented to the representatives of the local churches the opportunities of the Forward with Christ Movement to increase Benevolent Giving.

At lunch time the Forward With Christ Committee had not completed its report. Presbytery approved the continuing of this report after lunch.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 1:00 P.M., after being led in prayer by the Rev. George N. Clayman.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:45 P.M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

PRAYER FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A Special Season of Prayer was held by Presbytery for the meeting of General Assembly in Richmond, Virginia, in June. The Rev. W. G. Somerville led this prayer.

REPORT OF FORWARD WITH CHRIST COMMITTEE (cont'd)

The remainder of the Report of the Committee on Stewardship of the Forward With Christ Committee was

given. The following recommendations of the Forward With Christ Movement were approved by Presbytery:

STEWARDSHIP:

1. That every church of the Presbytery follow the percentage plan in determining their Benevolent giving.

2. That the percentage of Benevolent giving be on the basis of all benevolent gifts to our denominational causes, striving to reach a Fifty Percent basis.

3. That all churches be encouraged to give at least twenty percent to benevolences.

4. That conferences be held in the Presbytery for instruction of the deacons of the local churches, and that the Sub-Committee on Budgets be instructed to conduct such conferences.

5. That pastors and elders promote attendance at these Training Conferences for Deacons.

6. That the local church treasurers remit their Benevolence monthly to the Central Treasurer.

EVANGELISM:

1. That each church in the Presbytery plan to have at least one week of special services each year for the next three years.

2. That a pre-meeting Christian Educational program of teaching be developed in order to teach interested men and women and young people on how to do personal work (Evangelism). We recommend that this Institute be climaxed by an actual Visitation Evangelism program using the prospect cards which the pastor in each church or church group has prepared and kept up-to-date.

3. We recommend that the Christian Education Committee ask the Board of Christian Education to consider preparing a basic step by step program of personal evangelism to be presented in all of the various teaching literatures to: men's organizations, women's organizations, young people's work and worker's conferences. It is our feeling that this is a "must" if the church is to fulfill the command of the Lord to go into all the world and preach the gospel . . . "teaching them to observe all things."

4. We recommend that Communicants Classes be held and announced at least four times a year; thus giving new members and prospective members ample opportunity to intelligently unite with the church.

5. We recommend that during the Worker's Conference the teachers of the Sunday School be solicited for a cooperative effort in evangelizing the pupils of their classes by pointing all of the class in the direction of the individual in his or her decision for Jesus

Christ as Saviour. All of this preparation might be climaxed by a decision day to be held in the Sunday School. Probably this Sunday could be set as the first Sunday of the period of Special Services with the Sunday School assembled together and challenged by the visiting speaker to stand for Christ. The responsible persons would get the names and any additional information concerning those who have made decisions and follow through with a Communicants Class.

6. We suggest that the Men of the Presbytery take as a work project for the year of 1956 the attendance of every man of the local church at the Mid-Week Service; setting a goal of as near one hundrd percent as possible by the end of the year.

7. Finally, we recommend that the pastor and session of the local church take an active personal interest in the Youth Work of the local church regardless of size. Periodically, at least four times a year, offer your services in challenging the young people toward a decision for Christ the Saviour.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

The Assembly Goal For Christian Education

Under God, a specific campaign to promote Family Worship in every home and to expand the teaching ministry of the local church by recruiting and by leadership training, looking to:

An increase of 50,000 in Sunday School enrollment each year.

An enlarged enrollment of Presbyterian Young People in denominational colleges in preparation for Christian service.

600 new candidates for the Christian Ministry in three years.

600 new candidates for other Church Vocations in three years.

The Presbytery Goals For Christian Education

To assist in the attainment of the above Assembly goal your Presbytery's Christian Education Committee recommends the following:

1. That the local church observe "Christian Family Week," May 1 through 8, using the theme, "Open Your Homes To God," and emphasizing the establishment of the family altar in every home.
2. That every Sunday School endeavor to increase the Sunday School enrollment by 10% for each year.
3. That a Vacation Bible School be conducted in every church and chapel during the summer months of 1955.
4. That every church endeavor to send delegates to Presbytery's Pioneer Camp, Camp Hope, N. C., June 6 through 11; Presbytery's Senior Youth Conference, Montreat, N. C., June 6 through 11 and Synod's Youth Conference, Montreat, N. C., June 13 through 18.

5. That every church endeavor to send delegates to the conferences to be held at Montreat during the summer, especially to the Young Adult Conference, June 20 through 24; Superintendent's Conference, July 8 through 10 and Leadership School, July 12 through 21.
6. That every church endeavor to provide a leadership training class for the church officers, Elders and Deacons, and for the Sunday School officers and teachers.
7. That every church adopt a definite program for emphasizing the value of our Christian Higher Education and of challenging our Young People to attend the church-related colleges.
8. That every church adopt a definite program for presenting to the Young People the challenge of the Gospel Ministry, as well as other Church Vocations.

WORLD MISSIONS:

(1) That this Presbytery set as its goal—*Seven New Foreign Missionaries* to go from its bounds within the three years of the Forward With Christ Program.

(2) That the churches of this Presbytery assume the support of *Seven Foreign Missionaries* in addition to their present giving to World Missions and in addition to the missionaries that are now supported. Churches that cannot give full support to a missionary are asked to *co-operate* on a partial support basis.

(3) That all churches send *Prospective Missionaries* to the World Missions Conference at Montreat this summer.

(4) That the Presbytery sponsor a World Missions Retreat to be held possibly at Montreat during the Fall of 1955, with each church sending at least *One Prospective Missionary*.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Mrs. R. E. McClure, president of the Presbyterial of Asheville, was introduced to Presbytery by the Rev. R. A. Potter, chairman of the Women's Work of the Presbytery. The verbal report from Mrs. McClure was received as information. The report of the Women of the Church of Asheville Presbytery for the year 1954 was approved.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

The Committee on Candidates for the Ministry presented their report to Presbytery, which was received as information.

Recommendation: That Presbytery approve an Adjourned Meeting for Thursday, May 26, 1955, at 2:00 P.M. at the West Asheville Presbyterian Church for the purpose of examining several candidates for the ministry, looking forward to their licensure and ordination, and any other business pertaining to the candidates for the ministry. This was approved by Presbytery.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

Presbytery took action on the following recommended amendments: 1 Amendment to paragraph 126—approved; 2 to paragraph 232—approved; 3 to become paragraph 145 A—approved; 4 to become a new Chapter—disapproved (with a recommendation to the General Assembly that this question be remitted for further study); 5 to paragraph 147—approved.

REVISION OF THE MANUAL FOR PRESBYTERY

Rev. R. E. McClure, chairman of the committee, stated that no action had been taken by the committee because of the large number of ministers on the Committee that had left the presbytery. Presbytery appointed the following men to fill the vacancies: Rev. Thomas Sproule, Rev. Paul Gresham, and Mr. Forrest Gardner.

CAPITAL GIFTS COMMITTEE

Rev. R. E. McClure presented a verbal report that was received as information. He stated that a formal report would be presented to Presbytery after the survey of the Presbytery was completed.

REPORT OF COMMISSION

The Rev. Paul Gresham read a report of the Commission to install the Rev. W. W. Preston, Jr. ,as pastor of the Malvern Hills Church. The report was received and admitted to record:

The Commission to install the Rev. W. W. Preston, Jr., pastor of the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church, met in the pastor's office on March 27, 1955, at 7:30 o'clock. After organization, the Commission carried out its work as follows:

Rev. W. G. Thomas presided and propounded the constitutional questions; Dr. H. B. Dendy preached the sermon; Dr. C. Grier Davis charged the pastor; Mr. Paul Teal charged the congregation; Mr. W. G. Lingo read the Scripture, and the Rev. Paul Gresham gave the installation prayer and acted as Secretary.

PAUL N. GRESHAM, Secretary

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. R. E. McClure, executive secretary of Presbytery, presented his audited financial report to Presbytery. The report was adopted and the two clerks were instructed to check it before printing. The report is as follows:

AUDIT REPORT

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
R. E. MCCLURE, Treasurer
Asheville, North Carolina

DECEMBER 31, 1954

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
Asheville, North Carolina

We have examined the records of the ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY for the year ended December 31, 1954 and present report which follows.

Cash balances reconcile or agree with statements and passbooks of the banks, as follows:

Account	*Balance Per Bank*	*Deposits In Transit*	*Checks Out*	*Book Balance*
Mountain Orphanage:				
Administration	$ 2,374.68	$ 2,322.95	$ 617.55	$ 4,080.08
Investment	9,571.70	181.95	465.18	9,288.47
Savings (Passbook)	4,755.84			4,775.84
Home Missions				
Operating	2,000.60	4,386.83	583.70	5,803.73
Religious Education	388.85	364.79		753.64
Central Treasury	17,718.16	11,183.50	27,851.10	1,050.56
Totals	$36,829.83	$18,440.02	$29,517.53	$25,752.32

Receipts were compared with deposits recorded by the banks on monthly statements. All cancelled checks were examined.

The statements of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the cash transactions of the Treasurer's accounts of Asheville Presbytery for the year ended December 31, 1954 in conformity with accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with the prior year.

JAMES E. ASHE
Certified Public Accountant

Asheville, North Carolina—March 21, 1955

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE, INC. — ADMINISTRATION
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For The Year Ended December 31, 1954

CASH BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1954			$ 4,897.56
RECEIPTS:			
Churches	$30,425.64		
Duke Endowment	2,049.62		
Legacies and Trust Estates	1,721.79		
Parents and Relatives	2,294.80		
Other Individuals	4,286.06		
Interest and Endowments	1,161.06		
Transfer from Investment Account:			
R. P. Smith — Interest	911.89		
In Lieu of Flowers (Capital)	692.75		
Farm Sales	1,143.62	$44,687.23	
Money Borrowed		7,500.00	
Refunds		57.68	52,244.91
Total Balance and Receipts			$57,142.47
DISBURSEMENTS			53,062.39
CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1954			$ 4,080.08

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE, INC. — ADMINISTRATION
DISBURSEMENTS DETAILED
For The Year Ended December 31, 1954

ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries	$ 6,619.91	
Office Supplies	255.75	
Telephone and Telegraph	410.32	
Insurance	1,435.98	
Conference, Dues and Expense	251.04	
Finance and Publicity	1,109.56	
Travel	1,081.34	11,163.90
HOUSEHOLD CARE OF CHILDREN:		
Salaries	$ 7,007.10	
Food Purchased	6,132.58	
Clothing	1,930.27	
Laundry	560.81	
Household Supplies	1,694.43	
Recreation	153.61	
Travel	1,070.92	
Health	317.69	
Education	402.03	19,269.44
PLANT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:		
Salaries	$ 1,207.00	
Fuel, Light and Water	3,689.65	
Repairs and Replacements	2,957.12	7,853.77

FARM OPERATIONS:		
Salaries	$ 1,643.00	
Feed, Seed, Supplies	3,154.30	
Repairs and Replacements	1,151.59	5,948.89
LOANS REPAID		7,500.00
EXTRA INSTITUTIONAL CARE		1,071.89
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		254.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		$53,062.39

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE, INC. — INVESTMENT
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For The Year Ended December 31, 1954

CASH BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1954:			
Checking Account		$ 8,936.27	
Savings—Federal Savings and Loan		4,651.08	$13,587.35
RECEIPTS:			
Mortgage Loans—Principal Collections		$ 1,634.17	
—Interest		737.65	
Capital Increases:			
Bequests	$ 710.00		
R. P. Smith Fund	45.00		
In Lieu of Flowers	1,956.90	2,711.90	
Tax Reserve (Tucker)		77.55	
Interest on Savings		116.96	
Temporary Loans:			
Administration Account		7,500.00	
Total Receipts			$12,778.23
Total Balance and Receipts			$26,365.58
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Temporary Loans to Administration Account		$ 7,500.00	
Transfers to Administration Account:			
Interest—Bequests	$ 440.43		
—Terry Fund	106.51		
—R. P. Smith Fund	911.89	1,458.83	
From In Lieu of Flowers		692.75	
Annuities Paid		305.20	
Taxes—W. W. Tucker		82.67	
Guy Weaver—Bequests		18.21	
Capital Expenditures:			
New Furniture	$ 1,100.11		
Book Shelves and Cabinets	223.90		
Concrete for New Buildings	164.46		
Waxing Machine	220.14		
Piano	485.00		
For Silo (To Dr. Quinn Constants)	50.00	2,243.61	
Total Disbursements			12,301.27
CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1954			$14,064.31

DEPOSITED AS FOLLOWS:			
Checking Account		$ 9,288.47	
Savings—Federal Savings and Loan		4,775.84	14,064.31

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE, INC. — INVESTMENT
ASSETS OWNED — DECEMBER 31, 1954

CASH:			
First National Bank and Trust Company		$ 9,288.47	
Savings—Federal Savings and Loan		4,775.84	$14,064.31
MORTGAGE LONAS:			
Arden Manse		$ 1,649.98	
T. W. Bremmer		3,666.45	
W. W. Tucker		265.28	5,581.71
SECOND MORTGAGE:			
Malvern Hills Church			6,350.00
STOCKS AND BONDS:			
K. W. Natural Gas Co., 93 Shares at $5.00 par		$ 465.00	
Farmers Federation—6 Shares at $10.00 par		60.00	
—2 Shares pfd. at $10.00 par		20.00	
U. S. Savings Bonds—Maturity Value $100.00, Cost		74.00	
Haywood Building and Loan Association—At Cost		5,000.00	5,619.00
TOTAL ASSETS			$31,615.02

FUNDED AS FOLLOWS	*Accrued Interest*	*Principal*	
Bequests		$ 2,809.00	$ 2,809.00
Lillian Terry Fund		6,404.46	6,404.46
R. P. Smuth Fund	$ 318.82	13,468.62	13,787.44
Tax Reserve		5.12*	5.12*
In Lieu of Flowers		3,843.40	3,843.40
Annuities—M. O. Dunham		1,512.56	1,512.56
—J. C. Kinlock		1,871.04	1,871.04
—Foster Lewis		206.05	206.05
Lawrence Fund	12.33	164.09	176.42
L. T. Wilds Fund		977.30	977.30
Baby Cottage		32.47	32.47
TOTAL FUNDED BALANCES			$31,615.02

*Denotes Overdrawn.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS — OPERATING ACCOUNT
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For The Year Ended December 31. 1954

CASH BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1954			$ 5,795.51
RECEIPTS:			
Churches—Regular	$17,487.26		
—Special	2-221.73	$19,708.99	
Board of Church Extension		8,343.95	
Our Mountain Work		210.50	
Mountain Orphanage		1,724.78	
Contribution—Belk's Dept. Store, Bryson City		500.00	
—Belk's Dept. Store, Franklin		500.00	

Supplies and Postage—Conference Camp	10.80	
Refund of Overpayment	1.80	
Maxwell Fund Interest	267.18	31,268.00
Total Balance and Receipts		$37,063.51
DISBURSEMENTS		31,259.78
CASH BALANCE—DECEMBER 31, 1954		$ 5,803.73

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS — OPERATING ACCOUNT

DISBURSEMENTS DETAILED

For The Year Ended December 31, 1954

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:		
Salary and House	$ 5,400.00	
Ministers Annuity and Social Security	660.00	
Travel and Expense	633.04	$ 6,693.04
OFFICE COSTS:		
Salaries	$ 2,400.00	
Regular Operating Costs	1,063.45	
Special Insurance and Social Security	257.48	
Audit	125.00	
Painting, Carpet, and Tile Work	137.00	
Office Cabinet	125.00	4,107.93
MINISTERS:		
Salaries	$10,317.71	
Ministers Annuity Fund and Insurance	879.30	
Students and Other Supplements	1,570.86	12,767.87
OUR MOUNTAIN WORK		2,583.98
APPROPRIATIONS:		
Grace Covenant Church	$ 2,500.01	
Sylva Presbyterian Church	500.00	
Arden Presbyterian Church	500.00	
Franklin Presbyterian Church	500.00	
Malvern Hills Property Interest	73.63	4,073.64
ACCOMMODATION ACCOUNTS:		
Loan	$ 200.00	
Maxwell Fund Interest	267.18	467.18
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Conference, Meetings, Meals	$ 313.20	
Church Extension	55.30	
Radio	197.64	566.14
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		$31,259.78

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For The Year Ended December 31, 1954

CASH BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1954		$ 527.77
RECEIPTS:		
Benevolent Funds	$ 1,193.28	
Senior Conference	160.50	
Pioneer Camp	250.50	1,604.28
Total Balance and Receipts		$ 2,132.05
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Senior Conference	$ 508.27	
Pioneer Camp	420.90	
Men's Work	200.00	
Bible School Supplies	5.66	
Senior High Council for Synod Conference	147.00	
Film—Pioneer Group	5.69	
Children's Work Supplies	3.10	
Nacome Expenses	5.96	
Presbytery and Synod's Meeting Expense	81.83	1,378.41
CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1954		$ 753.64

CENTRAL TREASURY OF BENEVOLENCES
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For The Year Ended December 31, 1954

Cause	*Balances* 1-1-54	*Receipts*	*Disbursements*	*Balances* 12-31-54
World Missions		$ 19,006.14	$ 19,006.14	
Overseas Relief		2,459.57	2,459.57	
Church Extension		8,017.40	8,017.40	
Christian Education	$ .01*	2,793.49	2,793.48	
Annuities and Relief		3,579.33	3,579.33	
General Fund		4,609.73	4,609.73	
Inter Church Agencies	.50*	124.04	123.55	
Mountain Orphanage	.10	30,424.54	30,424.64	
Montreat College		5,369.74	5,369.74	
King College		5,439.76	5,439.76	
Union Seminary		1,344.83	1,344.83	
Louisville Seminary		627.79	627.79	
Christian Education—Synod		2,386.19	2,386.19	
Christian Education—Presbytery		1,193.28	1,193.28	
Presbytery's Home Missions	100.00*	16,274.73	16,174.73	
Designated and Handled by Presbytery's Home Missions		3,534.26	3,534.26	
Negro Fund Campaign	87.00	3,866.99	3,993.99	$ 40.00*
Miscellaneous	70.00	24.35	89.35	5.00
Operating Fund	1,136.56		51.00	1,085.56
Totals	$ 1,193.15	$111,076.17	$111,218.76	$ 1,050.56

STUDENT WORK AT WESTERN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

The Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, pastor of the Sylva Church and pastor to the Presbyterian students at the college, presented the accomplishments and needs of the student work on the campus. The report was received as information.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman, presented the following recommendations that were approved by Presbytery:

1. To replace H. V. Lofquist, removed, on the Christian Education Committee—Educational Institutions, Sub-Chairman, the Rev. W. W. Preston, 1958.

2. To replace H. V. Lofquist, removed, on the Church Extension Committee—Sub-Committee on Radio, the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, 1956.

COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. George Talbot, acting chairman, presented the following report, which was approved by Presbytery:

The Waynesville Church obtained the approval of the Commission in issuing a call to Mr. Calvin Thielman, student at Columbia Seminary. This call has been placed in the hands of the Commission and has been found in order.

The Hazelwood Church obtained the approval of the Commission in issuing a call to Mr. William H. Marquis, student at Columbia Seminary. This call has been placed in the hands of the Commission and has been found in order.

The Brevard-Davidson River Church obtained approval of the Commission in issuing a call to the Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., of Marion, South Carolina (Pee Dee Presbytery). This call has been placed in the hands of the Commission and has been found in order.

Your Commission is working with the Murphy and Friendship Churches in seeking to fill those vacancies.

GEORGE BIRD TALBOT, Acting Chairman

COMMITTEE ON ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

The Rev. Paul Gresham, chairman, presented the following report to Presbytery, which was adopted:

We call attention of the Presbytery to the fact that the Ministers' Annuity Fund is the official plan of the Church, and that all ministers in active service in the Presbytery should have membership in the Fund, so that when they come to retirement from active service they will have provision made for their sustenance in retirement.

We urge all Churches to make available to their full-time employed personnel the Group Insurance coverage administered by the Board of Annuities and Relief, approved by the previous General Assemblies, and underwritten by the Home Life Insurance Company of New York.

We urge a generous Joy Gift offering on the part of all Church organizations, since it is a major source of income with which the Board provides for the retired servants of the Church.

We call attention to the New Social Security Law covering ministers and missionaries.

Because Social Security is made available to the ordained minister on an individual basis, not involving participation by churches or employing organizations, he may make his decision to participate in Social Security without in any way affecting his participation in the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

We recommend the usual appropriations with additional help from the Joy Gift according to the funds available.

PAUL N. GRESHAM, *Chairman*

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

There was no report from this committee. The motion was approved by Presbytery that a report from this committee be docketed for the July meeting.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL STUDY OF THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

There was no report from this committee, but the motion was approved by Presbytery that a report from this committee be docketed for the July meeting.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures—no report.

2. Judiciary—no report.

3. Sessional Records—Rev. Thomas Sproule, chairman, presented the following report:

The following churches have presented their Sessional records for review and approval today. The following books were approved without exceptions at Montreat, on April 26, 1955: Andrews, Canton, Sylva, and Weaverville.

The clerk of Sessions of the Churches of the Presbytery that have not presented their records for approval at the Winter Meeting or this Spring Meeting of Presbytery, may consider themselves out-of-order with the wishes of Presbytery. The churches that have NOT presented their records are the following: Robbinsville, Murphy, Etowah, Hayesville, and White Oak.

4. Resolutions—verbal report was made by the Rev. R. E. McClure, chairman.

PLACE OF SUMMER MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

The Rev. W. W. Preston, Jr., gave an invitation to Presbytery to hold its Summer Meeting Tuesday, July 12, 10:00 A.M., at the Malvern Hills Church. The invitation was accepted.

COMMISSION TO INSTALL THE REV. D. P. McGEACHY, III

The following changes were approved on the Commission to install the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, as pastor of the Sylva Church: Rev. R. E. McClure to act as chairman of the Commission and Rev. Thomas Sproule to replace the Rev. C. Grier Davis.

MINUTES APPROVED

The Minutes of Presbytery were read by the Permanent Clerk and approved as corrected, after which Presbytery

adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. Robert Hart.

ROBERT HART, Moderator
W. G. THOMAS, Stated Clerk
GEORGE N. CLAYMAN, Permanent Clerk

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

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6. **Woman's Work:** R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1956; J. C. Neville, 1957; S. J. McCarty, 1958.

7. **Assembly's Special Causes:**
   a. **Historical Foundation**
   b. **Montreat**
   c. **Assembly's Training School**
   d. **American Bible Society**
   W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1956; S. A. Mann, 1956; J. W. Smith, 1957; George Young, 1958; J. H. Gruver, 1958.

8. **Examinations**—The Moderator, Chairman.
   a. **Experimental Religion:** The Moderator.
   b. **Theology:** J. R. Williams, Chairman, 1958; W. G. Somerville, 1956.
   c. **Sacraments:** J. B. Sherwood, Chairman, 1956; J. Q. Wallace, 1958.
   d. **Church Government:** W. J. Gammon, Chairman, 1957; C. B. Yeargan, 1958.
   e. **English Bible:** R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1956; J .H. Gruver, 1957.
   f. **Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon:** G. B. Talbot, Chairman, 1956; A. C. Holt, 1958.
   g. **Academic Studies:** J. V. N. Talmadge, Chairman, 1958; W. P. Chadester, 1957.
   h. **Seminary Studies:** W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1958; C. W. Solomon, 1956.

9. **Presbytery's Historical Committee:** R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1956; J. L. Brittain, 1957; R. A. Hardwick, 1958.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Clayton Bell, Montreat, N. C.
Austin Blake Brinkeroff, Montreat, N. C.
Robert Smith Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.
James Bruce Frye, Asheville, N. C.
William E. Leaman, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
William A. Lofquist, Asheville, N. C.
Robert Edwin McClure, Asheville, N. C.
Owen L. Normont, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
Stuart Arnold Plummer, Asheville, N. C.
Alfred Douglas Reed, Asheville, N. C.
Gordon K. Reed, Weaverville, N. C.
George Edward Scott, Asheville, N. C.
John Trotti, Asheville, N. C.
James Somerville, Barnardsville, N. C.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1945 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul P. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart

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MINUTES

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Stated Session

SUMMER

1955

MALVERN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Asheville, North Carolina

July 12, 1955

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

A. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY:

1. **Moderator**—George Clayman.
2. **Stated Clerk**—W. G. Thomas, 1956.
3. **Permanent Clerk**—George N. Clayman, 1956.
4. **Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences**—R. E. McClure, 1956.

B. TRUSTEES:

1. **Presbytery Trustees:** George H. Wright, Chairman, 1956; W. H. McMurray, 1957; J. J. Stone, 1958.
2. **Trustees of Davidson College:** Joseph L. Hunter, 1956; C. Grier Davis, 1957.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:

1. **Home Missions:** C. Grier Davis, Chairman, 1957; George H. Wright, 1956; B. L. McGlamery, 1956; C. D. Thomas, 1956; W. G. Somerville, 1956; J. C. Lime, 1957; P. N. Gresham, 1957; Forrest B. Gardner, 1957; Stanley L. Bennett, 1958; James Sherwood, 1959; J. M. Carroll, 1958; W. G. Lingo, 1958.
2. **The Mountain Orphanage:** H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1957; Mrs. J. C. Spooner, 1956; R. C. Conrad, 1956; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1956; George N. Clayman, 1957; Crawford Pierson, 1957; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1957; J. E. Henderson, 1958; Mrs. R. C. Simons, 1958; E. G. Roberts, 1959; Bernard Smith, Jr., 1958; W. W. Preston, 1956.
3. **Christian Education:**
   a. **Educational Institutions:** W. W. Preston, Sub-Chairman, 1958; R. M. Hart, 1956; Holland McSwain, 1957.
   b. **Candidates for the Ministry:** W. G. Somerville, Sub-Chairman, 1956; J. B. Sherwood, 1957; C. G. Worley, 1958.
   c. **Religious Education:** W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1956; W. I. Abernethy, 1956; R. A. Potter, 1956; George N. Clayman, 1956; Paul F. Warren, 1957; W. G. Harbin, 1957; W. R. Klein, 1957; G. R. Talbot, 1957; Thomas Sproule, 1957; Quinn Constants; 1959; J. B. Hatchett, 1958; J. C. Lime, 1958; N. E. Byers, 1958; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by the Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; and Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship; and Executive Secretary.

D. COMMISSIONS:

1. **The Minister and His Work:** J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1957; H. E. Lamb, 1957; Warren Thuston, 1957; W. G. Thomas, 1957; L. Nelson Bell, 1959; G. R. Talbot, 1958.

E. PERMANENT COMMITTEES:

1. **Nominations:** W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1956; R. A. Potter, 1956; H. B. Dendy, 1957; F. A. Plummer, 1959; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1959.
2. **Presbytery Council:**
   a. **Program and Publicity (Sub-Committee):** R. E. McClure, Sub-Chairman, 1957; F. A. Plummer, 1956; P. N. Gresham, 1956; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk.
   b. **Budget (Sub-Committee):** Paul F. Warren, Chairman, 1959; Charles Pettit, 1957; J. O. Williams, 1957; Robert F. Clodfelter, 1959; J. R. McGregor, 1958; Ben F. Ormand, 1958; D. P. McGeachey, III, 1958; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.
3. **World Missions:** Stanley Bennett, Chairman, 1957; Robert Hart, 1956; Thomas Sproule, 1956; W. J. Gammon, 1958; R. T. Reed, 1958.
4. **Church Extension — six sub-committees:**
   a. **Assembly's Home Missions:** J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1956; L. B. Nichols, 1958.
   b. **Evangelism:** Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1959; Wade Smith, 1956; Paul N. Gresham, 1956; Paul F. Warren, 1956; W. R. Klein, 1956; C. W. Solomon, 1957.
   c. **Christian Relations:** George Wright, Chairman, 1958; W. R. Klein, 1957.
   d. **Radio:** D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman, 1956; Emerson Rose, 1957.
   e. **Negro Work:** J. C. Lime, Chairman, 1957; W. C. Dillingham, 1956.
   f. **Defense Work:** W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1956; J. B. Hatchett, 1957.
5. **Annuities and Relief:** P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1957; Warren Thuston, 1956; J. H. Flanagan, 1958.

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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of Asheville met in an adjourned session in the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Thursday, May 26, 1955 at two o'clock in the afternoon. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Robert M. Hart, who offered the prayer.

The Stated Clerk called the roll, and the following ministers were present:

Robert M. Hart, W. W. Preston, John C. Neville, C. W. Solomon, J. B. Sherwood, W. J. Gammon, Bryan Hatchett, D. P. McGeachey, III, G. B. Talbot, J. R. McGregor, P. N. Gresham, Robert A. Potter, W. G. Somerville, H. B. Dendy, R. E. McClure, J. Clayton Lime, W. R. Klein, Thomas Sproule, Paul Warren, John R. Williams, Stanley L. Bennett.

The churches represented were:

T. R. Clark, West Asheville; E. A. Williamson, Hazelwood; Joe Rose, Waynesville.

TEMPORARY CLERK

Due to the absence of the Rev. George N. Clayman, Permanent Clerk, the Rev. W. W. Preston was elected Temporary Clerk.

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren:

Rev. James Skelton, Piedmont Presbytery; Rev. Robert Torrence, Savannah Presbytery; and the following were introduced: Calvin Theilman, Candidate under Paris Presbytery; William H. Maquis, Candidate under Kanawah Presbytery; and three brothers, David, Jack and Sydney Maxwell from Brazil and students at Columbia Theological Seminary.

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Rev. W. G. Somerville, Chairman of Candidates for the Ministry, presented to Presbytery:

Candidate Calvin C. Theilman, Presbytery of Paris, and Candidate William H. Marquis, Presbytery of Kanawah, for Licensure and Ordination to the Gospel Ministry. The Stated Clerk read a letter of Transfer from Kanawah Presbytery for Candidate William H. Marquis, and declared that a letter of transfer from Paris Presbytery was being sent for Candidate Calvin C. Theilman. The Commission to be appointed for the Ordination and Installation of Candidate Theilman would be authorized to act upon the letter of transfer. The Candidates were received and the examinations for licensure were conducted.

The Moderator, the Rev. Robert M. Hart, conducted the examination on Experimental Religion, and it was sustained as satisfactory; the Rev. John R. Williams conducted the examination on Theology, and it was sustained as satisfactory; the Rev. James B. Sherwood conducted the examination on the Sacraments, and it was sustained as satisfactory; the Rev. W. J. Gammon conducted the examination on Church Government, and it was sustained as satisfactory; and the Rev. Robert A. Potter conducted the examination on English Bible, and it was sustained as satisfactory. The Rev. Bird Talbot reported that he had examined the Thesis and Exegesis papers and recommended their approval. This was done. Their college and seminary diplomas were accepted in lieu of examinations on academic and seminary studies. After a five minute recess, Candidate Theilman preached an excellent sermon based on the text, Philippians 3:10; and Candidate Marquis preached an excellent sermon based on the text, Matthew 11:2-15. The sermons were approved as satisfactory. The examinations as a whole were sustained as satisfactory.

MINISTER AND HIS WORK COMMITTEE

The Rev. J. R. McGregor, Chairman of the Commission on The Minister and His Work, reported that the Commission had examined the Call from the Waynesville Church for the pastoral services of Candidate Theilman, and the Call from the Hazelwood Church for the pastoral services of Candidate W. H. Marquis, and had found them in order.

The Call from the Waynesville Church was read to Presbytery and it was placed in the hands of Candidate Calvin C. Theilman, who indicated his acceptance. The Call from the Hazelwood Church was read to Presbytery and it was placed in the hands of Candidate W. H. Marquis, who indicated his acceptance.

As Presbytery was satisfied with the Examinations of the Candidates and as they had been called to definite work, the licensure was omitted and Presbytery appointed the following Commissions:

Candidate Calvin C. Theilman, Presbytery of Paris, and Candidate William H. Marquis, Presbytery of Kanawah, for Licensure and Ordination to the Gospel Ministry.

(1) A. To Ordain and install Candidate Calvin C. Theilman as pastor of the Waynesville Church, June 26, 1955, 8:00 o'clock:

The Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman; the Rev. R. E. McClure, the Rev. James Sherwood, the Rev. J. R. McGregor; and Elders L. L. Prevost and Dr. L. Nelson Bell. Dr. W. C. Robinson of North Alabama Presbytery was invited to preach the sermon.

B. To ordain and install Candidate W. H. Marquis pastor of the Hazelwood Church, June 12, 1955, 8:00 o'clock.

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman; the Rev. R. E. McClure, the Rev. James Sherwood, the Rev. D. P. McGeachey, III; and Elders R. L. Prevost and M. R. Whisenhunt.

The minutes were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. Robert M. Hart.

W. W. PRESTON, Temporary Clerk
W. G. THOMAS, Stated Clerk
ROBERT M. HART, Moderator.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Adjourned Meeting

The Presbytery of Asheville met in an adjourned session at the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, Tuesday, June 13, 1955, at 2:00 in the afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Robert M. Hart, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Paul Gresham. The Stated Clerk read the call for the meeting which included the following items:

1. To examine the Rev. Ben F. Ormand who is requesting reception into Asheville Presbytery.

2. To approve the calling of Mr. Ormand as the pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Church.

3. To act upon the request of the Mountain Orphanage for permission to make financial loan to the Arden Church.

4. To dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Robert F. Potter and the Arden Church.

5. To approve the calling of the Rev. Robert F. Potter as pastor of the Murphy Church.

6. To transact any other matters arising out of the business.

The call having been found in order, the Moderator continued with the business at hand.

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches, and the following were present:

Ministers: Paul F. Warren, W. J. Gammon, H. B. Dendy, Paul N. Gresham, C. W. Solomon, W. G. Somerville, J. C. Lime, D. P. McGeachey, III, Bryan Hatchett, W. H. Marquis, W. W. Preston, C. Grier Davis, R. L. Potter, William Klein, G. B. Talbot, J. Rupert McGregor, and Robert Hart.

Ruling Elders: Bob Matthews and W. P. Barnes, Canton; J. O. Davidson, Brevard; C. G. Worley, Arden; John Hardin, Bethel; R. T. Reed, Weaverville.

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren:

The Rev. James Skelton, Piedmont Presbytery; the Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Pee Dee Presbytery; the Rev. Robert L. Torrence, Savannah Presbytery.

Mr. Stuart Plummer and Mr. James Bruce Frye, candidates for the ministry under Asheville Presbytery, were introduced.

RECEPTION OF NEW MINISTERS

The Stated Clerk read a letter of transfer from the Stated Clerk of the Pee Dee Presbytery for the Rev. Ben F. Ormand. Another letter was presented to Presbytery from the Stated Clerk of Savannah Presbytery for the Rev. Robert L. Torrence. The Stated Clerk also announced that he had received a telephone call from the Stated Clerk of Piedmont Presbytery stating that the Presbytery had dismissed the Rev. James Skelton on June 10th.

Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr. Ormand, Mr. Torrence, and Mr. Skelton according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order. Examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Moderator, the Rev. Robert M. Hart; that on Theology by the Rev. W. G. Somerville; that on the Sacraments by the Rev. Paul N. Gresham; that on Church Government by the Rev. W. J. Gammon. Examinations were approved as satisfactory and the three men were enrolled upon signing the "Ex Animo" statement.

PASTORAL CALL FROM BREVARD-DAVIDSON RIVER CHURCH

The call from the Brevard-Davidson River church for pastoral services of the Rev. Ben F. Ormand was approved and accepted by Mr. Ormand. The following Commission to install Mr. Ormand on Sunday, June 26th at 8:00 P. M., was approved: The Rev. Paul F. Warren to preside, propound constitutional questions and charge the congregation; the Rev. Rupert McGregor to preach the sermon; Elder Forrest B. Gardner to charge the congregation; and the Rev. W. G. Thomas and Elder Joseph L. Hunter to serve as alternates.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The following request was presented to Presbytery by the Rev. H. B. Dendy and approved:

Whereas the Board of Trustees of The Mountain Orphanage reports that there is now on deposit in the First National Bank and

Trust Company the sum of $5,000.00 in excess of the normal needs of The Mountain Orphanage, the said sum being an accumulation of payments made on first mortgages held by The Mountain Orphanage and gifts of money to be used as invested funds, and

Whereas the Arden Presbyterian Church asks The Mountain Orphanage to increase the present balance ($1,416.51) still due on a first mortgage made by them in 1947 for an original amount of $5,500.00, and secured by a deed of trust on their manse, and

Whereas the manse is conservatively valued at not less than $12,000.00 on the present market, and

Whereas the By-Laws of The Mountain Orphanage require the permission of Asheville Presbytery to make any loan to any church within the Presbytery, and

Whereas the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees has unanimously approved the loan of $6,416.51, including the old balance, to the Arden Presbyterian Church, to be secured by a new mortgage on the Manse, in favor of The Mountain Orphanage, at an interest rate of 4%, and

Whereas the vote of the Members of the Board of Trustees, received by mail, subject to being confirmed at the next regular meeting of the Board, approved the above loan by a vote of 10 to 1,

Therefore, Asheville Presbytery does hereby approve and authorize the making of said loan to the Arden Church, on the terms indicated.

DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Robert A. Potter requesting Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between himself and the Arden Church, effective July 1, 1955. Elder C. G. Worley expressed the concurrence of the congregation with Mr. Potter's wish. Request was granted by Presbytery.

PASTORAL CALL FROM THE MURPHY CHURCH

The call from the Murphy Presbyterian Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Robert F. Potter was approved and accepted by Mr. Potter. The appointment of a commission to install Mr. Potter was deferred until the summer meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. James Skelton and the Rev. Robert L. Torrence asked permission of Presbytery to serve as chaplains

at the Western North Carolina Sanatorium. Request was granted.

The Minutes of the meeting were read by the Permanent Clerk and were approved as corrected. The meeting was closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

ROBERT M. HART, Moderator
W. G. THOMAS, Stated Clerk
GEORGE N. CLAYMAN, Permanent Clerk.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY SUMMER MEETING, 1955

Asheville Presbytery met for its stated summer meeting in the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church, West Asheville, North Carolina, on Tuesday, July 12th at 10 A. M. The Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Robert M. Hart.

The Moderator stated that he candidated Bruce Frye to preach the opening sermon as a part of his examination for ordination. Mr. Frye brought an excellent message on the text Romans 1:16.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. W. W. Preston and the Rev. Ben F. Ormand, assisted by ruling elders: John Z. Russell, Lee Mastin, R. W. Gray, and C. G. Worley.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

Rev. George N. Clayman was elected Moderator and Rev. H. B. Dendy was elected temporary clerk.

Mr. Henry Hope, supply pastor at Bethel Church, was introduced to Presbytery and he in turn presented Mrs. Hope. Candidate Bruce Frye was also presented.

The stated clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, Walter P. Baldwin, George N. Clayman, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, R. B. Dupree, W. J. Gammon, Paul N. Gresham, Robert M. Hart, J. Bryan Hatchett, William R. Klein, J. C. Lime, William H. Marquis, R. E. McClure, D. P. McGeachey, III, Ben F. Ormand, Robert A. Potter, James B. Sherwood, James H. Skelton, Jr., C. W. Solomon, W. G. Somerville, Thomas Sproule, George Bird Talbot, Calvin Theilman, W. G. Thomas, Robert L. Torrence, Paul F. Warren, John R. Williams, W. W. Preston. (29)

The following churches were represented:

J. L. Gash, Etowah; Clyde Blair, Asheville First; Dr. S. M. Bittinger, Black Mountain; M. E. Lance, Mills River; Charles P. Hensley, Brittain's Cove; Frank L. Lambright, Kenilworth Presbyterian; J. Paul Young, Grace Covenant; J. B. Nichols, Swannanoa; T. G. Penland, Ivy Park; W. H. Purnell, Brevard-Davidson River; M. R. Whisenhunt, Hazelwood; W. P. Barnes, Canton; Frank W. Sampson, Waynesville; Jackson F. Down, Sylva; R. T. Reed, Weaverville; Forrest B. Gardner, Hendersonville; C. G. Worley, Arden; H. Lee Mastin, W. Asheville; John Z. Russell, Malvern Hills; G. S. Stone, Dillingham; R. W. Gray, Oak Forest. (21)

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

Rev. J. R. McGregor, Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Rev. A. C. Holt, Rev. Stanley Bennett, Rev. J. H. Gruver, and Rev. Wade C. Smith.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. W. W. Preston, pastor of the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church, extended a cordial welcome to Presbytery and our visitors. He invited all to attend a reception at the manse at the close of the meeting in the afternoon. He presented the report of the Program Committee which was adopted and is as follows:

We recommend that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 P.M. and reconvene at 1:45 P.M.

2. That the examination for Candidates for the Ministry be the first order of the day following communications.

3. That the second order of the day be the report of Commissioners to the General Assembly.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—Robert M. Hart, R. B. Dupree, R. T. Reed.

2. Judiciary—W. J. Gammon, Walter P. Baldwin, R. W. Gray.

3. Minutes of Presbytery—William R. Klein, Thomas Sproule, C. G. Worley.

4. Resolutions—Robert Torrence, D. P. McGeachy, III, Lee Mastin.

The Stated Clerk gave information from the Assembly's Stated Clerk and Treasurer and Synod's Stated Clerk and Treasurer revealing the need for an increase in the Presbytery per capita tax. As the Assembly tax will be 16 cents per member and Synod's tax 3 cents per member and the need for Presbytery will be 15 cents per member, the Stated Clerk presented the following recommendation which was adopted:

That the Presbytery per capita tax for the current year be set at 34 cents per member based on the membership report for the 1955 minutes of the General Assembly.

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE JAMES BRUCE FRYE

The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Moderator George N. Clayman. The examination was sustained as satisfactory. The examination on theology was by Rev. John R. Williams. This was sustained as satisfactory. The examination on the sacraments was conducted by Rev. J. B. Sherwood and sustained. The examination on church government was by Rev. J. B. Gammon and sustained. The examination on the English Bible was by Rev. R. A. Potter and sustained. Mr. Frye is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary. This fact is accepted in lieu of examinations on academic and seminary studies.

Rev. George B. Talbot reported on the thesis, exegesis, and so forth and moved that these papers be approved. This was done.

The examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory. The Committee on the Minister and His Work reported that the call from the Mills River Church for Mr. Frye's services as pastor has been approved along with supplementary resolutions showing that the combined salary will be $3,300.00 and manse, plus participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund, and so forth and setting forth the fact that there will be a $150.00 increase in salary for two years.

The call was placed in Mr. Frye's hands by the Presbytery, and upon his acceptance, the following commission was appointed to ordain and install him as pastor at Mills River July 24, 1955 at 3:30 P. M.

Ministers: R. E. McClure, Thomas Sproule, William R. Klein, R. R. Collins, and C. Grier Davis.

Ruling Elders: J. E. Wilson, H. N. Clark, L. L. Burgin, M. E. Lance, Wade Brittain, J. Lee Brittain, Albert Holden, Thomas Holden.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30 and was led in prayer by the Moderator. At the lunch hour a partial report was made by Rev. Robert L. Torrance, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions. Mr. Theodore Pratt presented our official church magazine, The Presbyterian Survey.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:45, and after the singing of a hymn was led in prayer by Rev. Thomas Sproule.

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt of Bluestone Presbytery, and Rev. I. M. Ellis of Knoxville Presbytery.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Elder Edward Roberts and Rev. P. N. Gresham made their reports as Commissioners to the 1955 Assembly meeting in Richmond, Virginia. These excellent reports were received with interest and the brethren commended for their diligence. The other two Commissioners, Dr. J. R. McGregor, and Dr. L. Nelson Bell, could not be present on account of conflicting church business. They are asked to report at the next meeting.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONS

Ordination and Installation of the Rev. Wm. H. Marquis.

Elder R. L. Prevost read a report of the commission to ordain and install the Rev. William H. Marquis as pastor of the Hazelwood Church. The report was received and admitted to record:

A meeting of the Commission, duly appointed by Asheville Presbytery to ordain and install Rev. W. H. Marquis as Pastor of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church, was held at the Church at 8:00 o'clock P. M., with the following members present: Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman, Rev. J. B. Sherwood, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Dr. R. E. McClure, Elders R. L. Prevost and M. R. Whisenhunt.

The Commission was called to order by Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman, and was constituted with prayer. R. L. Prevost was appointed Clerk.

The Chairman then stated the object of the meeting, and the Rev. J. B. Sherwood, Pastor of Bryson City Church, preached the sermon, using as his text: Acts 20, Verses 17-28. The Chairman then propounded the constitutional questions to both the minister and the congregation, all of which were answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Marquis was then ordained as a minister by the laying on of hands by the Commission and the Elders of the Hazelwood Church, Dr. R. E. McClure making the prayer of ordination.

Rev. Mr. Marquis having previously accepted a call to the pastorate of the Hazelwood Church, the Commission proceeded with the installation service. The Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Pastor of the Sylva Church, delivered the charge to the minister, and Dr. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of Asheville Presbytery, charged the congregation. The Chairman then declared that the Rev. W. H. Marquis was officially ordained and installed as Pastor of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church.

W. G. THOMAS, Chairman
R. L. PREVOST, Clerk

Elder R. L. Prevost read a report of the commission to ordain and install the Rev. Calvin C. Theilman pastor of the Waynesville Church. The report was received and admitted to record:

A meeting of the Commission duly appointed by Asheville Presbytery to ordain and install Mr. Calvin C. Theilman as Pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, was held at the Church at 8:00 o'clock P. M., June 26, 1955, with the following members present: Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., Ruling Elder L. Nelson Bell, M.D., Rev. R. E. McClure, D.D., Rev. Wm. C. Robinson, D.D., Th.D., Ruling Elder R. L. Prevost, Rev. James Sherwood.

The Commission was called to order by Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., Chairman, and was constituted with prayer by the Chairman. Elder R. L. Prevost was appointed Clerk.

The Chairman then stated the object of the meeting, the Rev. J. B. Sherwood read the Scripture and led in prayer, and the Rev. Wm. C. Robinson, D.D., Th.D., Professor of Church History and Polity, preached the sermon from II Timothy 3:14, 4:8, using as a Text: "Preach the Word."

The Chairman then propounded the constitutional questions to both the minister and the congregation, all of which were answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Theilman was then officially ordained as a Minister by the laying on of hands by the Commission.

Rev. Mr. Theilman having previously accepted a call to the pastorate of the Waynesville Church, the Commission proceeded with the installation service. The Rev. R. E. McClure, D.D., Executive Secretary of Asheville Presbytery, delivered the charge to the Minister. Ruling Elder L. Nelson Bell, M.D., delivered the charge to the congregation.

The Chairman then declared that the Rev. Calvin Theilman was officially ordained and installed as Pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Calvin Theilman.

H. B. DENDY, Chairman
R. L. PREVOST, Clerk

Elder Forrest B. Gardner read a report of the commission to install the Rev. Ben F. Ormand pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Church. The report was received and admitted to record:

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to install the Rev. Ben F. Ormand pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, met in the pastor's study on the evening of June 26th, at 8:00 P. M.

The Commission was composed of the following: Rev. Paul F. Warren, Moderator; Rev. J. Rupert McGregor and Elder Forrest B. Gardner.

The Commission was duly organized by the Moderator and carried out its work as follows:

The Rev. Paul F. Warren, of the Grace Covenant Church, presided. The Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, President of the Mountain Retreat Association, preached the sermon. The Moderator propounded the constitutional questions and charged the Pastor. Elder Forrest B. Gardner, of the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, charged the congregation and acted as secretary.

The service was completed by the Installation Prayer given by the Moderator and the final benediction was offered by the Pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church.

These minutes were approved by the Commission as written.

PAUL F. WARREN, Moderator
FORREST B. GARDNER, Secretary

COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. R. A. POTTER AS PASTOR OF THE MURPHY CHURCH

Rev. R. A. Potter asked that a commission be appointed to install him as pastor of the Murphy church, July 31, 1955, 8:00 P. M. The commission is as follows:

John C. Neville, Chairman; Bryan Hatchett, Robert Hart, T. C. Gray, and alternate Nichols.

COMMISSION ON REVISION OF MANUAL

The Rev. R. E. McClure, D. D., chairman of the Commission on the Revision of the Manual, reported progress and asked that more time be given for the completion of this work.

REPORT OF THE FORWARD WITH CHRIST COMMITTEE

The Rev. George N. Clayman, chairman of the Forward With Christ Committee, made a brief variable report showing progress and urging pastors and churches to renewed efforts.

Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman of the sub-committee on Religious Education introduced Rev. I. M. Ellis, the regional director of the Synod of Appalachia who brought a brief report on his work emphasizing

1. Increased enrollment in Sunday Schools.
2. Sunday School clinics.
3. The vocational guidance program.
4. The Men's Conference at Montreat August 27 and 28, 1955.

Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, reported on student work at Western Carolina College. These reports were received as information.

Rev. Paul Warren read the report on the Senior Conference. This was adopted and admitted to record:

The Young People's Senior Conference was held in Montreat on June 6th-11th.

The Rev. Thomas Sproule and the Rev. Paul Warren acted as Co-Directors with the assistance of the following:

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, our Stated Clerk; the Rev. G. B. Talbot, the Rev. William R. Klein, the Rev. Stanley Bennett, Mr. Allen Chapman, and the Rev. R. E. McClure, business manager; and the Rev. Ben F. Ormand, inspirational speaker.

Girls' Councilors were: Miss Madge Garrison, Miss Matoka Wilson, Mrs. Betty Lou Hart, Miss Betsy Wilson, and Miss Thelma Anders.

Total Enrollment: Young People, 103; Adults, 14; Total, 117.

A total of 19 Churches participated in our Conference.

Rev. George N. Clayman made the report on the Pioneer Camp which was adopted.

The Pioneer Youth Camp was held at Camp Hope, Cruso, N. C., Monday through Friday, July 6-11. One hundred and five Pioneers were registered, together with thirteen members of the staff. The staff was as follows:

Rev. George Clayman, Director; Rev. W. W. Preston, Director of Worship; Rev. Bryan Hatchett, Director of Recreation; Rev. Robert Hart, Social Director; Mrs. James Sherwood and Mrs. George Clayman, Handicraft Leaders; and Mrs. Herbert Boyd, Camp Nurse.

Other staff members were Rev. James Sherwood, Counselor for Boys; Mrs. J. O. Smith of Kenilworth Church, Mrs. Ruth Jones and Miss Nancy Leonard of Hendersonville Church, and Mrs. Jean Middleton of Murphy, North Carolina.

As the camp director, I found that this week of study, inspiration, and fun was highly profitable. The decisions made by several of the young people seemed to be very sincere. It is the desire of the camp staff that the ministers of each church help the Pioneers in carrying out their decisions in their own local situations.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER CAUSES

Dr. C. Grier Davis, chairman of the Special Committee, made the report which was adopted.

July 12, 1955

The Special Committee appointed by Asheville Presbytery to study the relationship of The Mountain Orphanage to the Benevolent Program of Asheville Presbytery has had three meetings. We interpreted the function of this committee to be to study the Orphanage in all of its relationships and its present policies of operation.

Orphanages of The General Assembly

The Assembly has placed the Orphanages of the Church under the care of the Division of Higher Education in the Board of Christian Education. On January 15, 1955 the following letter was addressed to selected persons in the Assembly by Dr. Hunter B. Blakely, secretary of the Division of Higher Education.

"This letter comes to you as a request from the superintendents of the sixteen Children's Homes of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Those responsible for the administration of these homes for children are concerned that the services for the children be of maximum efficiency and contribute as largely as possible to our Church's work of love in the name of the Saviour.

"For this reason the superintendents have unanimously requested me to invite a group of representative lay men and women and ministers in each of our sixteen synods to make an appraisal of the work of these homes. The responsible administrators of the homes ask for your constructive criticisms, your suggestions as to change of policies and improvements, your ideas concerning the improving of public relations, or any other matters which may appear to you to be important.

"The children's homes of our Church care for approximately 1600 children and represent an investment of $9,500,000.00. You will be rendering a real service to your Church in giving careful consideration to a thoughtful and helpful reply to the request of this group of consecrated Christian workers."

The Trend in Child Care in North Carolina

In North Carolina, there are available for assistance for children whose family cannot perform their economic or other social functions three main types of assistance: public and private relief programs of various types, child-care institutions, and temporary or permanent foster homes, including adoptive homes. To this list may be added day nurseries to care for children of working mothers.

The relative size of these various programs for meeting children's economic and family needs is indicated by the following figures for March, 1955. Aid to Dependent Children, 57,385 (1496 of these in Buncombe County); the five institutions for Delinquent Children, 927; Institutions for the Feeble Minded, 1688; Foster Homes, 1,224 (96 in Buncombe County); Orphanages, 4,295 (in 28 institutions 1952). This means that in the total child care program in the state there are 65,519 children, and orphanages care for 6½% of the total. Ten years ago, December, 1944, there were 15,342 children being cared for in N. C. by the Aid to Dependent Children program. In December, 1954, the number was 54,140. In Buncombe County the corresponding figures are 579 in 1944 and 1435 in 1954. The Buncombe County Department of Public Welfare is completing close to 75 adoptions per year although slightly over half of these are adoptions within kinship.

The number of orphans needing care in the nation has shown a surprising reduction. Although the child population of the nation has increased by 18,000,000 during the last 50 years, the number of orphaned has dropped below 100,000, most of whom are with their own relatives. At the same time the demands for children for adoption has increased and now far exceeds the number of children who need such homes.

Need for Orphanage Care

These facts would seem to suggest that the need for orphanages has passed. Regarding this question Mr. George Lawrence makes the following observations.

"The trends of recent years in the thinking of just what are the preferred facilities for the care of dependent chil-

dren are decidedly away from th idea of institutional care. The philosophy behind the Aid to Dependent Children program and the rapid increase of the use of boarding homes are evidences of this trend. There was some thinking in 1937 that the advent of the ADC program would mean the closing down of many orphanages. In N. C., at least, there has been no such development because of the large number of dependent children, considerable numbers of whom did not meet technical eligibility requirements for ADC. Also when home conditions were extremely inadequate and it became necessary to remove the children there has often been little choice other than orphanage care. Ideally the preferred method is to place the normal dependent child in a boarding or foster home if he has to be removed from his own home.

"Even though the boarding of dependent children at public expense has increased tremendously in recent years it has not even approached the scope of caring for all such children. In Buncombe County we are now boarding close to 100 dependent children whereas in 1946 it was probably not over a dozen. Of these probably not over 10% are available for adoption. The remainder are either being boarded temporarily until they can be cared for by relatives or are physically or mentally handicapped. Of course we have less trouble finding homes for normal children than we do for the handicapped. Ideally institutional facilities are more indicated for the latter group than the former. Since the orphanages rather obviously want children of good potential the total picture is one of reasonably good facilities for the normal dependent child but a much greater lack for the physically or mentally handicapped."

Specialized Care

Your committee investigated the possibility of changing the policies of the Orphanage to make it minister to a special group of children.

Dr. Helen Leland Witmer writes in "Social Work": "So wide spread is the preference for foster homes that many child care institutions have been converted into study homes, from which children are placed in boarding homes after a period of observation. In recent years the opinion has been gaining ground that some children are served better by institutions than by foster homes. This is now thought to be particularly true of adolescents, since they are likely to be in a stage of development in which they resent parental restrictions and respond better to congregate care with others in their own age group." (Social Work 1942, p. 338).

Regarding this question Mr. Lawrence writes: "I can see much in the way of difficulties if the Mountain Orphanage or any other Church supported Orphanage should make a radical change in its policies as to accepting a specialized group of children. If the effort should be made to take teenagers there would undoubtedly be several 'emotionally disturbed' and near delinquents who would require specialized attention. The whole program at the institution would have to be changed probably requiring a different staff. If the institution should concentrate on the physically handicapped there would have to be a variety of medical and health facilities available which would be expensive and difficult to provide. And although greatly increased institutional facilities for the mentally retarded is a crying need in N. C. I do not suppose the Churches would likely want to get into this area of activity.

"None of these three specialized groups would likely have the appeal to church constituencies as the present general policy of accepting normal dependent children. The physically handicapped would come nearer so doing than the other two.

"To summarize, I think that under existing conditions, which will likely continue for some years to come, a continuation of approximately the same program is indicated at the Mountain Orphanage. Possibly a few carefully selected physically handicapped children could be admitted."

Relation of The Mountain Orphanage to The Welfare Department

Harry Barkley

Mr. George Lawrence began his letter to your committee with this paragraph:

> "In the first place I want you to know that there is excellent cooperation between the present Superintendent and the Child Welfare Division of our Department. We have unqualified respect and admiration for him and the work he is doing. Under existing conditions we believe there is need for the continuation of institutions such as the Mountain Orphanage operating under approximately their current policies."

Case-Work Service

The Trustees of The Orphanage have adopted an excellent policy regarding the admission of children which has been presented to Presbytery and will not be repeated in this report. Among other things, the Trustees require "a case history and recommendation from the County Welfare Office in the county in which the applicant resides, if such is needed."

Among the best qualified persons in the field of child care there seems to be a concensus that thorough case work by persons especially trained is necessary for every child, not only before admission to the institution but afterward. They remind us that we are caring for a special group of children. Each has gone through a period in which his home life has deteriorated or been destroyed with all of the emotional and mental and physical strain which goes with such an experience. The best institution cannot be a home. Learning to live with a family of fifty is a tremendous adjustment fraught with many hazards.

The fact that our orphanage is operated by the Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, provides a great advantage. But in this special field, as in preaching and teaching, thorough preparation is highly desirable.

The Trustees are aware of these facts and have provided brief periods of training for the matrons. One of the present matrons has had experience in the social work field.

It is the policy of the Trustees for every child to have a physical examination, including a blood test and x-ray. The mental and psychological tests are not always required.

Financial Aid from Welfare Department

In answer to the question: why does the Welfare Department stop all financial aid when a child is admitted to the orphanage, Mr. Lawrence made the following reply:

> "Aid to Dependent Children funds are available only to children living with close relatives of specified kinship and are therefore not eligible for payments while in any institutions. This is a matter of Federal legislation and policy. The boarding home program is basically a matter of County financing. However, if these boarding homes meet State standards and are licensed by the State Department of Public Welfare, refunds up to half the costs per child are made to the County by the State. These State funds similarly to ADC, are not available when the child is in an institution as it has been construed that an orphanage cannot be licensed as a boarding home. I believe I am correct that the only possibility of securing public funds for Mountain Orphanage is if County Commissioners would include such an item in their budgets which might be a flat appropriation but more possibly an amount per child per month for children certified by the Department of Public Welfare upon some pre-determined basis."

Basis for Dismissal of Children

The circumstances under which children are dismissed from the Orphanage are:

1. When the home is re-established.

2. When the Orphanage feels that it can no longer meet the needs of the child.

3. When a child reaches the age of 18 years or when he finishes High School.

It is the policy of the Trustees to arrange for High School graduates to take more education, if it is desired, in College or a technical school.

What Children Are Admitted

The children at the Orphanage on February 4, 1955 may be classified as: 4 orphans; 22 father dead; 10 mother dead; 22 neither dead; 3 institutions of higher learning. The total was 61, with 58 living at the orphanage.

It should be observed that our institution no longer deserves the name Orphanage.

Cost of Operation

The total cost of operating the Mountain Orphanage in 1954 was $45,562.00. The total cost to the Presbytery was $30,424.00, of this amount $12,000.00 came from the Benevolent Budget and about $18,000.00 from designated gifts. The remainder of the cost comes from Duke Endowment and other sources.

In 1954 the cost of child care in the orphanages of N. C. of comparable size, which received funds from the Duke Endowment was $886.95 per child, per year. The cost at the Mountain Orphanage was $890.60 per child, per year.

The cost at the Mountain Orphanage in 1952 was $812.00 per child, per year, in 1954 it was $890.00 per child, per year, an increase of $78.00 per child, per year in two years. To put it another way the cost at the Mountain Orphanage in 1952 was $2.22 per child, per day, in 1955 it was $2.44 per child, per day, an increase of 10% in two years.

The total Benevolent giving in Asheville Presbytery in 1954 was $112,000.00. Of this amount $30,000.00 was spent at the Orphanage, about 25%. In 1954 Asheville Presbytery gave $19,000.00 to World Missions, $16,000.00 to Presbytery's Home Missions, $12,500.00 to Educational Institutions (King, Montreat, Union, Louisville).

We are confident that the Trustees and management are exercising every economy to operate the Orphanage on the smallest budget that will guarantee the best results. The percentage of Benevolent Funds now going to the Orphanage is excessively high. As the Benevolent Income of the Presbytery increases, the percentage will grow smaller provided the costs of operations are kept close to the present figure.

Committee:

Dr. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, Asheville
Dr. R. E. McClure, Asheville
Mr. Forrest B. Gardner, Hendersonville
Mr. J. O. Williams, Black Mountain
Mr. W. P. Barnes, Canton
Mrs. W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa
Mrs. Joe Hunter, Asheville

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

1. That the Trustees be commended for the excellent way in which the affairs of the Orphanage are being conducted.
2. That Mr. Harry Barkley and the Orphanage staff be commended for the service which they are rendering to the church and the children under their care.
3. That the Trustees be charged with the responsibility of living within the present budget, and that any increase in the annual budget be submitted to Presbytery for approval.
4. That the Trustees consider making one member of the staff a trained social worker who would, under the direction of Superintendent, make all investigations regarding children applying for admission; keep careful records for each child regarding family health, school, personality problems, et cetera; keep close contact with family and relatives, securing funds for the support of the child; and work closely with other matrons in problems of adjustment in the home and in the school.
5. That the Trustees consider changing the name of our institution, leaving out the word "orphanage."
6. That the Trustees confer with the County Commissioners of Buncombe and other counties served by the orphanage to determine whether they can secure funds for the support of children placed in the Orphanage by welfare departments.
7. That Prebytery by a rising vote express appreciation for the excellent service of Mr. Harry Barkley and the members of the Orphanage staff.

HOME FOR THE AGED

Rev. C. Grier Davis, D.D., spoke on the proposed home for the aged to be established by the Synod of Appalachia. He offered the following overture and motion.

OVERTURE

1. Asheville Presbytery meeting in Asheville, N. C., on July 12, 1955, overtures the Synod of Appalachia to turn the responsibility for the care of aged persons over to the constituent presbyteries.

Motion:

2. That Asheville Presbytery appoint a committee on caring for the aging to investigate the possibility of this presbytery sharing in the support and use of the North Carolina Home for the Aging at High Point, N. C., and other ways in which this responsibility may be met.
3. That a copy of this overture be sent to the clerk of the Synod of Appalachia and the Chairman of the Synod's Committee on the Home for the Aged, and to the Stated Clerks of the other Presbyteries within our Synod.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

No further report.

CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

The report on Christian Relations was read by Rev. W. R. Klein. The report was adopted.

1. At the General Assembly next year, the Committee will report on the effects of radio, television, and comics on juvenile delinquency.
2. The Committee has re-activated its booklet entitled the *Bridge*. This is an 8 page booklet which will be sent out every two months to all ministers and D. C. E.s free of charge.
   One of the problems of this committee is that of getting its information to the church at large. It is hoped that this booklet will serve this need. Bible classes are being urged to subscribe to *The Bridge* for a nominal fee.
3. The Assembly's committee on Christian Relations has been reorganized in order to get a more representative membership from all view points in our church.

4. In 1957 the Department of Christian Relations will have the Study Book for the Church which will deal with Christian citizenship.

5. The Presbytery is urged to study the General Assembly's rulings on racial segregation, and to notice, in particular, that it is *enforced* segregation which we are asked to abolish. *Enforced* segregation has no place in the Christian Church.
With regard to this subject, we are reminded that our work with the Negro is segregated, but it is not enforced. The whites and the Negroes in our Church feel that this is the best way to further the work of our Church, and large steps are being taken, and numerous churches being built for the educated Negro in our Southland.

ASSEMBLY'S SPECIAL CAUSES

Rev. W. H. Armistead, chairman, reported for the Committee on Assembly's Special Causes. This was received as information.

STATED CLERKS POOL

The Stated Clerk was granted permission to participate in the General Assembly's Stated Clerks pool.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Dr. C. Grier Davis reported in his behalf and that of Joe Hunter saying that they both had attended the meetings of the board. Dr. Davis is now on the executive committee. The report was received as information.

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

Rev. Paul Warren, chairman of the Budget Committee, reported and the recommendations were adopted as follows:

The Stewardship Committee would like to express appreciation to the members of Asheville Presbytery for their cooperation and help during the year 1955 in making it possible to make the following report:

The Stewardship Committee is endeavoring to conduct an "Every Church Canvass;" that is: arrangements are being made to provide

a team from the Stewardship Committee to visit every church in the Presbytery and present the outlined program.

Thus far we have had a wonderful response in that we have visited Arden, Hazelwood, First Church-Asheville, and Waynesville. We have made plans to visit ten others from whom we have heard and have invitations.

This Committee does not feel that it would be wise to make a formal committment at this time, due to the incomplete reports of the askings of the local church. It is our plan to provide for you a realistic budget for 1956, and we shall do all in our power to have this budget ready by early fall.

1. We would like to recommend that Asheville Presbytery authorize the Committee to continue their efforts in gaining from the local church pertinent information that will provide for a realistic budget for 1956.

2. That Presbytery request the agencies of Asheville Presbytery to cooperate with our Committee and turn in a detail report of their needs for 1956.

3. That when the work with the agencies and the local church is complete that the Moderator call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to adopt and discuss the 1956 Budget.

4. That Asheville Presbytery request the Home Mission Committee and the Mountain Orphanage to advance $175.00 each to the Stewardship Committee for promotional work and to authorize this amount to be repaid from the 1956 Budget of $1500.00.

5. That the Presbytery accept the resignation of Thomas I. Lloyd, 1958, as a member of Sub-Committee on the Budget, and to grant the Nominating Committee the power to act in filling the vacancy.

6. That the Budget Committee be granted the privilege of using other men of the Presbytery in promoting the "Every Church Canvass."

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures—This committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

2. Judiciary—This committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Minutes of the Presbytery—The Rev. W. R. Klein presented the following report which was adopted:

Your committee has carefully examined the minutes of Asheville Presbytery for the Summer meeting, 1954; the Fall meeting, 1954;

the Winter meeting, 1955; and the Spring meeting, 1955, and has found them in good order. We recommend that they become the permanent record of Asheville Presbytery.

RESOLUTIONS

The Committee on Resolutions made its report through Rev. Robert Torrence, chairman. This was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions made its report through the Rev. Robert Torrence, chairman. This was adopted and is as follows: Resolved—That the Pastor and people of the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church be informed of our grateful thanks and appreciation for their cordial and bounteous hospitality and the food and fellowship of the dinner; and that they be congratulated on the new building and new manse, along with the general progress and spiritual development—That the Moderator be commended for his alert and diligent conduct of the meeting—That the Temporary Clerk be congratulated for his careful and precise keeping of the minutes—That the representatives be thanked for their spiritual and stimulating participation in Presbytery's business—And—That the Presbytery stand and be led in prayer by the Moderator or his appointee, giving praise to God, and thanking Him for His guiding care over this body and for His continued presence with us in the future.

MURPHY CHURCH SESSIONAL RECORDS

The committee, composed of D. P. McGeachy, III, and R. T. Reed, appointed to examine the sessional records of the Murphy church made its report which is as follows:

The Committee composed of D. P. McGeachy, III, and R. T. Reed appointed to examine the Sessional records of the Murphy Church made its report which is as follows:

The Minutes of the Session of the Murphy Presbyterian Church have been received and examined for the year 1954.

The examining committee suggests that the minutes are legibly kept and in good order, with the following exceptions:

The binding of the minutes is loose-leaf and needs to be replaced by some substantial book form.

No mention was discovered of the election of a Principal and Alternate Commissioner to Synod.

No record was found of Baptism, Admission to Membership, etc., except in the body of the minutes. This should also be kept in a separate list for convenience and accuracy.

No record could be found that the Minutes were examined at the last Spring Meeting.

The Session is requested to rectify these errors, and to attempt in the future to have the minutes available at the proper meeting of Presbytery.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Presbytery accepted the invitation to hold its stated Fall meeting at the Oak Forest Church, Tuesday, October 11, 1955, at 10:00 A. M.

Rev. W. W. Preston asked permission to take on some supplementary work. This was referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work with power to act.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of Presbytery were read by the temporary clerk and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator, Rev. George N. Clayman.

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY (Continued from page 2)

6. **Woman's Work:** R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1956; J. C. Neville, 1957; S. J. McCarty, 1958.
7. **Assembly's Special Causes:**
   a. **Historical Foundation**
   b. **Montreat**
   c. **Assembly's Training School**
   d. **American Bible Society**
   W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1956; S. A. Mann, 1956; J. W. Smith, 1957; George Young, 1958; J. H. Gruver, 1958.
8. **Examinations—The Moderator, Chairman.**
   a. **Experimental Religion:** The Moderator.
   b. **Theology:** J. R. Williams, Chairman, 1958; W. G. Somerville, 1956.
   c. **Sacraments:** J. B. Sherwood, Chairman, 1956; J. Q. Wallace, 1958.
   d. **Church Government:** W. J. Gammon, Chairman, 1957; C. B. Yeargan, 1958.
   e. **English Bible:** R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1956; J .H. Gruver, 1957.
   f. **Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon:** G. B. Talbot, Chairman, 1956; A. C. Holt, 1958.
   g. **Academic Studies:** J. V. N. Talmadge, Chairman, 1958; W. P. Chedester, 1957.
   h. **Seminary Studies:** W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1958; C. W. Solomon, 1956.
9. **Presbytery's Historical Committee:** R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1956; J. L. Brittain, 1957; R. A. Hardwick, 1958.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Clayton Bell, Montreat, N. C.
Austin Blake Brinkeroff, Montreat, N. C.
Robert Smith Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.
William E. Leaman, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
William A. Lofquist, Asheville, N. C.
Robert Edwin McClure, Asheville, N. C.
Owen L. Norment, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
Stuart Arnold Plummer, Asheville, N. C.
Alfred Douglas Reed, Asheville, N. C.
Gordon K. Reed, Weaverville, N. C.
George Edward Scott, Asheville, N. C.
John Trotti, Asheville, N. C.
James Somerville, Barnardsville, N. C.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1945 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman

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MINUTES OF A CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, Asheville Presbytery met at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, at 11 a.m., on September 6th, 1955. Moderator George Clayman called the meeting to order, and after the singing of the hymn, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," we were led in prayer by the Rev. Paul Warren.

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches and the following were present:

Ministers: C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, Bruce Frye, Wm. J. Gammon, Paul N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, Bryan Hatchett, J. C. Lime, W. H. Marquis, R. E. McClure, D. P. McGeachy, III, Ben F. Ormand, Robert A. Potter, W. W. Preston, James H. Skelton, W. G. Somerville, Thomas Sproule, C. R. Stegall, Geo. Bird Talbot, W. G. Thomas, Robert L. Torrence, Paul F. Warren, Stanley L. Bennett.

Churches: C. G. Worley, Arden; R. A. Hardwick, Friendship; Joseph J. Stone, Kenilworth; J. Z. Russell, Malvern Hills; H. N. Clark, Mills River; W. H. Armistead, Montreat; John Miller, Montreat; W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa; R. L. Prevost, Waynesville; R. T. Reed, Weaverville.

The call for the meeting was read by the Stated Clerk and found in order and is as follows:

August 25, 1955

Constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Tuesday morning, September 6, at 11:00 o'clock for the transaction of the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To hear a report from the Sub-Committee on the Budget, the Rev. Paul Warren, Chairman, and to adopt the benevolent budget for the church year, 1956.
2. To hear and to act upon the report of the Committee on the Revision of the Manual, the Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman.
3. To receive the Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr., from Savannah Presbytery.
4. To act upon the call of the Friendship Church for pastoral services of the Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr., and to appoint a commission for the installation.
5. To transact any business growing out of the above.

GEORGE CLAYMAN, *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk.*

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Warren F. Thuston requesting that he be excused from the meeting of Presbytery. The excuse was granted.

RECEPTION OF MINISTER

The Rev. Carroll R. Stegall, Sr., presented a letter of dismissal from Savannah Presbytery. He was examined in Experimental Religion by the Moderator and this portion of the examination was sustained. The Rev. W. W. Preston made the examination on the Sacraments and this was sustained. The examination was then sustained as a whole.

A commission, composed of Dr. R. E. McClure, the Rev. W. G. Somerville, the Rev. Stanley Bennett, the Rev. W. W. Preston, Mr. W. H. McMurray, and Dr. L. Nelson Bell, was appointed by Presbytery to examine the call from the Friendship Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Carroll R. Stegall, Sr., and if found in order, it was to be placed in the hands of Mr. Stegall. After an acceptance of the call the commission was to install him as pastor of the Friendship Church, Sunday, October 2, 1955, 7:30 o'clock.

PRESBYTERY'S BUDGET

The Rev. Paul Warren, Chairman of Presbytery's Budget Committee, read the report of the Budget Committee, which was amended and adopted and is as follows:

The "undesignated" Askings of Asheville Presbytery for the 1956 Benevolent Budget are:

1. *Assembly Causes*

World Missions	$22,000	
Church Extension	10,000	
Christian Education	3,500	
Annuities and Relief	500	
General Fund	7,000	
Inter Church Agencies	189	
		43,189

2. *Synod Causes*		
King College	6,023	
Union Seminary	1,600	
Louisville Seminary	860	
Christian Education	3,786	
Church Extension	450	
		12,719
3. *Presbytery Causes*		
Presbytery Home Missions	29,700	
Mountain Orphanage	17,550	
Promotion	1,500	
Christian Education	2,500	
Montreat College	6,023	
		57,273
Grand Total		$113,181

A motion prevailed that the above be known as the "Askings Budget" and that during the Winter Stated meeting in January, 1956, a Disbursements Budget be adopted. The Committee was given a vote of thanks for its splendid work.

MANUAL OF PRESBYTERY

A report of the Committee on the Manual of Presbytery was made by the Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman. This report was discussed as read and amended and adopted. A motion prevailed that the adopted Manual be mimeographed and distributed to the members of Presbytery by mail. It was voted that the new manual will take effect at the Winter Stated meeting in January, 1956. This Committee was given a vote of thanks. A vote of thanks was also given to the First Presbyterian Church and its Pastor, the Rev. C. Grier Davis, for their hospitality.

After the reading of the minutes the Presbytery adjourned with the singing of one stanza of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and the benediction by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE CLAYMAN, *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*
H. B. DENDY, *Temporary Clerk*

STATED FALL MEETING

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Fall meeting at the Oak Forest Church, Asheville, N. C., Tuesday, October 11, 1955, at ten o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. George N. Clayman, and constituted with prayer by the Rev. W. G. Thomas.

A hymn, "O Worship The King," was sung and Mrs. O. E. Starnes, member of the Oak Forest Church, sang "His Eye Is On The Sparrow," accompanied by Mrs. Bryan Alexander. The Moderator preached the sermon on "Faith and Service," using as a scripture lesson Matthew 23:15-18.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. Calvin Thielman and the Rev. William H. Marquis, assisted by Ruling Elders C. G. Worley, R. W. Gray, E. A. Williamson, and W. A. Abel.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

Albert C. Holt, H. B. Dendy, Wm. R. Klein, Thomas Sproule, Robert A. Potter, Ben F. Ormond, D. P. McGeachy, III, George B. Talbot, R. E. McClure, J. Bruce Frye, Bryan Hatchett, W. W. Preston, W. G. Somerville, W. H. Marquis, Paul F. Warren, Paul N. Gresham, Robert M. Hart, J. C. Lime, J. R. McGregor, J. B. Sherwood, Robert L. Torrence, C. Grier Davis, W. G. Thomas, George N. Clayman, Warren Thuston, Calvin Thielman, C. R. Stegall, Sr., Stanley Bennett.

The churches represented were:

W. A. Abel, Waynesville; C. G. Worley, Arden; O. E. Starnes, Oak Forest; George Ligon, Asheville First; E. A. Williamson, Haselwood; W. G. Lingo, West Asheville; Harold Sluder, Brittains Cove; H. E. Barkley, Black Mountain; A. E. Norville, Davidson River; Mark Sumner, Sr., Grace Covenant; L. Nelson Bell, Montreat; C. S. Porter, Swannanoa; John Bulgin, Franklin; P. B. Ray, Weaverville;

Walter M. Harbin, Malvern Hills; Joseph J. Stone, Kenilworth; G. S. Slone, Dillingham; Thomas G. Penland, Ivy Park; Clyde Stubs, Montreat; R. A. Hardwick, Friendship.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following ministers were excused from attendance: John Neville, Wade C. Smith, Ashby Johnson, John R. Williams and W. J. Gammon.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. Stanley Bennett was elected Moderator by acclamation.

VISITING BRETHREN

The Rev. Thomas Spence of Concord Presbytery was introduced and invited to sit as a Visiting Brother.

Mr. R. M. O'Hare of King College was introduced to Presbytery.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. George N. Clayman, host pastor, extended to Presbytery a cordial welcome and then presented the report of the program committee and recommended that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed with the following exception:

1. That the Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:50 and reconvene at 2:00 P.M.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures*—G. N. Clayman, Harry Barkley, Calvin Thielman.
2. *Judiciary*—A. C. Holt, W. G. Lingo, Bryan Hatchett.
3. *Assembly Minutes*—R. A. Potter, C. G. Worley, Thomas Sproula.
4. *Resolutions*—G. B. Talbot, J. J. Stone, James Frye.
5. *Sessional Records*—D. P. McGeachy, III, Robert Torrence, C. A. Stubbs.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Board of World Missions requesting that the chairman of Presbytery's committee on World Missions be put on the subcommittee on the budget. The letter was received as information.

2. The Stated Clerk announced to Presbytery the reception of a letter from the Board of Annuities and Relief in reference to a problem that was existing between that Board and a local church of the Presbytery. This matter was referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

3. The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, announcing the publication of a book entitled "Office of the Clerk of Session," but the publication could not be authorized until an order of one thousand copies had been made. The Stated Clerk was authorized by Presbytery to purchase thirty-three copies.

4. The Stated Clerk read to Presbytery the members of the committee on the Home for the Aged:

Forrest Gardner, Chairman; C. Grier Davis, Warren Thuston, Joseph Hunter, O. E. Starnes, Mrs. R. E. McClure, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

This was received as information.

LETTER OF TRANSFER

The Rev. Robert Hart requested a Letter of Transfer to the Presbytery of South Carolina, where he plans to be the pastor of the Grace Covenant Church at Laurens, S. C., effective October 17, 1955. Mr. Hart made a personal expression of his desires to Presbytery and stated that the congregation of Highlands Church had concurred with his wishes. The request was granted and several members of the Presbytery expressed their appreciation for Mr. Hart's work in this Presbytery and best wishes for a successful pastorate in South Carolina.

AMENDMENT TO THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

The proposed amendment to the Book of Church Order, Paragraph 80, page 50, of the 1955 Minutes of the General Assembly, of adding the following clause to the first sentence: "Except that a church whose membership exceeds 1,000 shall be represented by an additional Ruling Elder for each additional 1,000 or major fraction thereof" was approved.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev. Rupert McGregor and Dr. Nelson Bell reported on their attendance at the 1955 General Assembly. Their reports were received as information and they were commended for their diligence.

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The Rev. H. B. Dendy, chairman of the Mountain Orphanage Board of Trustees, presented a verbal report concerning the work of the Mountain Orphanage and the coming Thanksgiving offering, which was received as information.

Mr. Harry Barkley, superintendent of the Orphanage, gave a brief report of the Orphanage work during the present year.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONS

The following reports of the commissions for installation of ministers were received and admitted to record:

INSTALLATION
D. P. McGEACHY, III

The Presbytery Commission to install the Rev. Daniel Patrick McGeachy, III, as pastor of the Sylva Presbyterian Church, met in the Sylva Church at 7:45 P. M. on Sunday, June 5, 1955. The Commission included the members of the Session of the Sylva Presbyterian Church; Dr. R. E. McClure, Chairman of the Commission; the Rev. Mr. W. J. Gammon and the Rev. Mr. Thomas Sproule. Dr. Daniel

P. McGeachy, Jr., was invited to sit with the Commission as a visiting member.

The Commission meeting opened with prayer by Dr. McGeachy, who delivered the installation sermon. Dr. R. E. McClure presided at the service of installation including the: Questions to the Minister, Questions to the Congregation, Declaration of the Installation, Prayer by the Moderator.

The Rev. W. J. Gammon gave the charge to the Minister, and the Rev. Thomas Sproule the charge to the Congregation.

The work of the Commission was performed in accordance with the Book of Church Order.

Respectfully,

THOMAS SPROULE, for the Commission.

INSTALLATION
ROBERT A. POTTER

The Commission to install the Rev. Robert A. Potter, pastor of the Murphy Presbyterian Church, met in the church office on July 31, 1955 at 7:30 P. M. After organization, the commission carried out its work as follows:

The Rev. Robert M. Hart preached the sermon; the Rev. John C. Neville charged the pastor and served as Moderator of the Commission; Mr. L. B. Nichols charged the congregation; the Rev. Bryan Hatchett presided over the worship service, propounded the constitutional questions and served as Secretary of the Commission.

The Service was completed with the Installation prayer given by the Moderator, and the Apostolic Benediction given by the pastor of the Murphy Church.

BRYAN HATCHETT, Secretary

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
JAMES BRUCE FRYE

The Commission appointed to ordain and install Candidate James Bruce Frye, as pastor of the Mills River Presbyterian Church, met at the church at 3:15 P. M., Sunday, July 24th and was called to order by the Chairman, the Rev. R. E. McClure.

The meeting was opened with prayer with the following present besides the chairman: Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. Thomas Sproule, Rev. Wm. R. Klein and Ruling Elder John E. Wilson together with members of the Session of the Mills River Church.

Ruling Elder John E. Wilson was named clerk of the meeting.

Rev. Robert R. Collins, of Concord Presbytery, was invited to sit with the Commission and to have a part in its work. Mr. Collins was formerly a member of the Asheville First Church and a student at Union Theological Seminary with Mr. Frye.

The Commission adjourned to the sanctuary where the worship service was conducted by the Chairman and the sermon preached by Dr. Davis.

The Chairman outlined the purpose of the meeting and the prior action of Asheville Presbytery when Candidate Frye was examined and approved for ordination.

The constitutional questions of the Book of Church Order were propounded to the Candidate and to the Congregation and all answered satisfactorily, after which Mr. Frye was set apart to the Gospel Ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery and the prayer offered by the Chairman.

Mr. Wilson, former Sunday School teacher of Mr. Frye, delivered the charge to the Minister and Mr. Collins to the Congregation, after which the Chairman declared that Mr. Frye had been duly ordained and installed.

The meeting of the Commission was adjourned with the Apostolic Benediction pronounced by the Rev. James Bruce Frye.

Previous action of the Commission had instructed the Clerk to record the events of the hour as the minutes of the Commission.

R. E. McCLURE, Moderator
JOHN E. WILSON, Clerk.

INSTALLATION
C. R. STEGALL, SR.

The Commission to install the Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr., met at the Friendship Presbyterian Church, October 2, 1955, at 7:15 P. M. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman, Dr. R. E. McClure.

Those present were: Dr. R. E. McClure, Rev. W. G. Somerville, Rev. Stanley Bennett, Rev. W. W. Preston, Mr. W. H. McMurray, and Dr. L. Nelson Bell. Mr. Preston was elected Secretary. The call to the Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr., to become pastor of the Friendship Church was presented and found in order and placed in the hands of Mr. Stegall.

The Chairman presided and propounded the Constitutional Questions; Mr. Somerville preached on the subject, "Our Bodies, the

Temples of the Holy Spirit"; Mr. Bennett gave the charge to the Minister, and Dr. Bell charged the congregation.

Upon motion the Commission adjourned with the Benediction by the new pastor, Mr. Stegall.

R. E. McCLURE, Chairman
W. W. PRESTON, Secretary

CHURCH EXTENSION

1. Report of the subcommittee on the Assembly's Home Missions was read by the Stated Clerk in the absence of the chairman, the Rev. J. C. Neville. The report was received as information. A motion was made and approved by Presbytery that the churches of Asheville Presbytery be encouraged to study the program of town and country churches during 1956.

2. Report of the subcommittee on radio and television was made by the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, with the recommendation that the utilization of radio and television be referred to the Home Missions Committee for careful study. The recommendation was adopted.

3. Report of the subcommittee on Negro Work was made by the Rev. J. C. Lime, Chairman, with the following recommendations which were approved by Presbytery:

A. That local churches re-examine the Negro work.

B. That any churches behind on their pledge to the Negro work campaign strive to get up to date before the end of this year.

C. That any churches that have completed their pledge strive to give more.

4. Report of the subcommittee on Chaplains and Military Personnel was made by the Rev. W. G. Somerville, Chairman, and received as information.

5. Report of the subcommittee on Evangelism was made by the Rev. Warren Thuston and received as information.

THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The report of the Commission on The Minister and His Work was presented by the Rev. G. B. Talbot in the absence of the chairman, the Rev. J. R. McGregor, and submitted to record:

Your Commission would gladly report that the matter concerning extra part-time employment for the Rev. W. W. Preston has been satisfactorily arranged by Mr. Preston and the Home Mission Committee so that such is not necessary.

Your Commission would recommend that Mr. Frederick Volbeda be dropped from the roll of the Ministers of Presbytery. He has united with the Episcopal Church and looks forward to being ordained as a priest in that Church.

The name of the Rev. W. C. Cooper of Coleman, Texas, was submitted to the Commission by the Arden Church Pulpit Committee. After due inquiry by the Chairman of the Commission and the reception of letters of recommendation, the Commission approved of the Arden Church issuing a call to Mr. Cooper.

Respectfully submitted,
J. RUPERT MCGREGOR

Acting on the recommendations of the Commission on The Minister and His Work, the following motions were made and approved by Presbytery:

1. Since Mr. Frederick Volbeda has joined the Episcopal Church and been ordained as an Episcopal minister, his name should be removed from the roll of Ministers.

2. That the Commission on the Minister and His Work be instructed to examine the status of all ministers on the roll of Presbytery who have been derelict in their attendance and make a report at the Winter Meeting of Presbytery as to their status.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Chairman of the Religious Education Committee, the Rev. W. G. Thomas, presented the following recommendations to Presbytery, which were approved:

1. That the Rev. Thomas Sproule be appointed to serve as the director of the 1956 Senior High Youth Conference.

2. That the Rev. George N. Clayman be appointed to serve as the director of the 1956 Pioneer Youth Camp.

MEN OF CHURCH

Mr. C. A. Stubbs, President of the Men of the Church, announced the Fall Rally of the Men of the Church at the Mountain Orphanage, November 10th, at 6:30 P. M. He urged the ministers and elders to promote this meeting in the local churches.

WORLD MISSIONS

The Rev. Stanley Bennett, Chairman of the World Missions Committee, announced that World Missions workshops would be held at the Murphy Church on October 27th and at Asheville First on October 28th. Time: 4:30 P. M. He also announced that the World Missions Conference for young people would be held November 26 and 27 at Montreat Assembly Grounds.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures—no report.

2. Judiciary—no report.

3. Assembly Minutes—The Rev. R. A. Potter presented the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee would respectfully call to the attention of the Presbytery these records and recommendations from the 1955 Minutes of the General Assembly with certain specific recommendations.

(1) In place of the old committee on co-operation and union which was dissolved, the Assembly authorized the organization of a new committee on inter-church relations, and approved co-operation with sister Reformed and Presbyterian areas in various activities, such as evangelism, Christian Education and youth work. We heartily recommend the implementation of this spirit of collaboration through co-operative endeavors on the part of Presbyterian agencies, and by local congregations.

(2) The year 1956 anniversary of the establishment of Presbyterianism in America, and appropriate celebrations are recommended throughout the bounds of our Assembly. Your Committee recommends that the Council of Asheville Presbytery arrange some such celebration during one of the stated or adjourned meetings of Presbytery during 1956.

(3) Ministers and elders may point out to local churches that increased assessment of Presbyterial tax has been occasioned by the raising of the General Assembly assessment upon Presbyteries to 16 cents per capita, this action being taken in order that the General Assembly may be self-supporting.

4. Resolutions—The Rev. G. B. Talbot presented the following report which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved that: Asheville Presbytery express to the pastor and congregation of Oak Forest Church our hearty thanks for the gracious hospitality shown us in so many ways during the time of our meeting with them on October 11, 1955.

Especially do we wish to thank the good ladies of the church for the pre-Presbytery Coffee Hour and for the bountiful and delicious lunch which was served us.

We recommend that a copy of this resolution be printed in the Minutes of Presbytery and that a copy be furnished the pastor of Oak Forest Church to be read to the congregation.

J. J. STONE
BRUCE FRYE
G. B. TALBOT, Chairman

5. Minutes of Session—The Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, presented the following recommendation, which was approved:

That the Moderator sign the minutes of the Davidson River Church which were approved at the stated Winter Meeting, 1955.

KING COLLEGE

Mr. Ralph O'Hare, assistant to the president of King College, spoke to Presbytery on behalf of King College and its work.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its Stated Winter Meeting at the Mills River Church, Tuesday, January 17, 1956, at 10:00 in the morning.

MINUTES APPROVED

The Minutes of Presbytery were read and approved. The Moderator, Stanley Bennett, led the closing prayer and pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

STANELY L. BENNETT, *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*
GEORGE N. CLAYMAN, *Permanent Clerk*

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

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6. Woman's Work: R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1956; J. C. Neville, 1957; S. J. McCarty, 1958.

7. Assembly's Special Causes:
   a. Historical Foundation
   b. Montreat
   c. Assembly's Training School
   d. American Bible Society
   W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1956; S. A. Mann, 1956; J. W. Smith, 1957; George Young, 1958; J. H. Gruver, 1958.

8. Examinations—The Moderator, Chairman.
   a. Experimental Religion: The Moderator.
   b. Theology: J. R. Williams, Chairman, 1958; W. G. Somerville, 1956.
   c. Sacraments: J. B. Sherwood, Chairman, 1956; J. Q. Wallace, 1958.
   d. Church Government: W. J. Gammon, Chairman, 1957; C. B. Yearygan, 1958.
   e. English Bible: R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1956; J .H. Gruver, 1957.
   f. Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon: G. B. Talbot, Chairman, 1956; A. C. Holt, 1958.
   g. Academic Studies: J. V. N. Talmadge, Chairman, 1958; W. P. Chedester, 1957.
   h. Seminary Studies: W. H. Armistead, Chairman, 1958; C. W. Solomon, 1956.

9. Presbytery's Historical Committee: R. E. McClure, Chairman, 1956; J. L. Brittain, 1957; R. A. Hardwick, 1958.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Clayton Bell, Montreat, N. C.
Austin Blake Brinkeroff, Montreat, N. C.
Robert Smith Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.
William E. Leaman, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
William A. Lofquist, Asheville, N. C.
Robert Edwin McClure, Asheville, N. C.
Owen L. Norment, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
Stuart Arnold Plummer, Asheville, N. C.
Alfred Douglas Reed, Asheville, N. C.
Gordon K. Reed, Weaverville, N. C.
George Edward Scott, Asheville, N. C.
John Trotti, Asheville, N. C.
James Somerville, Barnardsville, N. C.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1945 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

A. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY:

1. Moderator—Stanley L. Bennett.
2. Stated Clerk—W. G. Thomas, 1956.
3. Permanent Clerk—George N. Clayman, 1956.
4. Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—R. E. McClure, 1956.

B. TRUSTEES:

1. Presbytery Trustees: George H. Wright, Chairman, 1956; W. H. McMurray, 1957; J. J. Stone, 1958.
2. Trustees of Davidson College: Joseph L. Hunter, 1956; C. Grier Davis, 1957.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:

1. Home Missions: C. Grier Davis, Chairman, 1957; George H. Wright, 1956; B. L. McGlamery, 1956; C. D. Thomas, 1956; W. G. Somerville, 1956; J. C. Lime, 1957; P. N. Gresham, 1957; Forrest B. Gardner, 1957; Stanley L. Bennett, 1958; James Sherwood, 1958; J. M. Carroll, 1958; W. G. Lingo, 1958.
2. The Mountain Orphanage: H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1957; Mrs. J. C. Spooner, 1956; R. C. Conrad, 1956; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1956; George N. Clayman, 1957; Crawford Pierson, 1957; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1957; J. E. Henderson, 1958; Mrs. E. C. Simons, 1958; E. G. Roberts, 1958; Bernard Smith, Jr., 1958; W. W. Preston, 1956.
3. Christian Education:
   a. Educational Institutions: W. W. Preston, Sub-Chairman, 1958; Holland McSwain, 1957; ——————, 1956.
   b. Candidates for the Ministry: W. G. Somerville, Sub-Chairman, 1956; J. B. Sherwood, 1957; C. G. Worley, 1956.
   c. Religious Education: W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1956; W. I. Abernethy, 1956; R. A. Potter, 1956; George N. Clayman, 1956; Paul F. Warren, 1957; W. G. Harbin, 1957; W. R. Klein, 1957; G. B. Talbot, 1957; Thomas Sproule, 1957; Quinn Constants; 1958; J. B. Hatchett, 1958; J. C. Lime, 1958; N. E. Byers, 1958; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by the Women of the Church; President of Men of Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; and Woman Adult Adviser of Youth Fellowship; and Executive Secretary.

D. COMMISSIONS:

1. The Minister and His Work: J. R. McGregor, Chairman, 1957; H. E. Lamb, 1957; Warren Thuston, 1957; W. G. Thomas, 1957; L. Nelson Bell, 1958; G. B. Talbot, 1958.

E. PERMANENT COMMITTEES:

1. Nominations: W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1956; R. A. Potter, 1956; H. B. Dendy, 1957; F. A. Plummer, 1958; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1958.
2. Presbytery Council:
   a. Program and Publicity (Sub-Committee): R. E. McClure, Sub-Chairman, 1957; F. A. Plummer, 1956; P. N. Gresham, 1956; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk.
   b. Budget (Sub-Committee): Paul F. Warren, Chairman, 1958; Charles Pettit, 1957; J. O. Williams, 1957; Robert F. Clodfelter, 1958; J. R. McGregor, 1958; Ben F. Ormand, 1958; D. P. McGeachey, III, 1958; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.
3. World Missions: Stanley Bennett, Chairman, 1957; Robert Hart, 1956; Thomas Sproule, 1956; W. J. Gammon, 1958; R. T. Reed, 1958.
4. Church Extension — six sub-committees:
   a. Assembly's Home Missions: J. C. Neville, Chairman, 1956; L. R. Nichols, 1958.
   b. Evangelism: Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1958; Wade Smith, 1956; Paul N. Gresham, 1956; Paul F. Warren, 1956; W. R. Klein, 1956; C. W. Solomon, 1957.
   c. Christian Relations: George Wright, Chairman, 1958; W. R. Klein, 1957.
   d. Radio: D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman, 1956; Emerson Rose, 1957.
   e. Negro Work: J. C. Lime, Chairman, 1957; W. C. Dillingham, 1956.
   f. Defense Work: W. G. Somerville, Chairman, 1956; J. B. Hatchett, 1957.
5. Annuities and Relief: P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1957; Warren Thuston, 1956; J. H. Flanagan, 1958.

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3. **Permanent Clerk**—George N. Clayman, 1959.
4. **Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences**—R. E. McClure, 1959.

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1. **Home Missions:** C. Grier Davis, Chairman, 1957; J. C. Lime, 1957; P. N. Gresham, 1957; S. L. Bennett, 1958; James B. Sherwood, 1958; John M. Carroll, 1958; W. G. Lingo, 1958; W. G. Somerville, 1959; Frank Wade, 1959; Cameron W. Lee, 1959; George H. Wright, 1959.
2. **The Mountain Orphanage:** H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1957; George N. Clayman, 1957; W. Crawford Pierson, 1957; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1957; J. E. Henderson, 1958; E. G. Roberts, 1958; Bernard R. Smith, Jr., 1958; Mrs. E. C. Simons, 1958; W. W. Preston, 1959; J. Paul Teal, 1959; C. E. Worley, 1959; Mrs. J. E. Spooner, 1959.
3. **Christian Education:** Paul F. Warren, 1957; George Lacy, 1957; W. R. Klein, 1957; G. B. Talbot, 1957; Thomas Sproule, 1957; J. Bruce Frye, 1958; Joe E. Rose, 1958; Quinn Constantz, 1958; J. R. Hatchett, 1958; J. C. Lime, 1958; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1959; R. A. Potter, 1959; George N. Clayman, 1959; L. B. Ordway, 1959; Ben F. Ormond, 1959; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by the Women of the Church; President of Men of the Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; Woman Adult Advisor of Youth Fellowship; and Executive Secretary.
4. **Presbytery's Council:** Charles C. Pettit, 1957; 1957; D. P. McGeachy, III, 1957; Paul F. Warren, chairman, 1958; R. F. Clodfelter, 1958; Ben F. Ormand, 1958; W. H. Marquis, 1959; F. A. Plummer, 1959; P. N. Gresham, 1959; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.

D. COMMISSIONS:

1. **The Minister and His Work:** W. F. Thuston, 1957; W. G. Thomas, 1957; G. B. Talbot, 1958; L. Nelson Bell, 1958; J. R. McGregor, chairman, 1959; Hugh E. Lamb, 1959.

E. PERMANENT COMMITTEES:

1. **Nominations:** H. B. Dendy, 1957; Kelley E. Bennett, 1957; J. C. Lime, 1959; F. A. Plummer, 1958; Stanley Bennett, Chairman, 1959; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1959.
2. **World Missions:** Stanley Bennett, Chairman, 1957; W. J. Gammon, —Assembly 1958; R. T. Reed, 1959.
3. **Church Extension:** C. W. Solomon, 1957; W. R. Klein, 1957; D. P. McGeachy, 1958; L. B. Nichols, 1958; W. F. Thuston, Chairman, 1959; J. C. Neville, 1959.
4. **Christian Education:** R. L. Torrence, Chairman, 1957; J. H. Skel-
—Assembly ton, 1958; J. R. Lewis, 1959.
5. **Annuities and Relief:** P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1957; J. H.
—Assembly Flanagan, 1958; C. R. Stegall, 1959.
6. **General Fund Agencies:** C. G. Worley, 1957; J. H. Gruver, 1959;
—Assembly Calvin Thielman, Chairman, 1959.
7. **Examining Committee:** W. F. Thuston, Chairman, 1958.
   a. **Experimental Religion:** Moderator or Ex-Moderator.
   b. **Theology:** C. R. Stegall, 1957; W. G. Somerville, 1959.
   c. **Sacraments:** James B. Sherwood, 1957; O. F. Yates, 1958.
   d. **Church Government:** W. J. Gammon, 1959; C. B. Yeargan, 1958.
   e. **English Bible:** J. H. Gruver, 1957; R. A. Potter, 1959.
   f. **Thesis and Exegesis:** G. B. Talbot, 1959; A. C. Holt, 1959.
   g. **Academic and Seminary Studies:** C. W. Solomon, 1959; J. V. Talmadge, 1959.

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THE MINUTES OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

The Presbytery of Asheville met at a called session at First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, November 28, 1955, at 3:00 in the afternoon. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Stanley Bennett, and constituted with prayer. The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

W. W. Preston, W. G. Thomas, R. E. McClure, Paul F. Warren, Paul N. Gresham, G. B. Talbot, C. W. Solomon, W. G. Somerville, James Skelton, W. J. Gammon, C. R. Stegall, Thomas Sproule, Stanley Bennett, J. R. McGregor, and George Clayman.

The churches represented were M. H. Ligon and Allen Morrisson, Asheville First; T. G. Penland, Ivy Park; J. B. Story, Kenilworth; R. A. Hardwick, Friendship.

The call for the meeting having been found in order, (listed below), the Moderator then proceeded with the business in hand.

November 15, 1955

"Constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Monday, November 28, 1955, 3:00 P. M., for the transaction of the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To receive the Rev. P. C. Toureille from Albany Presbytery, U. S. A.

2. To transact any business growing out of the above.

REV. STANLEY BENNETT, *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*."

VISITING BRETHREN

The Rev. Eugene Daniels, candidate secretary for the Board of World Missions and member of Atlanta Presbytery, was invited to sit as a visiting brother.

RECEPTION OF REVEREND P. C. TOUREILLE

The Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Toureille were introduced to Presbytery by the Rev. Eugene Daniels.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Stated Clerk of Albany Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., transferring Dr. Toureille to Asheville Presbytery. Other letters of commendation were also read. Presbytery then proceeded to examine Dr. Toureille according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order. Examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Moderator, Rev. Stanley Bennett; that on Theology by the Rev. W. G. Somerville; that on Sacraments by the Rev. P. N. Gresham; and that on Church Government by the Rev. W. J. Gammon. Examinations were approved as satisfactory and Dr. Toureille was received into Presbytery effective December 16, 1955. Since Dr. Toureille will not be in the employment of the Board of World Missions until December 16, his membership in Asheville Presbytery was postponed until that date.

Presbytery was led in prayer for Dr. and Mrs. Toureille by Mr. Somerville and Mr. Warren.

The minutes were read and approved, after which Presbytery was adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Rev. Daniels.

REV. STANLEY BENNETT, *Moderator*
REV. W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

STATED WINTER MEETING
OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Winter Meeting at the Mills River Presbyterian Church, Horseshoe, N. C., Tuesday, January 17, 1956, at 10:00 A. M. The meeting was opened with the singing of "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Stanley Bennett, and constituted with prayer. The Moderator read for the Scripture Lesson, John 13:20-38, and preached a sermon on the theme, "The Sign in Front of the Church."

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. Robert Torrence and the Rev. James Bruce Frye, assisted by ruling elders: S. A. Mann of Oak Forest, Mark Osborne of Brevard, D. Wade Brittain and J. Lee Britton of Mills River. Special music was rendered by the Mills River Church Choir.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

Wm. J. Gammon, J. Bruce Frye, W. G. Somerville, Calvin Thielman, C. Grier Davis, George B. Talbot, John C. Neville, Robert A. Potter, Paul F. Warren, Thomas Sproule, William R. Klein, Robert L. Torrence, Paul N. Gresham, H. B. Dendy, Albert C. Holt, J. C. Lime, D. P. McGeachy, III, O. F. Yates, W. H. Marquis, Bryan Hatchett, Stanley Bennett, W. G. Thomas, George N. Clayman, W. F. Thuston, Ben Ormand, C. R. Stegall, J. R. Williams, W. W. Preston, R. E. McClure, James Sherwood, and J. R. McGregor (31).

The following churches were represented:

Robert H. Gibson, Sr., Waynesville; Carleton B. White, Montreat; Kelley E. Bennett, Bryson City; Paul E. Patton, Swannanoa; J. Paul Teal, Jr., Grace Covenant; D. W. Brittain, Mills River; T. G. Penland, Ivy Park; H. D. Crawford, Black Mountain; W. C. Dillingham, Dillingham; W. H. Purnell, Brevard-Davidson River; R. A. Hardwick, Friendship; Charles P. Hensley, Brittains Cove; C. G. Worley, Arden; C. D. Richmond, Kenilworth; Cedric A. Stone, Canton; G. B. Ray, Franklin; C. W. Lee, Sylva; T. R. Clark, West Asheville; G. C. Summerrow, Hazelwood; S. A. Mann, Oak Forest; J. L. Gash, Etowah; H. R. Evans, Weaverville; William T. Freeman and Arnold Plummer, Asheville First; E. E. Pierce, Malvern Hills; Joseph P. Bailey, Hendersonville (26).

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following ministers were excused from attendance: Wade C. Smith, J. H. Gruver, James Skelton, and J. Ashby Johnson.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Elder Kelly E. Bennett of the Bryson City Presbyterian Church was elected Moderator by acclamation.

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. James Bruce Frye, host pastor, extended to Presbytery a cordial welcome and then presented a report of the program committee and recommended that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery convene for lunch at 12:30 and re-convene at 1:45.

2. That the report of the committee on Presbytery's budget be received immediately following election of commissioners to General Assembly.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Stated Clerk presented a financial report to Presbytery for the year ending December 31, 1955. The report was placed in the hands of the subcommittee on Budget for audit. A motion was made to increase the Stated Clerk's salary from $200.00 to $400.00 per year and the Permanent Clerk from $50.00 to $100.00. This was referred to the Stewardship Committee.

2. The Stated Clerk read a letter from John N. Somerville, requesting a statement from Presbytery as to his relationship with Presbytery. The Stated Clerk was instructed to send the desired statement.

3. The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Donald Dilworth, requesting permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery. Request was referred to Committee on the Minister and His Work, with power to act.

4. A letter from the Stated Clerk of General Assembly was read to Presbytery, stating that General Assembly was now ready to receive invitations for its 1957 meeting.

5. The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Robert Potter, Pastor of Murphy Presbyterian Church, asking

that Asheville Presbytery give special emphasis to the anniversary of Presbyterianism in America. This was referred to the Historical Committee.

6. A letter from the Rev. W. C. Cooper, Pastor-elect of the Arden Church, was read, expressing his regrets that he was unable to be received into Presbytery at this meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures*—S. L. Bennett, Chairman; H. B. Dendy, F. A. Plummer.

2. *Judiciary*—R. A. Potter, Chairman; W. G. Somerville, Cameron W. Lee.

3. *Records of Sessions*—W. W. Preston, Chairman; James Sherwood, William R. Klein, S. A. Mann, E. F. Pierce, J. B. Ray.

4. *Minutes of Synod*—D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman; J. C. Neville, G. C. Summerrow.

5. *Resolutions*—Calvin Thielman, Chairman; W. F. Thuston, W. C. Dillingham.

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following motion for voting procedure was made and approved: For the principal commissioners to General Assembly, if two receive a majority they shall be elected. If no one receives a majority, then a vote shall be taken on the four highest candidates. If one receives a majority, he shall be elected and the two next highest shall be voted upon.

Presbytery elected the following ministers and ruling elders to represent Presbytery at the next meeting of General Assembly, to be held at Montreat.

Ministers: The Rev. W. G. Somerville and the Rev. W. W. Preston, with alternates the Rev. G. B. Talbot for Mr. Somerville and the Rev. George Clayman for Mr. Preston.

Ruling Elders: George Wright of Asheville First and J. Paul Teal, Jr., of Grace Covenant; with alternates Harry Barkley of Black Mountain for Mr. Wright and Cameron W. Lee of Sylva for Mr. Teal.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The Rev. Paul Warren presented the following report to Presbytery, which was adopted and admitted to record:

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to report that during the past year there has been an increase in benevolent giving, both in "Undesignated Funds" and "Designated Funds." "Undesignated Funds in 1954 were $66,338. "Undesignated Funds" in 1955 were $79,400, thus there was an increase in 1955 in "Undesignated Funds" of approximately $13,062. Also, there was an increase of approximately $949.00 in "Designated Funds" over 1954, making a total increase of approximately $14,000.

The Stewardship Committee made a survey with the Central Treasurer of the 1955 Statistical Reports of the various churches, and on the basis of this Survey we can realistically estimate "Undesignated Receipts for 1956" will be approximately $90,000.

Based on this survey we therefore recommend that the following percentages be approved for 1956 disbursement of "Undesignated Funds" with the proviso that at the October, 1956 meeting of Asheville Presbytery these percentages be revised, if necessary, in the light of actual income, in order to make any adjustments that may be deemed wise:

World Missions	13.0
Church Extension	8.0
Christian Education	2.5
Annuities and Relief	.1
General Fund	6.0
Inter-Church Agencies	.2
Educational Institutions	16.0
Christian Education — Synod	3.3
Church Extension — Synod	.4
Church Extension — Presbytery	28.0
Mountain Orphanage	19.0
Christian Education — Presbytery	2.0
Promotional — Presbytery	1.5
	100.0

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30, after being led in prayer by the Rev. R. E. McClure.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery re-convened at 1:45 and was led in prayer by the Rev. J. C. Lime.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Rev. R. E. McClure made the following recommendations to Presbytery as to the 250th Anniversary of Presbyterianism in America. The following recommendations were approved:

1. That the Moderator and the Stated Clerk be added to the Historical Committee.

2. That the committee confer with officers of Holston Presbytery and arrange a special historical program at a mutually satisfactory time and place, when there shall be no formal business before the gathering.

INCREASE IN PASTORS SALARIES

The following requests to raise pastors salaries were approved by Presbytery:

1. First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., to increase the Pastor's salary from $8400.00 to $9600.00 a year and also to increase the salary of the associate Pastor from $3600 to $3900 a year.

2. Grace Covenant Church to increase Pastor's salary from $4800 to $5400.

3. Waynesville Church to increase Pastor's salary from $4000 to $4400.

4. Hendersonville Church to increase Pastor's salary from $5000 to $6000.

TRANSFER OF THE REV. J. R. WILLIAMS

The Rev. J. R. Williams requested a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Charleston in order to become Pastor of John's Island Presbyterian Church. The request was granted and Presbytery expressed its appreciation to Mr. Williams for his faithfulness to Presbytery.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

The Rev. C. Grier Davis, chairman, presented a report of the Home Mission Committee which was received as information. The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That Asheville Presbytery approve the action of the Home Mission Committee which increased the salary of Home Mission Pastors from $3600 to $3900 for the year 1956.

2. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to write to the Clerk of the Session and the Chairman of the Board of Deacons of self-supporting churches served by pastors receiving less than $3900, urging them to raise their pastor's salary to a minimum of $3900.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The Rev. H. B. Dendy, chairman of the Mountain Orphanage Board of Trustees, presented a verbal report which was received as information. A financial report, which was placed in the hands of the subcommittee of the Budget for auditing, will be presented for approval at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Harry Barkley gave some highlights of the work during the past year.

Mr. J. Paul Teal, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, presented the spending budget of the Orphanage for 1956, which was approved:

Administration	$10,500.00
Household Care of Children	21,100.00
Plant Operation	11,000.00
Farm Operation	7,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	$49,600.00

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman, presented a verbal report which was received as information. The recommendations were referred to the Christian Education Committee, with power to act.

The Christian Education Committee requests the Program Committee for a place on the docket of the Spring Meeting of Presbytery for a Popular Hour.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

The Rev. W. W. Preston made the following report and recommendations, which were adopted:

The Committee on Educational Institutions wishes to call to Presbytery's attention that for the second year of the Forward With Christ program the major emphasis is "Christian Higher Education" and "Christian Family Life."

The General Assembly of 1954 took the following action:

"That, in view of the 1953 General Assembly's action and the pressing and critical need for interest in and support of our colleges and seminaries, the year 1956 be designated as a Year of Special Emphasis for the entire program of Christian Higher Education."

We wish to make the following recommendations:

1. That in keeping with the General Assembly's action we observe April 1-30 as Christian Higher Education Season.

2. That April 8 be observed as Assembly's Training School Day. Special slides, literature, suggested speakers, etc. are available by writing the Training School as we call the attention of our people to our Church's need for trained lay workers, and acquaint them with the work of this school which the Assembly has established to provide such training.

3. That April 15 be observed as National Christian College Day (Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges) to emphasize the importance of our church colleges and seminaries and the value of Christian Higher Education, and to challenge Presbyterians to a greater loyalty to and support of their institutions.

Attention is called to the suggestion on page 18 of the Forward With Christ Plan Book for 1956 that the churches take this opportunity to inaugurate a local scholarship program or other forward steps in support of church colleges.

4. We urge the widest reading and study of the symposium of Christian Higher Education as edited by Dr. DeWitt Reddick, and also the manual for Christian Higher Education which is being sent to each church.

5. That Presbytery hear Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, President of Montreat College, concerning his work there.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Dr. J. R. McGregor, chairman, presented a verbal report which was received as information.

The following recommendation was approved by Presbytery: That the Commission on the Minister and His Work confer with W. H. Wakefield and R. B. DuPree in accordance with the Book of Church Order as to their relationship with Asheville Presbytery and report at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery with recommendations for action.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman, presented the following report, which was approved as amended: (See Directory on page 2).

The following amendments were made by Presbytery:

1. That H. B. Dendy be made Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Orphanage.

2. That C. Grier Davis and Joseph Hunter serve as trustees of Davidson College.

MODERATOR NOMINEE

The Rev. W. R. Klein was elected Moderator Nominee for the Spring Meeting of Presbytery in April.

COMMITTEE ON WORLD MISSIONS

The Rev. Stanley Bennett, chairman, presented a verbal report which was received as information.

STATISTICAL REPORT

The Stated Clerk read the Statistical Report to Presbytery, stating that it was incomplete due to the fact that a few churches had not turned in their reports. He was instructed by Presbytery to forward the report to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly when completed. A motion was made and approved by Presbytery to commend the Montreat and

Weaverville churches for giving more to benevolences than to current expenses.

Presbytery was led in prayer by the Chairman of Evangelism, Rev. Warren Thuston, asking the forgiveness and the help of God in view of the decrease in members received on Profession of Faith during 1955.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rev. R. E. McClure, executive secretary, made his report which was received as information and placed in the hands of the subcommittee for Budget for audit. Mr. McClure was commended by Presbytery for his diligence and efforts during the time he has been in Asheville Presbytery, and an increase in salary of $300.00 per year was approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures—no report.
2. Judiciary—no report.
3. Minutes of Synod—no report.
4. Records of Session—The Rev. W. W. Preston, chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Sessional Records met after lunch and approved all Sessional Records presented with exceptions noted.

The Committee reports no records reported from the following churches: Andrews, Arden, Bethel, Hayesville, Highlands, Montreat, Morrison, Robbinsville, Sylva, and White Oak.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to write to churches not having their Sessional Records at this meeting, requesting that they bring their Sessional Records to the Spring Meeting of Presbytery. A motion was made and approved that the corrections be made in the Dillingham Sessional Records.

Resolutions—The Rev. Warren Thuston, chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Resolved that: Asheville Presbytery express to the Pastor and congregation of the Mills River Presbyterian Church our sincere

appreciation for the kindness and hospitality shown us during the time of our meeting with them on January 17, 1956.

Especially do we wish to express our gratitude to the ladies who prepared and served to us the splendid noon meal.

We recommend that a copy of this resolution be printed in the Minutes of Presbytery and that a copy be furnished the Rev. Bruce Frye, the Pastor of the Mills River Presbyterian Church, to be read to the congregation.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its Stated Spring Meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville on Tuesday, April 17, at 10:00 A. M.

THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

The Rev. Paul Warren, chairman, reported that the Financial Report of the Stated Clerk for the Church Year ending December 31, 1955, had been examined and found in order and recommended that it be admitted to record. The report admitted to record is as follows:

Received From Churches:

Andrews	$ 17.34
Arden	57.46
Asheville First	566.10
Bethel	25.84
Black Mountain	114.24
Brevard	118.66
Brittain's Cove	11.90
Bryson City	28.90
Canton	79.56
Dillingham	51.00
Etowah	17.34
Franklin	40.12
Friendship	49.30
Grace Covenant	59.16
Hayesville	6.12
Hazelwood	37.40
Hendersonville	265.20
Highlands	29.58
Ivy Park	6.46

Kenilworth	191.42	
Malvern Hills	55.42	
Mills River	36.04	
Montreat	46.24	
Morrison	7.82	
Murphy	42.16	
Robbinsville (1954)	4.58	
Swannanoa	70.72	
Sylva	25.84	
Waynesville	98.26	
Weaverville	132.26	
West Asheville	179.52	
Hayesville (1954)	4.88	
Total		$2548.24

Disbursements:

George N. Claymon (salary)	$ 50.00	
Inland Press (printing of Minutes)	506.96	
General Assembly Assessment Tax	986.05	
Synod Assessment	224.67	
Stated Clerk's Travel Pool	37.45	
Supplies	30.89	
W. G. Thomas (salary)	200.00	
Total		$2036.02

Balance on hand, January 6, 1955	$2674.75
Receipts from Churches	2548.24
Total	5222.99
Disbursements	2036.02
Balance on hand, January 17, 1956	3186.97

Submitted by

REV. W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

Asheville Presbytery, Jan. 17, 1956

The following recommendation was approved: That the Stated Clerk's salary be increased from $200.00 to $400.00 and the Permanent Clerk's from $50.00 to $100.00.

MINUTES APPROVED

The Minutes of Presbytery were read by the Permanent Clerk and were approved as corrected, after which Presbytery was adjourned with the apostolic benediction by the Rev. W. G. Thomas.

KELLY E. BENNETT, *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*
GEORGE N. CLAYMAN, *Permanent Clerk*

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

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8. **Women's Work:** J. C. Neville, 1957; S. J. McCarty, 1958; R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1959.

9. **Sessional Records:** Thomas Sproule, 1957; Ed Brumby, 1958; D. P. McCarthy, III, Chairman, 1959.

10. **Minutes of Church Courts:** W. H. Marquis, 1957; James H. Skelton, 1958; W. W. Preston, Chairman, 1959.

11. **Program:** Self containing—Moderator, Stated Clerk, Host Pastor and One Elder from Host Church.

F. SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

1. **Forward With Christ**—George Clayman, Chairman; W. G. Thomas, W. F. Thuston, Paul F. Warren, C. Grier Davis, Stanley Bennett, J. J. Stone, Cameron W. Lee.

2. **Home For The Aged:** Forrest Gardner, Chairman; C. Grier Davis, Warren Thuston, Joseph Hunter, O. E. Starnes, Mrs. R. E. McClure, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date		*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1945	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946	Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
	Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
	Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947	Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
	Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
	Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
	Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
	Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
	Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949	Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
	Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
	Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
	Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950	Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
	Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
	Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
	Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951	Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
	Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
	Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
	Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
	Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
	Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
	Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953	Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
	Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
	Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
	Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954	Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
	Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
	Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
	Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955	Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
	Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
	Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
	Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956	Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

A. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY:

1. Moderator—W. R. Klein.
2. Stated Clerk—W. G. Thomas, 1959.
3. Permanent Clerk—George N. Clayman, 1959.
4. Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—R. E. McClure, 1959.

B. TRUSTEES:

1. Presbytery Trustees: W. H. McMurray, 1957; J. J. Stone, 1958; George H. Wright, 1959.
2. Davidson College Trustees: Joseph L. Hunter, 1956; C. Grier Davis, 1957.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:

1. Home Missions: C. Grier Davis, Chairman, 1957; J. C. Lime, 1957; P. N. Gresham, 1957; S. L. Bennett, 1958; James B. Sherwood, 1958; John M. Carroll, 1958; W. G. Lingo, 1958; W. G. Somerville, 1959; Frank Wade, 1959; Cameron W. Lee, 1959; George H. Wright, 1959.
2. The Mountain Orphanage: H. B. Dandy, Chairman, 1957; George N. Clayman, 1957; W. Crawford Pierson, 1957; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1957; J. E. Henderson, 1958; E. G. Roberts, 1959; Bernard R. Smith, Jr., 1958; Mrs. Stephen Shepherd, 1958; W. W. Preston, 1959; J. Paul Teal, 1959; C. E. Worley, 1959; Mrs. J. E. Spencer, 1959.
3. Christian Education: Paul F. Warren, 1957; George Lacy, 1957; W. R. Klein, 1957; G. B. Talbot, 1957; Thomas Sproule, 1957; J. Bruce Frye, 1958; Joe E. Ross, 1958; Quinn Constantz, 1958; J. E. Hatchett, 1958; J. C. Lime, 1958; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1959; R. A. Potter, 1959; George N. Clayman, 1959; L. B. Ordway, 1959; Ben F. Ormond, 1959; W. W. Preston, 1959; W. G. Somerville, 1959; Calvin Thielman, 1959; James Sherwood, 1959; A. T. Fishel, 1957; Harold Shuler, 1957; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by the Women of the Church; President of Men of the Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; Woman Adult Advisor of Youth Fellowship; and Executive Secretary.
4. Presbytery's Committee: Charles C. Pettit, 1957; J. O. Williams, 1957; D. P. McCorkle, III, 1957; Paul F. Warren, chairman, 1958; R. F. Chalmers, 1958; Ben F. Ormand, 1958; W. H. Marquis, 1959; F. A. Plummer, 1959; P. N. Gresham, 1959; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.

D. COMMISSIONS:

1. The Minister and His Work: W. F. Thuston, 1957; W. G. Thomas, 1957; G. B. Talbot, 1958; L. Nelson Bell, 1958; J. R. McGregor, chairman, 1959; Hugh E. Lamb, 1959.

E. PERMANENT COMMITTEES:

1. Nominations: H. B. Dandy, 1957; Kelley E. Bennett, 1957; J. C. Lime, 1958; F. A. Plummer, 1958; Stanley Bennett, Chairman, 1959; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1959.
2. World Missions: Stanley Bennett, Chairman, 1957; W. J. Gammon, —Assembly 1958; R. T. Reed, 1959.
3. Church Extension: C. W. Solomon, 1957; W. R. Klein, 1957; D. P. McCorkle, 1958; L. R. Nichols, 1958; W. F. Thuston, Chairman, 1959; W. C. Cooper, 1959.
4. Christian Education: R. L. Torrence, Chairman, 1957; J. H. Skelton, 1958; J. R. Lewis, 1959.
5. Assembly and Budget: P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1957; J. H. —Assembly Flanagan, 1958; C. R. Stegall, 1959.
6. General Fund Appeal: C. G. Worley, 1957; J. H. Gruver, 1958; —Assembly Calvin Thielman, Chairman, 1959.
7. Examining Committee: W. F. Thuston, Chairman, 1958.
   a. Experimental Religion: Moderator or Ex-Moderator.
   b. Theology: C. R. Stegall, 1957; W. G. Somerville, 1959.
   c. Government: James B. Sherwood, 1957; O. F. Yates, 1958.
   d. Church Government: W. J. Gammon, 1959; C. B. Yeargan, 1958.
   e. English Bible: J. H. Gruver, 1957; R. A. Potter, 1959.
   f. Tools and Languages: G. B. Talbot, 1959; A. C. Holt, 1959.
   g. Academic and Seminary Studies: C. W. Solomon, 1959; J. V. Talmadge, 1958.

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MINUTES OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

The Presbytery of Asheville met in a Called Session at the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, Tuesday, February 28, 1956, at 2:30 P. M. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Kelly E. Bennett, and constituted with prayer. The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

C. W. Solomon, Thomas Sproule, W. W. Preston, H. B. Dendy, Stanley E. Bennett, W. J. Gammon, P. N. Gresham, G. B. Talbot, D. P. McGeachy III, W. R. Klein, Warren F. Thuston, W. G. Thomas, W. G. Somerville, and George N. Clayman.

Churches represented: Paul Patton, Swannanoa; Clyde Horton, Malvern Hills; Kelly E. Bennett, Bryson City; B. H. Evans, Weaverville; and C. G. Worley, Arden.

The following call for the meeting having been found in order, the Moderator proceeded with the business in hand:

Constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Tuesday afternoon, February 28, at 2:30 o'clock for the transaction of the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To consider the request of the Rev. John C. Neville for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Andrews Presbyterian Church, and to grant him a letter of transfer to Concord Presbytery.
2. To receive the Rev. W. C. Cooper from Mid-Texas Presbytery.
3. To act upon the call of the Arden Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. W. C. Cooper, and to appoint a commission for the installation.
4. To transact any business growing out of the above.

KELLY BENNETT, *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

DISMISSAL OF REV. J. C. NEVILLE

Rev. John C. Neville requested the dissolution of his pastoral relationship with Andrews Presbyterian Church,

effective February 29, 1956, and a transfer to Concord Presbytery in order to accept the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Old Fort, N. C. The Stated Clerk read a letter from the congregation of Andrews Church concurring with Mr. Neville's request. The request was granted by Presbytery and several expressions of best wishes and appreciation were made.

RECEPTION OF THE REV. W. C. COOPER

The Stated Clerk presented the Certificate of Transfer of W. C. Cooper from Mid-Texas Presbytery to this Presbytery. The Certificate having been found in order, Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr. Cooper according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order. Examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. H. B. Dendy at the request of the Moderator; that on Theology by the Rev. W. G. Somerville; that on the Sacraments by the Rev. P. N. Gresham; and that on Church Government by the Rev. W. J. Gammon. Examinations were approved as satisfactory and Mr. Cooper was received into Presbytery on signing the "Ex Animo" statement.

The call for the pastoral services of the Rev. W. C. Cooper from the Arden Church was read by the Stated Clerk. Rev. George Talbot, from the Commission on the Minister and His Work, stated that the commission had approved the call. The call was found in order and was placed in the hands of Mr. Cooper.

COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. W. C. COOPER

The Session of the Arden Church requested that the Commission to install W. C. Cooper as pastor be composed of the following: W. G. Thomas, P. N. Gresham, H. B. Dendy, and C. W. Solomon, ministers; and Dr. Nelson Bell and C. G. Worley, ruling elders.

H. B. Dendy to preside and propound the constitutional questions.

P. N. Gresham to preach the sermon.

W. G. Thomas to charge the pastor.

Dr. Nelson Bell to charge the congregation.

The Installation Service to be held in the Arden Church at 3:30 P. M., Sunday, March 11, 1956.

The minutes were read and approved as corrected and Presbytery was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

ELDER KELLY E. BENNETT, *Moderator*

W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

THE STATED SPRING MEETING

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Spring Meeting in the Sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, N. C., Tuesday, April 17th, 1956, at 10:00 A. M. Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Moderator preached the sermon, entitled "Responsibilities and Privileges of Elders in Presbytery."

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. C. R. Stegall and the Rev. W. C. Cooper, assisted by Ruling Elders H. T. Shillinglaw, J. A. Anderson, Joe Tandy, and J. L. Smith.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

Stanley L. Bennett, G. N. Clayman, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, R. B. DePree, W. J. Gammon, P. N. Gresham, J. B. Hatchett, A. C. Holt, W. R. Klein, W. H. Marquis, R. E. McClure, D. P. McGeachy III, J. R. McGregor, B. F. Ormond, R. A. Potter, W. W. Preston, J. B. Sherwood, J. H. Skelton, W. G. Somerville, Thomas Sproule, G. B. Talbot, W. G. Thomas, Calvin Thielman, W. F. Thuston, Robert Torrence, J. B. Frye, C. R. Stegall, W. C. Cooper.

The churches represented were:

R. P. Williams, Kenilworth; Mark Osborne, Brevard; T. B. McDonald, Hendersonville; J. R. Russell, Malvern Hills; Holland McSwain, Franklin; J. L. Gash, Etowah; W. B. Sofley, Waynesville; Kelly E. Bennett, Bryson City; J. F. Smith, Murphy; H. T. Shillinglaw, Oak Forest; J. A. Anderson, West Asheville; W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa; E. A. Williamson, Hazelwood; D. W. Brittain, Mills River; J. L. Smith and L. B. Leonard, First Church of Asheville; Joe Tandy, Arden; H. E. Barkley, Black Mountain; John Miller, Montreat; A. T. Fishel, Grace Covenant; H. A. Sluder, Brittains Cove; T. G. Penland, Ivy Park; R. A. Hardwick, Friendship; L. C. Penland, Weaverville.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The Reverends Ashby Johnson and J. C. Lime were excused from attendance.

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as Visiting Brethren: Rev. I. M. Ellis, Executive Secretary of the Synod of Appalachia, and Jack Payne, Jr., of Knoxville Presbytery, who is the University Pastor for the Presbyterian Center at the University of Tennessee.

MODERATOR

Rev. W. R. Klein, Moderator-elect, was elected by acclamation.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. C. Grier Davis, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, extended a cordial welcome to Presbytery and presented the report of the Program Committee, recommending that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed, with the following exceptions:

1. That the report from the President of the Women of the Church of Asheville Presbytery be received at 12:15 P. M.
2. That the examination of the Candidate for the Gospel Ministry follow the report of the Women of the Church.

3. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:50 P. M. and reconvene at 2:00.

The program was approved as amended.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures*—Kelly Bennett, Chairman; A. C. Holt and Thomas Sproule.
2. *Judiciary*—C. R. Stegall, Chairman; Harry Barkley and J. Bruce Frye.
3. *Resolutions*—Ben F. Ormond, Chairman; L. C. Penland.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A letter was read from Mr. Holland McSwain, Jr., of the Franklin Presbyterian Church, requesting Asheville Presbytery to receive him as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

2. The Stated Clerk read a letter from the North Carolina Council of Churches, asking that two representatives from Asheville Presbytery be elected to serve on the Council. The matter was referred to the Nominating Committee.

3. The resignation of Mrs. E. E. Simmons from the Board of Trustees of Mountain Orphanage was read to Presbytery. This was referred to the Nominating Committee.

4. The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Board of Annuities and Relief requesting information as to the action that Asheville Presbytery had taken relative to the ministerial status of the Rev. Donald R. Dilworth. This was referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

5. A letter from the Rev. W. G. Somerville was read to Presbytery stating that his son, James, a senior at Columbia Theological Seminary, desires a transfer as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry to Eastern Alabama Presbytery. The request was granted and the Stated Clerk

was instructed to send a letter of encouragement and best wishes to Mr. James Somerville.

6. The following letter from the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville was read to Presbytery:

"At a regular meeting of the session of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., held on April 13, 1956, the following motion was made, seconded, and carried: That a letter be written to Asheville Presbytery requesting permission for Stuart Plummer to appear before the Presbytery in July for examination as a Minister of the Gospel and the ordination at a date set by the Candidate and the Commission."

Respectfully,

ARNOLD PLUMMER, *Clerk of Session*

In response to this letter, Presbytery took the following action: In view of the fact that Mr. Plummer will be serving in another Presbytery, Asheville Presbytery answers the request of the First Presbyterian Church as follows:

Because Paragraph 138 of the Book of Church Order expressly forbids such action, Asheville Presbytery declines to ordain Mr. Plummer but expresses a desire to license this Candidate and to dismiss him to the work in Potomac Prebytery.

7. A letter from the Evangelism Committee of the Board of Church Extension was read to Presbytery requesting that Presbytery send its chairman of Evangelism to the Pre-Assembly Conference of Evangelism at Montreat on May 30 and 31. This was approved by Presbytery and the Rev. Warren Thuston was requested to attend or to send his alternate.

REQUEST FOR OVERTURE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following letter from the Session of the First Church of Swannanoa was read to Presbytery:

"At a meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church in Swannanoa on March 20, 1956, the following action was taken:

In as much as there is increasing evidence that the National

Council of Churches does not truly represent the mind and spirit of the Southern Presbyterian Church; and,

In as much as the clergymen who hold positions of leadership in the National Council of Churches have become dictatorial (see article in Feb. 5, 1956 issue of United States News & World Report).

We, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Swannanoa, N. C., met in regular monthly meeting on March 20, 1956, do unanimously petition Asheville Presbytery to overture the 96th General Assembly Meeting in Montreat the last of May, that the Presbyterian Church, U. S., withdraw its membership in the National Council of Churches; and that consideration of this petition by Presbytery be the first order of business after lunch at its meeting on April 17th, in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, N. C."

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. BIRD TALBOT, *Moderator*
W. H. MCMURRAY, *Clerk*

Acting upon this request, Presbytery referred the matter to the standing committee on Bills and Overtures, with the request that the report from this committee be the first order of business in the afternoon session.

COMMENDATION TO MISS MARTHA THOMAS

Rev. Robert Potter suggested that Presbytery should commend Miss Martha Thomas for winning second place in the Assembly-wide Scholarship contest. Presbytery asked that a letter of commendation and best wishes be sent to Miss Thomas.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The audited financial report of the Executive Secretary was presented to Presbytery and submitted to record.

Asheville Presbytery
Asheville, North Carolina

Annual report is prepared from a general audit of the records of the ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY, R. E. McClure, Treasurer, for the year ended December 21, 1955. Report consists of statements listed in index.

Cash balances reconcile and/or agree with statements and passbooks rendered by the banks. Accounts are summarized in the following tabulation:

Account	*Balance Per Bank*	*Deposit In Transit*	*Checks Out*	*Book Balance*
Mountain Orphanage:				
Administration	$ 2,291.72	$ 3,667.71	$ 2,413.96	$ 3,545.47
Investment:				
Checking	3,337.08	1,800.00	6.76	5,130.32
Savings	4,602.80			4,602.80
Home Missions	6,757.55	2,104.76	260.60	8,601.71
Religious Education	1,017.04	362.96		1,380.00
Central Treasury	10,212.10	9,621.29	18,795.07	1,038.32
Totals	$28,218.29	$17,556.72	$21,476.39	$24,298.62

Receipts were compared with deposits recorded by the banks on monthly statements. All cancelled checks were examined.

Mortgage loans agree with individual accounts and stocks and bonds are the same as shown in report for the prior year.

In my opinion, the statements of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the cash transactions of the Asheville Presbytery, R. E. McClure, Treasurer, for the year ended December 31, 1955, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with the prior year.

JAMES E. ASHE
Asheville, North Carolina — Certified Public Accountant
March 28, 1956

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE, INC. — ADMINISTRATION
Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For The Year Ended December 31, 1955

Cash Balance, January 1, 1955		$ 4,080.08
Receipts:		
Churches	$32,498.42	
Duke Endowment	2,790.74	
Legacies and Trust Estates	707.63	
Parents and Relatives	3,148.00	
Other Individuals	3,540.95	
Interest from Invested Funds	899.79	
Farm Sales	947.46	
Money Borrowed	1,000.00	
Refunds	60.00	45,592.99
Total Balance and Receipts		$49,673.07
Disbursements		46,127.60
Cash Balance, December 31, 1955		$ 3,545.47

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE, INC. — ADMINISTRATION

Disbursements Detailed
For The Year Ended December 31, 1955

Administration Expense:		
Salaries	$ 6,627.87	
Office Supplies	258.92	
Telephone and Telegraph	442.48	
Insurance	1,629.05	
Staff Conference Dues and Expense	192.63	
Finance and Publicity	818.89	
Travel	202.54	$10,172.38
Household Care of Children:		
Salaries	$ 7,533.70	
Food Purchased	5,922.54	
Clothing	1,825.04	
Laundry	619,27	
Supplies	1,490.26	
Recreation	104.50	
Travel	782.42	
Health	380.60	
Education	610.34	19,268.67
Plant Operation and Maintenance:		
Salaries	$ 1,045.51	
Water, Lights, Fuel	4,497.12	
Repairs and Replacements	2,223.20	7,765.83
Farm Operations:		
Salaries	$ 1,434.11	
Feed, Seed, Supplies	3,629.95	
Repairs and Replacements	2,675.66	7,739.72
Extra Institutional Care		181.00
Sub-Total (For Expenses)		$45,127.60
Loan Repaid		1,000.00
Total Disbursements		$46,127.60

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE, INC. — INVESTMENT

Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For The Year Ended December 31, 1955

Cash Balance, January 1, 1955:			
Checking Account		$ 9,288.47	
Savings Accounts		4,775.84	$14,064.31
Receipts:			
Mortgage Loans—Principal Collections		$ 867.45	
Mortgage Loans—Interest		578.54	
Capital Increases:			
R. P. Smith Fund	$,105.00		
In Lieu of Flowers	1,641.00	1,746.00	
Interest on Savings		132.16	
Tax Reserve (Tucker)		49.35	
Receipts to be Forwarded (New Bus)		12.00	
Contribution on Tractor		646.62	
Temporary Loan:			
Administration Account		1,000.00	
In Lieu of Flowers		1,800.00	6,832.12
Total Balance and Receipts			$20,896.43
Disbursements:			
Loan to Administration Account (Repaid)		$ 1,000.00	
Interest Disbursements to:			
Administration Account—			
Bequest	$ 254.00		
Terry	79.81		
College Fees—R. P. Smith	202.80	536.61	
Capital Loan to Arden Church		5,000.00	
In Lieu of Flowers:			
Acknowledgment Cards	$ 35.95		
Station Wagon	1,379.00		
New Cabinets	441.17		
Tractor, Net Cost	1,800.00	3,656.12	
Annuities Paid:			
M. O. Dunham	$ 151.00		
Kinlock	150.00		
Foster Lewis	4.20	305.20	
To Treasurer of Bus Fund		12.00	
Cost of Tractor—Balance		646.62	
Refund of Tax Deposit on Mortgage Settlement		6.76	11,163.31
Cash Balance, December 31, 1955			$ 9,733.12
Deposited as Follows:			
Checking Account		$ 5,130.32	
Savings Accounts		4,602.80	9,733.12

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE ,INC. — INVESTMENT

Assets Owned — December 31, 1955

Cash:		
First National Bank and Trust Co.	$ 5,130.32	
Asheville Federal Savings and Loan Assn.	4,602.80	$ 9,733.12
Mortgage Loans:		
Arden Manse	$ 6,400.00	
T. W. Bremmer (Connor)	3,276.96	9,676.96
Second Mortgage Loan:		
Malvern Hills Property		6,350.00
Stocks and Bonds:		
Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company 93 Shares, $5.00 Par	$ 465.00	
Farmers Federation, 8 Shares, $10.00 Par	80.00	
U. S. Savings Bonds, $100.00 Cost	74.00	
Haywood Bldg. and Loan Assn.—Cost	5,000.00	5,619.00
Total Assets		$31,379.08

Assets Funded as Follows:	*Accrued Interest*	*Principal*	
Bequests		$ 2,809.00	$ 2,809.00
Lillian Terry Fund		6,404.46	6,404.46
R. P. Smith Fund	$ 349.58	13,584.96	13,934.54
In Lieu of Flowers		3,628.28	3,628.28
Annuities—M. O. Dunham		1,403.43	1,403.43
—J. C. Kinlock		1,772.83	1,772.83
—Foster Lewis		207.54	207.54
Special Funds:			
Lawrence Fund	17.20	164.09	181.29
L. T. Wild		1,004.35	1,004.35
Baby Cottage		33.36	33.36
Total Funded Balances			$31,379.08

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS — OPERATING ACCOUNT

Cash Receipts and Disbursements

For The Year Ended December 31, 1955

Cash Balance, January 1, 1955			$ 5,803.73

Receipts:			
Churches—Regular	$20,567.94		
—Designated (Capital Gifts)	1,248.54	$21,816.48	
Board of Church Extension:			
Regular	$ 7,785.84		
Designated (Arden)	2,500.00	10,285.84	
Our Mountain Work		65.00	
The Mountain Orphanage		1,779.58	
Individuals		57.50	
Refunds		34.00	
Loans Repaid		425.70	
Proceeds of Arden Sale (In and Out)		8,500.00	
Maxwell Fund Interest (In and Out)		267.18	
Cancellation of Old Check		30.00	43.261.28
Total Balance and Receipts			$49,065.01
Disbursements			40,463.30
Cash Balance, December 31, 1955			$ 8,601.71

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS — OPERATING ACCOUNT

Disbursements Detailed

For The Year Ended December 31, 1955

Executive Secretary:		
Salary and House	$ 5,400.00	
Annuity, Insurance and Social Security	860.92	
Travel Expenses	533.48	$ 6,794.40
Office Costs:		
Secretary's Salary	$ 2,449.98	
Insurance and Social Security	171.60	
Regular Operating Costs	1,052.22	
Audit	120.00	
Office Repairs and Upkeep	371.65	
Equipment	85.45	4,250.90
Ministers:		
Salary Supplements	$ 8,830.27	
Annuity and Insurance	679.80	
Students, Supplies (Pulpit)	1,430.00	
Moving New Men	440.25	11,380.32
Our Mountain Work		2,411.17

Appropriations:		
Grace Covenant	$ 500.01	
Malvern Hills	2,000.00	
Robbinsville	30.00	
W. W. Preston	880.76	3,410.77
In and Out Items (See Receipts):		
Maxwell Loan Interest	$ 267.18	
Loan to Synod's Evangelism	200.00	
Arden Property Sale	8,500.00	
Arden Gift	2,500.00	
Loan for Presbytery Promotion (to be repaid)	318.97	
Capital Gifts, Promotion	194.66	11,980.81
Miscellaneous:		
Montreat Conference Pool	$ 55.00	
Montreat Conference Fees	140.00	
Ministers' Mileage	18.50	
Rugby Insurance	21.43	234.93
Total Disbursements		$40,463.30
Cash Balance, January 1, 1955		$ 753.64

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Cash Receipts and Disbursements

For The Year Ended December 31, 1955

Receipts:		
Benevolence Funds	$ 2,026.60	
Conference Fees	159.00	
Camp Fees	154.50	
Bus Fares	15.00	
Senior Conference	8.25	
Na-Co-Me	100.00	2,463.35
Total Balance and Receipts		$ 3,216.99
Disbursements:		
Senior Conference	$ 449.68	
Pioneer Camp	456.38	
Chartered Bus	40.94	
Senior High Council:		
General Expense $ 125.00		
At Montreat 40.00		
At Na-Co-Me 1954 136.00		
At Na-Co-Me 1955 317.47	618.47	

Men's Council	100.00	
Film Strip	5.00	
Film Strip—Slide Projector	83.99	
Committee, Travel Expenses	82.53	1,836.99
Cash Balance, December 31, 1955		$ 1,380.00

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

CENTRAL TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES

Cash Receipts and Disbursements

For The Year Ended December 31, 1955

	Balances 1-1-55	*Receipts*	*Disbursements*	*Balances* 12-31-55
World Missions		$ 21,790.63	$ 21,790.63	
Overseas Relief		1,810.52	1,810.52	
Church Extension		8,042.34	8,042.34	
Christian Education		3,628.54	3,628.54	
Annuities and Relief		4,416.81	4,416.81	
General Fund		5,216.30	5,203.18	$ 13.12
Inter Church Agencies		154.82	154.82	
Mountain Orphanage		32,498.42	32,498.42	
Montreat College		5,432.64	5,432.64	
King College		7,918.00	7,918.00	
Union Seminary		1,445.62	1,445.62	
Louisville Seminary		712.79	712.79	
Christian Education—Synod		2,711.02	2,711.02	
Christian Education—Presbytery		2,026.60	2,026.60	
Presbytery's Home Missions:				
Regular		20,560.59	20,567.94	7.35*
Designated		1,248.54	1,248.54	
Negro Fund Campaign	$ 40.00*	4,715.13	4,675.13	
Miscellaneous	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Operating Fund	1,085.56		58.01	1,027.55
Totals	$1,050.56	$124,334.31	$124,346.55	$1,038.32

* Denotes Overdrawn

EXAMINATION OF MR. HOLLAND McSWAIN, JR.
CANDIDATE FOR THE MINISTRY

Mr. Holland McSwain, Jr., member of the Franklin Presbyterian Church, was presented to Presbytery by the Rev. W. G. Somerville and Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr. McSwain as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. Examination on Experimental Religion and motives in seeking the Gospel Ministry was conducted by the Moderator. Examination having been found in order, the Charge to the Candidate was given by the Rev. W. G. Somerville, who also led Presbytery in prayer for the success of Mr. McSwain in his preparation for the ministry of the gospel.

Special recognition was given by Presbytery to the parents of Mr. McSwain, who were present at the meeting, commending them for their leadership and encouragement that had been given their son.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following report from the Christian Education Committee was presented by W. G. Thomas, Chairman:

Your Executive Committee of Christian Education has made a study of the task assigned in the New Manual and is endeavoring to fulfill the responsibility of promoting the work of Christian Education.

The Manual specifies that the Committee shall organize itself into three sub-committees; namely, the Sub-Committee on Christian Education, the Sub-Committee on Christian Education in Institutions, and the Sub-Committee on Candidates for the Ministry.

The organization of the Sub-Committee on Christian Education is as follows:

ORGANIZATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A.—Officers:

W. G. Thomas ..... Chairman
690 Haywood Road, West Asheville, N. C.

Geo. N. Clayman ..... Asst. Chairman
784 Sand Hill Road, West Asheville, N. C.

G. B. Talbot ..... Secretary
Swannanoa, N. C.

Thomas Sproule ..... Asst. Secretary
40 Church Street, Asheville, N. C.

R. E. McClure, D. D. ..... Treasurer
26 Church Street, Asheville, N. C.

B.—Councils:

1. Children's Work:
   R. A. Potter, Chairman ..... Murphy, N. C.
   James Bruce Frye, Director of Junior Camp....Horseshoe, N. C.
   Dr. Geo. R. Lacy, Jr. ..... 184 Macon Ave., Asheville, N. C.
   Miss Nanine Iddins, Presbytery's Children's Work Counselor
   74 Wembley Road, Asheville, N. C.

2. Youth Work:
   George N. Clayman, Chairman and Director of Pioneer Camp
   784 Sand Hill Road, West Asheville, N. C.
   Thomas Sproule, Youth Adult Advisor and Director of Senior Camp ..... 40 Church Street, Asheville, N. C.
   Mrs. J. Bruce Frye, Youth Adult Advisor.....Horseshoe, N. C.
   J. C. Lime, Pioneer Adult Advisor....P. O. Box 784, Canton,N.C.
   Miss Judy Sneed, President of Youth Fellowship, Murphy,N.C.
   Ben F. Ormand, Chairman Vocational Guidance, Brevard, N. C.

3. Adult Work:
   W. R. Klein, Chairman ..... Black Mountain, N. C.
   J. Bryan Hatchett ..... Franklin, N. C.
   Dr. Quinn Constantz ..... Sylva, N. C.
   Joe E. Rose ..... Waynesville, N. C.

4. Leadership Education:
   G. B. Talbot, Chairman ..... Swannanoa, N. C.
   Paul F. Warren ..... P. O. Box 8067, Asheville, N. C.
   L. B. Ordway ..... 221 Westover Drive, Asheville, N. C.

5. Sunday School Administration:
   R. E. McClure, D.D., Chairman, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.
   Mrs. H. N. Clark, Presbyterial Secretary of Christian Education
   Horseshoe, N. C.

6. Camp and Conference Site Committee:
   Geo. N. Clayman, Chairman, 784 Sand Hill Rd., W. Asheville
   Thomas Sproule ..... 40 Church Street, Asheville, N. C.
   James Bruce Frye ..... Horseshoe, N. C.
   Mrs. James Bruce Frye ..... Horseshoe, N. C.
   C. A. Stubbs ..... Montreat, N. C.
   J. J. Stone ..... 76 Sheridan Road, Asheville, N. C.
   W. G. Thomas, Ex-officio.....690 Haywood Rd., West Asheville

7. Candidates For Gospel Ministry:
W. G. Somerville, Barnardsville, N. C. ..... Chairman
James Sherwood Harold Sluder

8. Higher Education:
W. W. Preston ..... Chairman
Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.
Calvin Thielman A. T. Fishel

Recommendations:

1. In order to properly organize and promote the work of the Sub-committee on Christian Education in Institutions and the Sub-Committee on Candidates for the Ministry, your Executive Committee of Christian Education recommends that Presbytery instruct the Nominating Committee to appoint six additional members to serve on this committee. This will involve changing the Manual to read: "There shall be an Executive Committee on Christian Education, composed of 21 members . . . . etc."

2. Your Committee recommends that Presbytery hear an address by the Rev. I. M. Ellis, Regional Director for the Synod of Appalachia, concerning the promotion of Christian Education.

3. Your Committee recommends that Presbytery hear reports from the various chairmen of the councils on the Sub-committee of Christian Education.

4. That local churches be encouraged to pay at least one-half of the expenses of each delegate to the Senior-High Conference, Pioneer and Junior Camps.

5. That Presbytery endorse and support the Area Leadership Schools to be established throughout our denomination.

Presbytery received reports from the sub-committee chairmen: R. A. Potter on Children's Work, George Clayman on Youth Work, W. R. Klein on Adult Work, G. B. Talbot on Leadership Education, and R. E. McClure on Sunday School Administration.

Rev. I. M. Ellis, Synod's Regional Director, brought greetings from other Presbyteries in the Synod and commended Presbytery on its campsite endeavors, number of Sunday School Clinics, Junior Camp plans, and Vocational Guidance endeavors.

Mr. Ellis introduced to Presbytery the Rev. Jack Payne, Pastor to the students at the University of Tennessee. Mr. Payne spoke briefly concerning his work.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Mrs. R. N. Baylor, President of the Women of the Church of Asheville Presbytery, presented a report on the activities of her organization. The report was received as information and the following recommendations were approved:

1. That the Men of the Church make particular effort to unite with the Women of the Church in any joint gatherings that the women may arrange. This is especially needed in 1956, which is the year of emphasis in our Church's Forward With Christ Movement on Christian family life.

2. That the Women of the Church give special prayer and thought as individuals and as an organization to issues relating to racial integration in our churches, public schools, and otherwise; seeking the Mind of Christ.

3. That the Moderator lead Presbytery in prayer, expressing our gratitude to God for all that is being done through the Women of the Church for Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Kingdom, and asking His continued blessings on our work.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The following report from the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented by its chairman, Rev. Rupert McGregor:

Your Commission followed the instructions of Presbytery in writing some members of Presbytery who had been absent without being excused by Presbytery.

We asked that the Rev. A. Hoyt Wakefield be excused from attendance at this meeting of Presbytery.

We recommend that the request of Mr. Donald Dilworth be granted, which is, "That I be allowed to demit the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., without censor."

We received request from Etowah Church that Rev. R. L. Torrence be appointed as their Supply Pastor. No action of the Commission has been taken on this request.

Acting upon these recommendations, Presbytery approved them as submitted and also granted the request of Etowah Church for the supply services of the Rev. R. L. Torrence.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:50, after being led in prayer by the Rev. G. B. Talbot.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Moderator.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

The report of this committee was presented by its chairman, Elder Kelly E. Bennett.

The only business coming before the committee was the letter from the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church requesting that Asheville Presbytery overture the General Assembly to withdraw from the National Council of Churches.

Acting on this report, Presbytery approved the following overture:

"Asheville Presbytery overtures the 96th General Assembly to appoint an ad-interim committee, representative of the entire Church, to make a detailed study of the present activities of the National Council of Churches and to report its findings back to our Church as a whole."

COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. W. C. COOPER

The report of the Commission that installed the Rev. W. C. Cooper was presented to Presbytery by the Rev. W. G. Thomas and admitted to record:

The Commission to install the Rev. W. C. Cooper as pastor of the Arden Presbyterian Church met in the Arden Church at 3:15 P. M., Sunday March 11, 1956.

The Commission was composed of the following: The Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. Paul Gresham, Rev. W. G. Thomas, Elders L. Nelson Bell and C. H. Worley. After prayer and the organization of the Commission, the assigned task was carried out as follows: The Rev. Paul Gresham preached the sermon, using as the text, Colossians 1:18, on the subject of "The Preeminence of Christ." The

Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, propounded the constitutional questions to the Minister, the Rev. W. C. Cooper, and the questions to the congregation. After the declaration and prayer by the Chairman, the charge to the pastor was made by the Rev. W. G. Thomas, and the charge to the congregation by Dr. Nelson Bell. The benediction was given by the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Cooper.

The work of the Commission was performed in accordance with the Book of Church Order.

REV. H. B. DENDY, *Chairman*
REV. W. G. THOMAS, *Secretary*

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, reported on the program that is being developed in our Presbytery for the celebration of the founding of Presbyterianism in the U. S. The report was received as information and the following recommendations were approved:

1. That the chairman of the Historical Committee be commended for his diligence.
2. That the work of this committee be limited to the plans for celebration of the founding of Presbyterianism in the U. S., this committee being dissolved when the celebration is over.

CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Report of the Church Extension Committee was given by the Rev. C. Grier Davis, chairman, which was received as information. The following recommendations were approved:

1. That Asheville Presbytery approve of the procedure whereby the Board of Church Extension in meeting the needs for capital funds by a church in the Presbytery loans to the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery, the amount to be loaned to the local church, and the local church, in turn, borrows the money from the Home Mission Committee and secures payment by a second mortgage on the church property which is assigned with recourse to the Board of Church Extension; and Asheville Presbytery instructs the Home Mission Committee that when in its judgment any such transaction seems sound and reasonably secure, it is authorized to complete the same as above outlined.
2. That the Sylva Church and its officers be commended for the excellent building campaign that they have launched.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Report of the Mountain Orphanage was presented by the chairman, H. B. Dendy. The superintendent of the Orphanage, Mr. Harry Barkley, gave a verbal report on the activities of the Orphanage.

The following recommendation was presented to Presbytery and referred to the General Council:

The Board of Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage respectfully request that you reconsider the percentage of distribution of undesignated benevolences for the year 1956 with particular reference to the amount to be given from this source to the Mountain Orphanage.

It is our understanding that the Budget Committee was laboring under a mistaken idea as to the financial standing of the Orphanage when they made this recommendation to Presbytery. It had been made to appear to the Budget Committee that we would close the year ending December 31st, 1955, with a net balance including depreciation reserves of $5,345.46, whereas we did close the year with an actual deficit of $1,478.22. This latter figure is confirmed by the actual audit. This makes a difference of $6,823.68.

We therefore, respectfully petition Asheville Presbytery to restore the percentage which was cut from the undesignated gifts from the various churchs.

HOME FOR THE AGED

Report of the committee on the Home for the Aged was presented by the chairman, Mr. Forrest Gardner, and received as information. The following recommendations were approved:

1. We recommend to Asheville Presbytery that at this time we do not overture the Synod of North Carolina for our participation in their Home for the Aged at High Point.

1. We recommend that Asheville Presbytery overture Kings Mountain Presbytery otparticipate with us in the establishment and operation of a home for the aged.

3. We recommend that this committee be continued and authorized by Asheville Presbytery to seek a suitable location and sufficient funds to establish and operate a home for the aged.

RECORDS OF SESSIONS

Report of the committee on Records of Sessions was presented by its chairman, D. P. McGeachy, III, and admitted to record. The committee examined the Sessional records for the Montreat, Sylva, Arden and Bethel Churches. The Montreat and Sylva Churches were approved without exception. Arden Sessional records had no record of statistical report. The Bethel Church needs to get a new Sessional Records book.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Report of the Nominating Committee was presented by its chairman, Rev. Stanley Bennett, and approved by Presbytery.

The Nominating Committee, meeting after the lunch hour, makes the following recommendations:

Assembly's Church Extension—W. C. Cooper, 1959.

N. C. Council of Churches—A. C. Holt and Kelly E. Bennett.

Board of Christian Education—W. W. Preston, 1959; W. G. Somerville, 1959; Calvin Thielman, 1958; James Sherwood, 1958; A. T. Fishel, 1957; Harold Sluder, 1957.

Mountain Orphanage Board—Mrs. Stephen Shepherd, 1958, to succeed Mrs. E. C. Simmons.

Women's Work—W. C. Cooper, 1957, to succeed J. C. Neville.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by the Rev. Ben Ormond, chairman:

Resolved:

1. That Asheville Presbytery express to the Pastor and congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville our sincere appreciation for the kindness and hospitality shown us during the time of our meeting with them on April 17, 1956. Especially do we wish to express our gratitude for our splendid noon meal.

2. We recommend that a copy of this resolution be printed in the minutes of Presbytery and that a copy be furnished Rev. C. Grier Davis, Pastor of the host church.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its adjourned summer meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Hendersonville on Tuesday, July 17, at 10:00 A. M.

REPRESENTATIVE FROM BOARD OF DEACONS

The Stated Clerk was instructed by Presbytery to write to the local churches, asking that a representative from the Board of Deacons be present at its summer meeting in Hendersonville.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of Presbytery were read by the Permanent Clerk and were approved as corrected.

Presbytery was adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by its Moderator, Rev. W. R. Klein.

W. R. KLEIN, *Moderator*

W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

GEORGE N. CLAYMAN, *Permanent Clerk*

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

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9. **Sessional Records:** Thomas Sproule, 1957; Ed Brumby, 1958; D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman, 1959.
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CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Clayton Bell, Montreat, N. C.
Austin Blake Brinkeroff, Montreat, N. C.
Robert Smith Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.
William E. Leaman, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
William A. Lofquist, Asheville, N. C.
Robert Edwin McClure, Asheville, N. C.
Owen L. Norment, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
Stuart Arnold Plummer, Asheville, N. C.
Alfred Douglas Reed, Asheville, N. C.
Gordon K. Reed, Weaverville, N. C.
George Edward Scott, Asheville, N. C.
John Trotti, Asheville, N. C.
Holland McSwain, Franklin, N. C.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1945 Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956 Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein

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IN THE UNITED STATES

CALLED MEETING
May 21, 1956

ADJOURNED MEETING
July 17, 1956

CALLED MEETING
August 28, 1956

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHTH
Stated Session

FALL, 1956

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.
October 16, 1956

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

A. **OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY:**

1. **Moderator**—Thomas Sproule.
2. **Stated Clerk**—W. G. Thomas, 1959.
3. **Permanent Clerk**—George N. Clayman, 1959.
4. **Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences**—R. E. McClure, 1959.

B. **TRUSTEES:**

1. **Presbytery Trustees:** W. H. McMurray, 1957; J. J. Stone, 1958; George H. Wright, 1959.
2. **Davidson College Trustees:** Joseph L. Hunter, 1956; C. Grier Davis, 1957.

C. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:**

1. **Home Missions:** C. Grier Davis, Chairman, 1957; J. C. Lime, 1957; P. N. Gresham, 1957; S. L. Bennett, 1958; Robert L. Torrence, 1958; John M. Carroll, 1958; W. G. Lingo, 1958; W. G. Somerville, 1959; Frank Wade, 1959; Cameron W. Lee, 1959; George H. Wright, 1959.
2. **The Mountain Orphanage:** H. B. Dendy, Chairman, 1957; George N. Clayman, 1957; W. Crawford Pierson, 1957; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1957; Carl Welte, 1958; R. G. Roberts, 1958; Bernard R. Smith, Jr., 1958; Mrs. Stephen Shepherd, 1958; W. W. Preston, 1959; J. Paul Teal, 1959; C. R. Worley, 1959; Mrs. J. E. Spooner, 1959.
3. **Christian Education:** Paul F. Warren, 1957; George Lacy, 1957; W. R. Klein, 1957; G. B. Talbot, 1957; Thomas Sproule, 1957; J. Bruce Frye, 1958; Joe E. Rose, 1958; Quinn Constantz, 1958; J. H. Skelton, 1958; J. C. Lime, 1958; W. G. Thomas, Chairman, 1959; R. A. Potter, 1959; George N. Clayman, 1959; L. R. Ordway, 1959; Ben F. Ormond, 1959; W. W. Preston, 1959; W. G. Somerville, 1959; Calvin Thielman, 1958; W. C. Cooper, 1958; A. T. Fishel, 1957; Harold Sluder, 1957; and the following ex-officio members: Chairman of Education appointed by the Women of the Church; President of Men of the Presbytery; President of Youth Fellowship; Woman Adult Advisor of Youth Fellowship; and Executive Secretary.
4. **Presbytery's Council:** Charles C. Pettit, 1957; J. O. Williams, 1957; D. P. McGeachy, III, 1957; Paul F. Warren, chairman, 1958; R. F. Clodfelter, 1958; Ben F. Ormand, 1958; W. H. Marquis, 1959; F. A. Plummer, 1959; P. N. Gresham, 1959; and the following ex-officio members: The Moderator; Stated Clerk; and Executive Secretary.

D. **COMMISSIONS:**

1. **The Minister and His Work:** W. F. Thuston, 1957; W. G. Thomas, 1957; G. B. Talbot, 1958; L. Nelson Bell, 1958; J. R. McGregor, chairman, 1959; Hugh E. Lamb, 1959.

E. **PERMANENT COMMITTEES:**

1. **Nominations:** H. B. Dendy, 1957; Kelley E. Bennett, 1957; J. C. Lime, 1958; F. A. Plummer, 1958; Stanley Bennett, Chairman, 1959; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1959.
2. **World Missions:** Stanley Bennett, Chairman, 1957; W. J. Gammon, —Assembly 1958, R. T. Reed, 1959.
3. **Church Extension:** C. W. Solomon, 1957; W. R. Klein, 1957; D. P. McGeachy, 1958; L. R. Nichols, 1958; W. F. Thuston, Chairman, 1959; W. C. Cooper, 1959.
4. **Christian Education:** R. L. Torrence, Chairman, 1957; J. H. Skel-
   —Assembly ton, 1958; J. R. Lewis, 1959.
5. **Annuities and Relief:** P. N. Gresham, Chairman, 1957; J. H.
   —Assembly Flanagan, 1958; C. R. Stegall, 1959.
6. **General Fund Agencies:** C. G. Worley, 1957; J. H. Gruver, 1958;
   —Assembly Calvin Thielman, Chairman, 1959.
7. **Examining Committee:** W. F. Thuston, Chairman, 1958.
   a. **Experimental Religion:** Moderator or Ex-Moderator.
   b. **Theology:** C. R. Stegall, 1957; W. G. Somerville, 1959.
   c. **Sacraments:** J. B. Frye, 1957; O. F. Yates, 1958.
   d. **Church Government:** W. J. Gammon, 1959; C. R. Yeargan, 1958.
   e. **English Bible:** J. H. Gruver, 1957; R. A. Potter, 1959.
   f. **Thesis and Exegesis:** G. B. Talbot, 1959; A. C. Holt, 1958.
   g. **Academic and Seminary Studies:** C. W. Solomon, 1959; J. V. Talmadge, 1958.

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Holland McSwain, Franklin, N. C.

Fred W. Streetman, Jr., Hendersonville, N. C.

Alfred Douglas Reed, Asheville, N. C.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of Asheville met in a called meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Monday, May 21, 1956 at 2:00 P.M. In the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, Past-Moderator, called Presbytery to order. The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Rev. W. C. Cooper. The Stated Clerk read the following call for the meeting, which was found in order:

Constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Monday afternoon, May 21st, at 2:00 p.m., for the transaction of the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To consider the request of the Rev. James Sherwood for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Bryson City Presbyterian Church, and to grant him a letter of transfer to Mecklenburg Presbytery.
2. To consider the request of the Rev. J. Bryan Hatchett for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Franklin Presbyterian Church, and to grant him a letter of transfer to Athens Presbytery.
3. To consider the requests of Candidate Gordon K. Reed for a certificate of dismissal to Knoxville Presbytery and Candidate Stuart A. Plummer for a certificate of dismissal to Potomac Presbytery.
4. To transact any business growing out of the above.

WILLIAM R. KLEIN, *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches and the following were present:

Ministers: Stanley L. Bennett, W. W. Preston, George B. Talbot, J. C. Lime, Thomas Sproule, H. B. Dendy, W. G. Somerville, James B. Sherwood, C. R. Stegall, Paul F. Warren, R. E. McClure, J. H. Gruver, W. J. Gammon, W. C. Cooper, Bryan Hatchett, W. H. Marquis, W. G. Thomas, George Clayman.

Ruling Elders: Vernon McHan, Bryson City; A. F. Fishel, Grace Covenant; George R. Lacy, Jr., Kenilworth; John Bulgin, Franklin; Kelley E. Bennett, Bryson City.

DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP JAMES SHERWOOD

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. James B. Sherwood requesting Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between himself and the Bryson City Church, effective June 1, 1956, and to transfer him to Mecklenburg Presbytery, where he will be the pastor of the McGee Presbyterian Church.

Elder Kelley E. Bennett, of the Bryson City Church, expressed the congregation's concurrence with Mr. Sherwood's request.

Request was granted by Presbytery.

J. BRYAN HATCHETT

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Bryan Hatchett requesting Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between himself and the Franklin Presbyterian Church, effective June 1, 1956, and to transfer him to Athens Presbytery, where he will be the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Commerce, Georgia.

Elder John Bulgin of the Franklin Church expressed the congregation's concurrence with Mr. Hatchett's request.

Request was granted by Presbytery.

TRANSFER OF CANDIDATES

Candidate Gordon Reed requested a transfer to Knoxville Presbytery. Request granted. Candidate Stuart Plummer requested transfer to Potomac Presbytery. Request granted.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

H. B. DENDY, *Past-Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*
G. N. CLAYMAN, *Permanent Clerk*

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
SUMMER MEETING, 1956

Asheville Presbytery met for its adjourned summer meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, North Carolina, on Tuesday, July 17, 1956 at 10:00 A.M. Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. W. R. Klein.

The Moderator led a devotion on "Finding The Will Of God."

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion was conducted by the Rev. W. R. Klein and the Rev. James Bruce Frye, assisted by ruling elders: C. E. Worley, L. B. McDonald, E. E. White, and C. W. Kuykendall.

MEMORIAL TO W. B. CHEDESTER

The following Memorial to the late W. B. Chedester was read by the Rev. Paul Gresham:

WILLIAM PIERCE CHEDESTER
1879-1956

William Pierce Chedester, born in Asheville, N. C., September 28, 1879, was called to his eternal reward on April 29, 1956.

Mr. Chedester was graduated from Davidson College in 1901, and engaged in Y.M.C.A. work and as a teacher before entering Union Theological Seminary, where he graduated in 1906.

Ordained by Asheville Presbytery on October 7, 1906, he was installed pastor of the Brevard Presbyterian Church, and thereafter served the most of his active ministry in this Presbytery.

For one year he was Chaplain at Camp Shelby, Miss., during World War One, and for three years was stated supply of the Pageland group of churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The remainder of his active work was at Brevard, Franklin, Andrews, Hazelwood, and at the Ora Street Church in Asheville.

He was married to Miss Elizabeth Stevenson of Asheville March 26, 1919, and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Guy, of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Paul N. Gresham on May 1st, 1956, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery in Asheville.

Mr. Chedester was a faithful minister of the Gospel of Christ. His keynote words were "Know the Word," "Know the Lord," "Love the Lord." He had a passion for souls. The central theme of his preaching was Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

He was a very happy man, who showed his religion in a life that inspired others. We loved him for his sincerity, for his friendly nature, and for his fine spiritual qualities. Truly, he was a godly character. A great scholar has said: "To preach well is much, but to live a godly life is more."

During his last illness, he had a tired body, and doubtless his physician prescribed rest, but the great Physician bade him come up higher and enter into that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

"Beautiful toiler, thy work all done,
Beautiful soul into glory gone,
Beautiful life with the crown now won,
God giveth thee rest;
Rest from all watching and fears,
Rest from all sighing and care,
Rest through God's endless, wonderful years."

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

Calvin Thielman, C. Grier Davis, C. R. Stegall, Paul Warren, D. P. McGeachy, III, W. W. Preston, J. R. McGregor, C. W. Solomon, Geo. B. Talbot, J. V. N. Talmadge, W. H. Marquis, Ben F. Ormand, J. Bruce Frye, R. E. McClure, A. C. Holt, Robert L. Torrence, W. G. Somerville, James H. Skelton, Donald E. Williams, W. C. Cooper, H. B. Dendy, J. C. Lime, Paul Gresham, W. R. Klein, W. G. Thomas, George Clayman, Warren Thuston. (27)

The following churches and the representative Ruling Elders were present:

D. F. Whitman, Waynesville; Everet Scroggs, Canton; J. J. Gray, Morrison; E. E. White, Black Mountain; J. R. Lewis, Grace Covenant; T. G. Penland, Ivy Park; C. G. Worley, Arden; Clifton Terrel, Bethel; B. L. McGlamery, Franklin; C. E. Worley, West Asheville, J. L. Gash, Etowah; George Horton, Oak Forest; R. T.

Reed, Weaverville; Paul Patton, Swannanoa; Walter Abernethy, Asheville First; Clyde Blair, Asheville First; A. E. Neville, Brevard-Davidson River; M. R. Whisenhunt, Hazelwood; G. L. Lowry, Kenilworth; Charlie P. Hensley, Brittains Cove; J. A. Gray, Sylva; S. W. Black, Bryson City; Alfred Dillingham, Dillingham; F. B. Gardner, Hendersonville. (24)

The following representative Deacons were present:

Thomas I. Loyd, Grace Covenant; Ed Williams, Franklin; J. W. Lanning, West Asheville; Cecil E. Blanton, Hazelwood; H. L. Boray, Bryson City; H. P. McCarroll, Waynesville.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

From the Morning Session: C. W. Solomon, and Robert L. Torrence. From the whole meeting: J. H. Gruver, Thomas Sproule, Stanley Bennett, and Wade C. Smith.

VISITING BRETHREN

The following ministers were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Rev. William McCorkle of St. Louis Presbytery, now serving as the Execntive Secretary of Evangelism and Rev. James Patton of Atlanta Presbytery, now serving as the Executive Secretary of the General Council of the Assembly.

STUDENT SUPPLY PASTORS

The following student supply pastors were introdured to Presbytery:

Charles Cousar, Highlands; Dick Bethune, Lakey Gap Chapel (Black Mt.); Lucius B. DuBose, Bethel; John C. Laughlin, Morrison and Hayesville; Raymond C. Pierson, Franklin; Fred W. McDaniel, Jr., Brittains Cove; and Arthur McDonald, Andrews.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Warren Thuston, pastor of the Hendersonville Presbyterian Church, extended a cordial welcome to Presbytery and our visitors. He introduced to Presbytery a ruling elder of the Hendersonville Church, Dr. L. B. McDonald, who outlined the day's program, giving ample

time for refreshment and fellowship. The report of the Program Committee which was adopted is as follows:

We recommend that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 1:00 P.M. and reconvene at 2:00 P.M.

2. That the Report from the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage be included in the report of Presbytery's Council.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—A. C. Holt, Chairman; J. Bruce Frye, Paul Patton.
2. Judiciary—C. R. Stegall, Chairman; Harry Barkley.
3. Resolutions—Ben Ormand, Chairman; T. G. Penland.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A card was read from W. G. Somerville, stating that Fred W. Streetman, Jr., of the Hendersonville Presbyterian Church desired to be received as a candidate for the Ministry under the care of Asheville Presbytery. Referred to Committee on Candidates.

2. Letter was read from Westminster Presbytery requesting Asheville Presbytery to conduct for them the oral part of the examination of Mr. Gavin Lee Douglas as a candidate for the ministry. Presbytery approved the request.

3. The report of the Nominations Committee, Stanley E. Bennett, Chairman, was read by the Stated Clerk and adopted by Presbytery:

Home Missions—Robert L. Torrence ('58) to replace James Sherwood.

Christian Education—J. H. Skelton ('58) to replace J. B. Hatchett; W. C. Cooper ('58) to replace James Sherwood.

Examining Committee—
Sacraments—J. B. Frye ('57) to replace James Sherwood.

Respectfully submitted,
STANLEY E. BENNETT, *Chairman*

4. The request from the Rev. R. B. Dupree to be transferred to Piedmont Presbytery was granted by Presbytery.

5. A letter from the Rev. Thomas Sproule was read to Presbytery requesting that the Rev. Warren Thuston be given the opportunity to explain the tentative plans for a College Youth Retreat at Montreat this Fall. Referred to Christian Education Committee.

6. A letter was read from Davidson College requesting Asheville Presbytery to give financial assistance to the college. Referred to Christian Education Committee.

7. A letter from the Stated Clerks Association of the General Assembly was read, requesting Presbytery to give ½c per member toward the traveling expenses of Synod and Presbytery Stated Clerks to the annual training session, August 16-17, 1956, at Montreat. Request was granted by Presbytery.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Mr. Fred W. Streetman, Jr., member of the Hendersonville Church and Mr. Gavin Lee Douglas of Westminster Presbytery were introduced to Presbytery by Rev. W. G. Somerville and Presbytery then proceeded to examine them as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry. The Examination on Experimental Religion and motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry was conducted by the Moderator. Examination having been found in order, the Moderator gave the Charge to the Candidates and led Presbytery in prayer for the Candidates' success in their preparation for the Ministry of the Gospel.

Special recognition was given by Presbytery to the parents of Mr. Streetman, commending them for the leadership and encouragement that had been given their son.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Ministers: W. G. Somerville and W. W. Preston, and Elder Harry Barkley made their reports as Commissioners

to the 1956 General Assembly that met in Montreat, North Carolina. The excellent reports were received with interest and the brethren were commended for their diligence. Elder Cameron W. Lee, who could not be present at this meeting, was requested to report at the next meeting of Presbytery.

EVANGELISM

The Rev. William McCorkle, Executive Secretary of Evangelism, challenged Presbytery to be diligent in the field of Evangelisim, laying special emphasis on Visitation Evangelism.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

The report of the Council was presented by the Rev. Paul Warren, Chairman. After the report was presented, Mr. Warren introduced the Rev. James Patton, Executive Secretary of the Council of the General Assembly, who pointed out to Presbytery the proportioned decrease of the churches giving to Benevolences. The message was received with interest and humility. Since the hour of lunch had arrived, the report was postponed till the afternoon session.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:50 P.M., after being led in prayer by the Rev. C. R. Stegall.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P.M. and was led in prayer by the Moderator.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL (Cont'd.)

The report of the Council was adopted by Presbytery with the following amendments:

1. That Presbytery's Council work out a separate percentage basis for the last column to show the officers of Presbytery just how the undesignated benevolent dollar will be divided.

2. That Montreat College be raised to $15,000, that Mountain Orphanage be raised to $45,000, and that Davidson College be put in the Budget for $1,000.

3. That the $13,000 listed under Home Missions to be raised from "Specials" since this amount of anticipated income would NOT come from Presbytery sources.

4. That $5,000 be set by Presbytery as its goal for the special offering for Church Extension.

Presbytery authorized the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage to make a loan of $5,000 to the Davidson-River Presbyterian Church if and when it is possible.

FORWARD WITH CHRIST COMMITTEE

The report of the Forward with Christ Committee was presented by the Rev. George N. Clayman, Chairman, and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That Presbytery reaffirm its action of last year in commending the program to the churches.

2. That Presbytery give sufficient time to the Forward With Christ Committee at its stated Fall Meeting for a comprehensive report of the program thus far and the presentation of next year's emphasis: "The Christian Citizen."

3. That Presbytery urge its churches to adopt specific worthy goals in each of the five major areas of Evangelism, New Churches, World Missions, Christian Education and Stewardship.

4. Inasmuch as one of the stated general purposes of the program is "the deepening of the spiritual life and effectiveness in service of pastors, officers and other leaders working for Christ through the Church," that Presbytery engage in prayer, asking God's Spirit to lead us in a new dedication to Christ and His Church.

Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. R. E. McClure.

HOME FOR THE AGED

The report from the Committee on the Home for the Aged was presented by Mr. Forrest Gardner, Chairman, and received as information.

SYNOD'S MEN'S CONFERENCE

Mr. Gardner announced the 1956 Synod's Men's Conference to be held at Montreat, August 3-5. Each church is urged to have as many men present as possible.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The following report from the Historical Committee was presented by R. E. McClure, Chairman, and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CELEBRATION 250th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST PRESBYTERY

The Committee appointed by Asheville Presbytery in January 1956 and commissioned to sponsor some recognition of the founding of the first Presbytery in the United States in Philadelphia in 1706, was instructed to confer with the Holston Presbytery, USA, and invite them to join in the celebration.

Your Chairman visited the Holston Presbytery in session at Marshall and received a cordial response. A committee was named with Rev. Edwin White, Kingsport, Tenn., as chairman, and subsequently these two committees met and named Mr. White and the Chairman of the Committee of this Presbytery as co-chairmen.

Plans made at this meeting, and by mail, resulted in the acceptance by Dr. R. C. Grier, Greenville, S. C., in behalf of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, of an invitation to join us in this celebration and he was present at the meeting of the joint commiittee.

It was unanimously voted to invite Dr. Charles A. Edington, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church (Negro) of Asheville, and member of Rogersville Presbytery, USA, and members of his congregation to unite in the celebration.

The result of the planning is outlined as follows:

There were two meetings at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, the former a supper meeting and the latter a service in the sanctuary, both on July 10th, 1956.

At the supper meeting, at 6:00 P.M., there were some 165 persons present, representing Asheville Presbytery, Holston Presbytery, Rogersville Presbytery and the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

At this meeting Dr. Grier conducted the worship service and brief historical sketches of the two Presbyteries were presented, of Holston Presbytery by Mr. White, of Asheville Presbytery by Dr. H. B. Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.

At the service in the Sanctuary, at 8:00 P.M., the guest speaker was Rev. Ernest T. Thompson, D.D., Professor of Church History, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. His address was on the subject, "Some Contributions of the Presbyterian Church to the Life of America."

There was an attendance of some three hundred at this service and Dr. Charles A. Edington conducted the worship service.

The Choir of the First Presbyterian Church rendered the anthem, "Greater Love Hath No Man," at the service in the sanctuary and Mr. White presided. Dr. McClure presided at the supper meeting.

The cost of promotion was $46.19 and an honorarium of $25.00 was given to Dr. Thompson, who at the time was a speaker at a conference at Montreat, eighteen miles from Asheville.

The evening offering amounted to $86.38, leaving a balance of $15.19 to be divided between the two Presbyteries.

The joint committees were composed of the following:

Holston: Rev. Edwin White, Chairman, Kingsport, with Rev. Wilbur Parvin, Rev. W. S. Reeve, M. S. Folsom, and Dwight P. Vining.

Asheville: Dr. R. E. McClure, Chairman, with Rev. W. G. Thomas, Kelley E. Bennett, J. L. Brittain, and R. A. Hardwick.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. McCLURE, *Chairman*

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

The following recommendation from the Home Mission Committee was presented to Presbytery by the Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, and adopted:

In view of the needs for Church Extension in Asheville Presbytery, and of the fact that our Home Mission Committee has learned that the Supplementary Offering in October will be divided so that 80% will remain in our Presbytery, and

Because we feel that there are two immediate needs facing us, namely, 1) The establishment of a more adequate Student Center and potential new Presbyterian Church at Cullowhee, and 2) The need for a new Presbyterian Church on the east or south of Asheville,

The Home Mission Committee has named three of their members, Cameron W. Lee, Chairman; W. A. Lingo, and Forrest B. Gardener, to actively promote the Church Extension Season, including the Supplementary Offering, to be allocated to these two projects.

We respectfully request Asheville Presbytery to endorse the above action and approve the naming of twelve additional men and women to assist them in this effort.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman of the sub-committee on Religious Education, read the report of the Senior-High Youth Conference, which was adopted.

The Presbytery of Asheville held its Senior Conference at Montreat from June 11 to June 16. In attendance were 69 girls and 18 boys. We experienced a fine week of fellowship together as we strove for the purpose of the Conference to develop a unified body of truth in broad, comprehensive courses, that enabled the conferees to bring together in their conference experiences that which they had already learned at Sunday School and at home.

On the whole the conduct and the spirit of the Conference was commendable. I am grateful to all of the staff for the fine job they did. The Rev. Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Bruce Frye did commendable jobs as Head Counselors. A note of appreciation is in order to Dr. McClure who was the source of man power behind all of the operations and Mr. Warren who advised with wisdom in many matters making for smoother operation of the Conference. Mr. Thuston was the other member of Presbytery who was present for much of the counseling and association and fellowship with our conferees. Gentlemen, without being critical but in the interest of these young people it is your obligation as well as your opportunity to be present at these Conferences. The first week in June is the regularly scheduled date for this Conference and you are made aware of this fact so that you may now make plans to be present, and to stay with the Conference for the week. This was the one big criticism of the week that came from the young people—our faculty members weren't here to talk to and discuss the topics with us.

The Reverend Alfred G. Taylor, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Greenville, S. C., was the Vesper speaker, bringing to us a fine series of Vesper messages.

In our program of classes a third class was included this year, a period of study on the Commissions and their work. The class was taught by the chairman of each of the Commissions—Faith, Outreach, Witness, and Citizenship. The Fellowship Commission presented its purpose in accepting the responsibility for the recreation program one night.

The Conference didn't close on June 16th; it is functioning throughout the year, support it, and encourage these young people. I believe we had a good start; thank you for the privilege of being a part of it.

July 13, 1956 THOMAS SPROULE, *Director*

Rev. George N. Clayman made the report on the Pioneer Youth Camp, which was adopted:

The Pioneer Youth Camp was held at Camp Hope, Cruso, N. C., Monday through Saturday, June 4-9. One hundred and fourteen Pioneers and fourteen leaders. The staff was as follows:

Rev. George N. Clayman, Director; Rev. Ben Ormand, Assistant Director and Director of Worship; Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Social Director; Miss Margaret Leech, Music Director; and Mrs. E. F. Pierce of the Malvern Hills Church, Nurse.

Other staff members were: Miss Gladys Maxwell of Hendersonville; Miss Mary Page of Sylva; Miss Betsy Brittain of Brevard; Miss Barbara Pittillo of Hendersonville; Mr. Larry McKay of Hendersonville; Rev. W. M. Marquis; Mr. Willett Bennett, Jr., of Hendersonville, and Mr. Charles Rich of Asheville First.

As the camp director, I found that this week of study, inspiration, and fun was highly profitable, but I was sorry that there were not sufficient accommodations for the 15 young people that were turned away.

The decisions made by several of the young people seemed to be very sincere. It is the desire of the camp staff that the ministers of each church help the Pioneers in carrying out their decisions in their own local situations.

REV. GEORGE CLAYMAN, *Director*

The following recommendations were adopted by Presbytery:

1. That the Presbytery face the critical importance of Christian Education in reaching, teaching, and winning people and building them up in Christian faith and life; and that churches call upon their members to pray for the ministry of Christian Education, to dedicate their services to Christian Education, and to increase their gifts to the Board of Christian Education, to Synod's and Presbyteries' Committees of Christian Education.

2. That the local congregations conserve all the values accruing from the year of emphasis upon the entire work of Christian Higher Education by continuing to furnish our members with information, encouraging them to be concerned for and to work with those engaged in higher education, and to undergird the entire work of higher education by their prayers and generosity.

3. That pastors and Sessions seek to recruit dedicated young men and women for the full-time service of the Church where today there exists such a shortage of ministers, missionaries, directors of Christian education and other full-time workers.

4. That every church plan carefully for the observance of the following days and seasons:

Religious Education Season, September 1-30, 1956.
Rally Day, September 30, 1956.
Religious Education Week, September 30-October 7, 1956.
Laymen's Sunday, October 21, 1956.
Christian Student Sunday (Life Dedication Day), December 30, 1956.
Assembly's Youth Sunday, January 27, 1957.
Community Youth Week, January 27-Februuary 3, 1957.
Day of Prayer for Students Around the World, February 17, '57.
Christian Higher Education Season, April 1-30, 1957.
National Christian College Day (Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges), April 28, 1957.
Christian Family Week, May 5-12, 1957.

5. That, in observance of Rally Day, every Sunday School, church, and church organization give generously to the cause of Christian Education, so that the Board of Christian Education may fulfill its responsibilities to the Church and to the people of the area served by our Assembly.

6. That local churches endeavor to impress upon parents their primary responsibility for the Christian nurture of their children and provide guidance to them in meeting these responsibilities.

7. That local church leaders study carefully the emphasis on Christian citizenship approved by the General Assembly for 1957, and plan a program that will help the members of the congregation know and undnerstand more clearly their responsibilities in this area, using the Plan Book prepared by the General Assembly.

8. That pastors and Sessions encourage as many men as possible to attend Appalachia Synod's Men's Conference to be held at Montreat on August 4-5, 1956.

9. That pastors and Sessions be requested to acquaint the men of their congregations with the purpose, program and leadership of

the Presbyterian Men's Convention to be held in Miami, Florida, October 10-13, 1957, and take steps to send official representatiives to the convention.

10. That pastors and Sessions provide vocational guidance opportunities for the benefit of the Young People.

11. That Presbytery express its appreciation by a rising vote to the Rev. George Clayman, Director of the Pioneer Camp, held at Camp Hope June 4-9, and to the staff of leaders and to the Rev. Thomas Sproule, Director of the Senior-Hi Conference held at Montreat June 11-16, and to the staff of leaders.

12. That pastors and Sessions support a Junior Camp by sending boys and girls to the camp to be held at Camp Grier, Old Fort, N. C., July 31-August 6. The Director of the camp will be the Rev. J. Bruce Frye.

13. That the Session of each congregation be urged to send its pastor to the Pastors' Retreat on Family Counseling to be held at Montreat November 19-20, 1956.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by the Rev. Ben Ormand, Chairman:

Resolved: That Presbytery of Asheville express its thanks to the Elders of the Hendersonville Church for their hospitality, their cold refreshments, and for the guidance given us during the day.

That the Women of the Church be commended for the delicious dinner that they served in the Church House.

That the pastor and his people be commended in the progress that they are making—especially toward the building of a new church.

BEN F. ORMAND, *Chairman*
T. G. PENLAND, *Co-Chairman*

NOMINEE FOR MODERATOR

The Rev. Thomas Sproule was elected Moderator Nominee for the Fall Meeting of Presbytery in October.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Black Mountain Presbyterion Church to hold its Stated Fall Meeting with them on October 16, 1956, 10:00 A.M.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Presbytery were read by the Permanent Clerk and were approved as corrected.

Presbytery was adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by its Moderator, Rev. W. R. Klein.

W. R. KLEIN, *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*
GEORGE CLAYMAN, *Permanent Clerk*

MINUTES OF A CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, Asheville Presbytery met at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, at 5:30 P.M., on August 28, 1956. The Moderator, the Rev. William R. Klein, called the meeting to order and offered the prayer.

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches and the following were present:

Ministers: Wm. R. Klein, George Clayman, W. W. Preston, Thomas Sproule, George Bird Talbot, Paul F. Warren, Paul N. Gresham, W. H. Marquis, Ben F. Ormand, W. C. Cooper, W. G. Thomas, J. C. Lime, R. E. McClure, Bruce Frye, Stanley Bennett, C. R. Stegall, Sr., W. J. Gammon, Calvin Thielman.

Churches: Oak Forest, S. A. Mann; Swannanoa, W. J. Freeman; Canton, Everett Scroggs; Black Mountain, H. E. Barkley; Waynesville, D. F. Whitman.

The call for the meeting was read by the Stated Clerk and found in order and is as follows:

August 5, 1956. Constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Tuesday afternoon, August 28, at 5:30 o'clock for the transaction of the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To consider the request for the organization of a church in the Lakey Gap community, Black Mountain, N. C.

2. To appoint a commission for the organization of the church Sunday afternoon, September 2, 1956.

3. To transact any business growing out of the above.

WILLIAM KLEIN, *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

The Moderator presented a brief review of the work which had been accomplished in the Lakey Gap Community. Mr. Bethune, a senior at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., and who is serving as summer supply at Lakey Gap, presented a petition signed by forty-six names for the organization of the church.

The petition was received and approved. The Moderator appointed the following commission to organize a church at Lakey Gap, Sunday afternoon, September 2, 1956, 3:30 o'clock:

Ministers: Stanley Bennett, chairman; C. R. Stegall, R. E. McClure, W. R. Klein.

Elders: E. E. White, Harry Barkley.

After the minutes were read and approved, the Moderator led the closing prayer and concluded with the apostolic benediction.

W. R. KLEIN, *Moderator*

W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

STATED FALL MEETING

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Fall Meeting at the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, Black Mountain, North Carolina, Tuesday, October 16, 1956, at ten o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. W. R. Klein.

The Moderator preached the sermon on "People of God," using as a Scripture lesson: I Peter 2-11.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. R. E. McClure and the Rev. J. R. Gruver, assisted by Ruling Elders Hugh Lamb, S. A. Mann, Harry Barkley, E. E. White, J. O. Williams, C. D. Thomas, J. H. Flannigan, and Frank Wade.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

D. P. McGeachy, III, George B. Talbot, C. R. Stegall, J. R. McGregor, J. C. Lime, Ben F. Ormand, C. Grier Davis, Calvin Thielman, Robert A. Potter, W. H. Marquis, Stanley L. Bennett, C. W. Solomon, Paul N. Gresham, W. G. Somerville, J. Bruce Frye, H. B. Dendy, W. C. Cooper, Tom Sproule, Wm. R. Klein, J. H. Gruver, A. C. Holt, W. J. Gammon, O. F. Yates, Paul F. Warren, W. G. Thomas, George N. Clayman, W. W. Preston. (27)

The churches represented were:

D. B. Hooper, Sylva; Walter M. Harbin, Malvern Hills; Joe E. Rose, Waynesville; B. H. Evans, Weaverville; Harold Sluder, Brittains Cove; H. N. Clark, Mills River; Crawford Pearson, Kenilworth; W. B. Winchester, Hazelwood; F. B. Gardner, Hendersonville; E. A. Bishop, Brevard-Davidson River; L. N. Bell, Montreat; George Blaylock, Bethel; D. B. Burns and R. P. Booth, Asheville First; G. S. Stone, Dillingham; Thomas G. Penland, Ivy Park; Frank Smathers, Canton; C. D. Thomas, Black Mountain; N. C. Cameron, Grace Covenant; J. T. Davidson, Swannanoa; E. R. Justice, Arden; H. E. Lamb, Oak Forest; Sam Patton, West Asheville. (23)

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The Reverend Warren Thuston was excused from attendance.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. Thomas Sproule was elected Moderator by acclamation.

VISITING BRETHREN

The following ministers were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: The Rev. Joseph Dunglinson, Tuscaloosa Presbytery; and the Rev. L. T. Newland, Holston Presbytery.

The following ministerial students serving churches in the Presbytery were introduced: Mr. Lucius B. DuBose at Bethel; and Mr. Fred W. McDaniel, Jr. at Brittains Cove.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. R. Klein, host pastor, extended to Presbytery a cordial welcome and then introduced Elder Harry Barkley of the Host Church, who presented the report of the program committee and recommended that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:00 and reconvene at 1:00 P.M.

2. That the Report from Presbytery's Council be placed on the docket immediately following lunch.

Report approved by Presbytery.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures: A. C. Holt, chairman; J. Bruce Frye, W. R. Sluder.
2. Judiciary: W. C. Cooper, chairman; Forrest Gardner, R. P. Booth.
3. Resolutions: George B. Talbot, chairman; Wm. Marquis, Sam Patton.

RECEPTION OF THE REV. L. T. NEWLAND

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. L. T. Newland, requesting reception into Asheville Presbytery from Holston Presbytery. Another letter was read from the Rev. C. A. Calcote, Stated Clerk of Holston Presbytery, stating that Holston Presbytery would not convene until October 17, 1956, but at that time a letter of transfer for L. T. Newland from Holston Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery would be sent.

Acting on the strength of the above letters, Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr. Newland according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order. Examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Moderator,

the Rev. Thomas Sproule; that on Theology by the Rev. C. R. Stegall; that on Sacraments by the Rev. W. C. Cooper; that on Church Government by the Rev. W. G. Gammon. Examination was approved as satisfactory and Mr. Newland will be enrolled upon the reception of the letter of transfer from Holston Presbytery and his signing of the "Ex Animo" statement.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A letter was read to Presbytery from the Session of the Black Mountain Church, requesting Presbytery to provide a specific amount of money for the operation of the Mountain Orphanage that is equal to the approved budget. Referred to Presbytery's Council for study.

2. Two letters from our Board of Annuities and Relief were read to Presbytery and referred to Presbytery's Committee on Annuities and Relief.

3. The Stated Clerk read a letter from Mr. Cameron Lee of Sylva, who was to make his report as a Commissioner to General Assembly at this meeting of Presbytery, requesting that he be excused until the Winter Meeting of Presbytery. Excuse granted and the report deferred until the January meeting.

LETTER OF TRANSFER FOR THE REV. FRANK O. BROWN

A letter of dismissal from Asheville Presbytery to Red River Presbytery shall be granted to the Rev. Frank O. Brown, pending his request.

4. An overture to the General Assembly was presented to Presbytery by the Rev. Robert Potter, requesting the Assembly to make a more equitable distribution of emphases during the church year. Referred to Committee on Bills and Overtures.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:00 and was led in prayer by Dr. L. Nelson Bell. At the lunch hour a partial report of the Committee on Resolutions was made by the Rev. George B. Talbot, chairman.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 P.M. After the singing of a hymn Presbytery was led in prayer by the Moderator.

VISITING BRETHREN

The Rev. I. M. Ellis of Knoxville Presbytery was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The chairman of the Commission, the Rev. Rupert McGregor, presented a verbal report that was received as information.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

Acting on the Overture to the General Assembly to make a more equitable distribution of Church emphases during the year, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures, the Rev. A. C. Holt, presented the following recommendation that was approved by Presbytery: that the overture be referred to the General Council of the Assembly for study.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. Stanley Bennett, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following report which was approved by Presbytery: that Mr. Carl Welte succeed the late Mr. J. E. Henderson on the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage.

HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

A verbal report from the Home Missions Committee was presented by the chairman, the Rev. C. Grier Davis, which was received as information.

COMMENDATION TO THE LATE MISS BERTHA ABERNETHY

Presbytery officially expressed its appreciation and gratitude to God for the Christian life and service of the late Miss Bertha Abernethy, who served so long and faithfully in the Dillingham Church when the congregation was without a minister.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

The Rev. Paul Warren, chairman of Presbytery's Council, introduced to Presbytery, Mr. Paul Teal, trustee of our Mountain Orphanage. Through the use of graphs Mr. Teal presented the poor financial condition of the Mountain Orphanage and its debt accumulation over the past five years because of lack of funds to meet the budget.

The following recommendations were approved by the Presbytery:

1. That a Special Committee be appointed, two by the Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage, two by Presbytery's Committee of Church Extension, and two by Presbytery's Council with the chairman of the committee appointed by Presbytery's Council, to study the whole matter of the Treasurership of the Mountain Orphanage and report back to Presbytery at its Winter Meeting.

2. That the Central Treasurer of Presbytery set aside one-third of the "Undesignated" contributions received during the month of December 1956 for the benefit of the Mountain Orphanage, if there be an operating deficit on December 13, 1956, or so much thereof as may be needed for this purpose; and that any balance in such funds, after meeting such deficit for 1956, be redistributed to all the causes according to present percentages.

3. That each church send two (2) copies of its 1957 Budget to Presbytery's Council.

4. That every church use the budget blanks furnished by General Council in Atlanta.

5. That every minister, officer, and member support the Thanksgiving Offering for the Mountain Orphanage.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

Asheville Presbytery voted as follows on the proposed amendments:

1. Book of Church Order (re. Ordination of Women as Church Officers): Disapproved.

2. Confession of Faith (re. Chapter XXVI): Disapproved.

OVERTURE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following Overture to General Assembly was approved by Asheville Presbytery:

That another committee on Marriage and Divorce be appointed to study the subject of Marriage and Divorce and to report at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

COMMISSION: ORGANIZATION OF LAKEY GAP CHURCH

Since the work of the Commission is not yet completed, there was no report at this meeting of Presbytery.

FORWARD WITH CHRIST COMMITTEE

A verbal report of the Forward With Christ Committee was presented by the chairman, George N. Clayman, and received as information.

HOME FOR THE AGED

Mr. Forrest Gardner, Chairman of the Committee, presented a verbal report which was received as information and the following recommendations were approved:

1. That this Committee receive $200.00 from the Promotional Budget of Presbytery to assist in the promotion of this project.

2. That Presbytery's Council and the Committee for a Home for the Aged get together in the near future and formulate a statement for the December issue of Our Mountain Work publication.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Asheville Presbytery will have its Winter Meeting at the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church on January 15, 1957.

EXCUSE GRANTED

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand was granted permission to leave before Presbytery adjourned.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, presented the following recommendations that were adopted by Presbytery:

1. That presbytery approve the appointment of the following ministers to serve as Directors of the Conference and Camps during the summer of 1957:

(a) Director of the Junior Camp—the Rev. James Bruce Frye.
(b) Director of the Pioneer Camp—the Rev. George Clayman.
(c) Director of the Senior Conference—the Rev. Thomas Sproule.

2. That Presbytery hear the Rev. I. M. Ellis, Regional Director of the Synod of Appalachia, in a report concerning matters of special interest in the field of Christian Education.

3. That the session of each church be urged to send its Pastor to the Pastors' Retreat on Family Counseling. The Retreat will be held at Montreat, Monday to Wednesday, November 19-21, cost $12.00.

4. That Presbytery hear a report of the Rev. W. G. Somerville, chairman of the Sub-committee on Candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

The Rev. I. M. Ellis of our Synod's Office commended Presbytery on its first venture into Junior Camping and encouraged its continuation. He also presented the future plans for leadership education and encouraged attendance at the Ministers' Retreat at Montreat in November.

A report from our Committee on Candidates for the Ministry was presented by the chairman of the committee, the Rev. W. G. Somerville, and received as information. The Rev. Paul N. Gresham led Presbytery in a special

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prayer for the Candidates for the Ministry under the care of Asheville Presbytery.

The total report of the Christian Education Committee was adopted as a whole.

COMMITTEE ON ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

A verbal report was presented by the chairman of the committee, the Rev. Paul Gresham, which was received as information and the following recommendation was adopted:

We recommend that the applications for appropriations for widows and orphans be the same as last year with supplements from the Joy Gift Offering.

We urge all church organizations to place emphasis on the Joy Gift in December.

CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

No Report.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY

No Report.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Judiciary Committee—no report.

Resolutions Committee—The following report was presented by the chairman, the Rev. George B. Talbot, and adopted:

1. Resolved that Presbytery express its sincere appreciation to the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, its pastor, its officers and its people for the very gracious hospitality shown to us at our Fall Meeting on October 16, 1956.

2. Resolved that special thanks be given the good ladies of the Black Mountain Church for the delicious and bounteous meal which they served Presbytery at the lunch hour.

3. Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the pastor of the Black Mountain Church, the Rev. Wm. Klein, to be read to his congregation and that said resolution be printed in the Minutes of Presbytery.

INFORMATION FOR THE ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Nominating Committee was instructed by Presbytery to provide information concerning the elders and ministers of the Presbytery that would be helpful in the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting were read by the Permanent Clerk and approved as corrected. The meeting was closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. Thomas Sproule.

THOMAS SPROULE, *Moderator*

W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

GEORGE CLAYMAN, *Permanent Clerk*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1946 Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956 Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
Summer	—Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule

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IN THE UNITED STATES

CALLED MEETING
November 22, 1956

ADJOURNED MEETING
January 15, 1957

WINTER, 1957

GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

(Incorporating actions of the Presbytery, January 15, 1957)
(Term of office, where applicable, expires in January of year shown)

Moderator: Rev. Thomas Sproule, Asheville, First.
Moderator Nominate: Ruling Elder Forrest P. Gardner, Hendersonville.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. W. G. Thomas, 690 Haywood Road, Asheville, N. C.—1959.
Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. W. Preston, 25 Chester Place, Asheville—1960.
Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church Street, Asheville—1959.
Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1958—J. J. Stone, Kenilworth; 1959—George H. Wright, Asheville First; 1960—Roy P. Booth, Asheville First.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1959—Joe L. Hunter; 1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Church Extension

1958—Rev. S. L. Bennett, Rev. Robert L. Torrence, John M. Carroll, W. G. Lingo.
1959—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Frank Wade, Cameron W. Lee, George H. Wright.
1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman; Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Rev. P. N. Gresham, F. B. Gardner.

Orphanage Work

1958—Carle Welte, E. G. Roberts, Bernard R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Stephen Shepherd.
1959—Rev. W. W. Preston, J. Paul Teal, Jr., C. E. Worley, Mrs. J. C. Spooner.
1960—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman; Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Charles Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Christian Education

1958—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. J. C. Lime, Rev. Calvin Thielman, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Joe E. Rose, Quinn Constantz.
1959—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Potter, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Rev. W. W. Preston, L. B. Ordway.
1960—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Philip L. Brintnall.

And the following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; O. E. Starnes, Jr., President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. J. Rupert McGregor, Chairman of Christian Education for Presbyterial; James Davis, Moderator of Senior High Fellowship; Mr. Sproule and Mrs. J. Bruce Frye, Adult Advisors of Youth Work; Mr. Sproule, Mr. Ormand, Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Directors of the Senior Conference, Pioneer Camp and Junior Camp, respectively.

Presbytery's Council

1958—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman; Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Kelley E. Bennett.
1959—Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, Rev. Paul N. Gresham, F. A. Plummer. .
1960—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, J. O. Williams, Mark Sumner.

And the following, by virtue of their office: The Moderator of the Presbytery, the Stated Clerk and the Executive Secretary.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1958—Rev. G. B. Talbot, L. Nelson Bell.
1959—Rev. J. R. McGregor, Chairman; Hugh E. Lamb.
1960—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. H. B. Dendy.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations—Rev. J. C. Lime, 1958, F. A. Plummer, 1958; Rev. S. L. Bennett, Chairman, 1959, J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1959; Rev. C. Grier Davis, 1960; Kelley E. Bennett, 1960.

World Missions—Rev. W. J. Gammon, 1958; R. T. Reed, 1959; Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman, 1960.

Church Extension (Assembly)—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, 1958, L. B. Nichols, 1958; Rev. W. F. Thuston, Chairman, 1959, Rev. W. C. Cooper, 1959; Rev. L. T. Newland, 1960, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, 1960.

Christian Education (Assembly)—Rev. J. H. Skelton, 1958; J. R. Lewis, 1959; Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman, 1960.

Annuities and Relief—J. H. Flanagan, 1958; Rev. C. R. Stegall, 1959; Rev. Paul N. Gresham, Chairman, 1960.

General Fund Agencies—Rev. J. H. Gruver, 1958; Rev. Calvin Thielman, Chairman, 1959; C. G. Worley, 1960.

Examining Committee—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1958.

Experimental Religion—The Moderator, or Ex-Moderator.

Theology—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman, 1959, Rev. C. R. Stegall, 1960.

Sacraments—Rev. O. F. Yates, 1958; Rev. J. B. Frye, Chm., 1960.

Church Government—Rev. C. B. Yeargin, 1958, Rev. W. J. Gammon, Chairman, 1959.

English Bible—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1959, Rev. J. H. Gruver, 1960.

Academic and Seminary Studies—Rev. J. V. N. Talmadge, 1958, Rev. Thomas Sproule, Chairman, 1960.

Women's Work—S. J. McCarty, 1958, Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1959, Rev. W. C. Cooper, 1960.

Sessional Records—E. H. Brumby, 1958, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman, 1959; Rev. Thomas Sproule, 1960. (to be supplemented at the annual meeting by appointments by the Moderator).

Minutes of Church Courts—Rev. Jas. H. Skelton, 1958; Rev. W. W. Preston, Chairman, 1959, Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, 1960.

Program—Moderator, Rev. Thomas Sproule; Stated Clerk, Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host Pastor, Rev. Ben F. Ormand; Ruling Elder from Host Church_____

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. A. C. Holt, 1960, Kelley E. Bennett, 1960.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Forward With Christ—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. W. F. Thuston, Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. Stanley L. Bennett, J. J. Stone, Cameron W. Lee.

Home for the Aged—Forrest B. Gardner, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. W. F. Thuston, Joseph L. Hunter, O. E. Starnes, Mrs. R. E. McClure, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Office of Executive Secretary—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Rev. C. Grier Davis, Forrest B. Gardner, Rev. H. B. Dendy, J. Paul Teal, Jr., Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. J. C. Lime.

Commissioners to 1957 General Assembly

Ministers—Principals, Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, and Rev. Calvin Thielman; Alternates, Rev. Warren F. Thuston, and Rev. Ben F. Ormand.

Ruling Elders—Principals, J. Paul Teal, Jr., and C. A. Stubbs, Alternates, F. A. Plummer, and Holland McSwain.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Clayton Bell, Montreat, N. C.
Austin Blake Brinkeroff, Montreat, N. C.
William E. Leaman, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
William A. Lofquist, Asheville, N. C.
Robert Edwin McClure, Asheville, N. C.
Owen L. Norment, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
George Edward Scott, Asheville, N. C.
John Trotti, Asheville, N. C.
Holland McSwain, Franklin, N. C.
Fred W. Streetman, Jr., Hendersonville, N. C.
Alfred Douglas Reed, Asheville, N. C.

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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of Asheville met in a called meeting in the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina, Wednesday afternoon, November 21, 1956, at 2:30 o'clock. In the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. W. R. Klein, Past-Moderator, called Presbytery to order and offered the prayer. The Stated Clerk read the following call for the meeting, which was found in order:

Constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet in the West Asheville Church, 690 Haywood Road, Asheville, N. C., Wednesday afternoon, November 21 at 2:30 o'clock for the transaction of the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To consider the request of the Rev. E. A. Johnson for a letter of transfer to Dallas Presbytery.
2. To consider the request of the Rev. George Clayman for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Oak Forest Church, and to grant him a letter of transfer to Potomac Presbytery.
3. To transact any business growing out of the above.

REV. THOMAS SPROULE, *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

November 11, 1956

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches and the following were present:

Ministers: W. W. Preston, A. C. Holt, R. E. McClure, George Clayman, Paul N. Gresham, W. R. Klein, W. G. Thomas, C. R. Stegall.

Elders: S. A. Mann, Oak Forest, Sam R. Patton, West Asheville.

VISITING BRETHREN

The following ministers were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Dr. W. F. McElroy, Central Texas; and the Rev. I. M. Ellis, Knoxville Presbytery. A large delegation from the Oak Forest congregation was present. Among them were the following: Mr. O. E. Starnes, Sr., an elder; Mr. O. E. Starnes, Jr., Chair-

man of the Board of Deacons; Mrs. O. E. Starnes, Jr., President of the Women of the Church; Mrs. Byerly, adult adviser of the young people.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. E. Ashby Johnson requesting a certificate of dismission to Dallas Presbytery. Mr. Johnson, who formerly served as a teacher at King College, Bristol, Tenn., and is now teaching at Austin College, Sherman, Texas, was granted the certificate of dismission to Dallas Presbytery.

The Rev. George Clayman presented his request for the pastoral relationship between himself and the Oak Forest Church to be dissolved, effective November 30, 1956, and that he be granted a certificate of dismission to Potomac Presbytery. Elder S. A. Mann, the representative from the church, reported that the congregation in a regular called meeting had voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Clayman remaining as their pastor. Several members of the delegation from the congregation were granted the privilege of speaking in behalf of retaining Mr. Clayman as their pastor. When Mr. Clayman declared that he believed it was God's will for him to accept the call from the Laurel Church, Potomac Presbytery, Asheville Presbytery concurred in the request and granted him a certificate of dismission to Potomac Presbytery. Several of the brethren spoke of the fine service rendered to the church and to the Presbytery by Mr. Clayman.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Rev. W. R. Klein.

W. R. KLEIN, *Pastor-Moderator*

GEORGE CLAYMAN, *Permanent Clerk*

W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
WINTER MEETING 1957

The Presbytery of Ashevlle met for its Adjourned Winter Meeting in the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina, on Tuesday, January 15, 1957 at 10:00 A.M. Presbytery was called to order and led in prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. Thomas Sproule.

The Moderator led a Devotional on the subject: "One Of Four Choices." Miss Thelma Grant of Montreat College sang a beautiful solo accompanied by Miss Mary Mangrum.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

Presbytery voted to dispense with the roll call of Ministers and Churches and that the cards be signed in lieu of the roll call.

Ministers present were: William J. Gammon, P. N. Gresham, W. G. Somerville, Robert A. Potter, Paul F. Warren, W. W. Preston, Warren F. Thuston, James H. Skelton, Jr., W. H. Marquis, D. P. McGeachy, III, William R. Klein, Ben F. Ormand, C. W. Solomon. Robert L. Torrence, G. B. Talbot, J. Bruce Frye, C. Grier Davis, Henry R. Dendy, R. E. McClure, J. C. Lime, W. C. Cooper, C. R. Stegall, J. H. Gruver, Tom Sproule, J. Rupert McGregor, Calvin Thielman, W. G. Thomas (27).

The following churches were represented:

Arden, E. R. Justice; Asheville First, L. B. Ordway, James M. Coleman; Black Mountain, Frank Wade; Brevard, Harvey L. Cavender; Brittain's Cove, C. P. Hensley; Bryson City, Kelley E. Bennett; Canton, Carl T. Welte; Dillingham, William D. Dillingham, Jr.; Franklin, J. B. Ray; Friendship, Wiley E. Norwood; Grace Covenant, Charles L. Scott; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerrow; Hendersonville, L. B. McDonald, M. D.; Ivey Park, Thomas G. Penland; Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Malvern Hills, Edward G. Roberts; Mills River, D. W. Brattain; Montreat, Carlton B. White, M. D.; Oak Forest, Edgar J. Duckworth; Swannanoa, S. Fred Davidson, Sr.; Sylva, C. W. Lee; Waynesville, Albert Abel; Weaverville, Ben H. Evans, West Asheville, E. C. Conrad (25).

VISITING BRETHREN

The following ministers were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren:

Dr. Hilton Seals of Orange Presbytery.

Rev. I. M. Ellis of Knoxville Presbytery.

Dr. W. W. Pharr of Bluestone Presbytery.

Rev. J. C. Hauenstein, Presbytery of Albany of the U. S. A. Church.

Student supply pastors presented were:

Mr. Fred W. McDaniel of the Brittain's Cove Church.

Mr. Lucius B. DuBose of the Bethel Church.

Rev. Paul Warren, of the host church, introduced the following from the Grace Covenant Church:

Leon Walker, J. R. Lewis, A. T. Fishel, Leslie T. New, Jr., and Kendall Leeman. Other visiting Elders present were: F. B. Gardner, H. E. Barkley, Joe E. Rose, and J. S. Gray.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Paul Warren made a report for the Program Committee. The printed docket was adopted with these exceptions:

1. Recess for lunch at 12:50 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.
2. That Presbytery hear the Woman's Work report and Mrs. Arch Baylor at 11:00 A.M.
3. That Mr. O. E. Starnes, Jr., speak on Men's Work after the above special order.
4. That election of Commissioners to the General Assembly be the first order after lunch.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Rev. Stanley Bennett made a partial report for the Committee on Nominations nominating W. W. Preston as Permanent Clerk. He was elected.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures: W. R. Klein, Chairman, R. L. Torrence, and Charles Scott.
2. Judiciary: J. H. Gruver, Chairman, C. R. Stegall, William Dillingham.
3. Resolutions: J. C. Lime, Chairman, J. B. Frye, Frank Wade.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Letter of Transfer from Holston Presbytery for Dr. L. T. Newland was received.

A communication from Rev. C. W. Solomon was received. He told of his evangelistic work as a member of Asheville Presbytery since January, 1950. He requested a Letter of Transfer to Union Presbytery, U.S.A., where he is to do special Evangelistic Work. The request was granted.

A Letter of Transfer for Dr. W. W. Pharr from Bluestone Presbytery was received.

An Overture from the Sylva Church was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Stated Clerk's Financial report was referred to the Auditing Committee. Rev. W. G. Somerville, Chairman of the Candidates Committee, made a request for a transfer of letter of Robert S. Dendy to Athens Presbytery. The request was granted.

The Rev. W. G. Somerville requested that Presbytery dissolve the relation between him and the Dillingham Church, effective April 1, 1957, and that he be given a letter of transfer to King's Mountain Presbytery that he may accept a call to the Springwood Church. The representative of the church, Mr. William Dillingham, reported that the church acquiesced to his request. There were many expressions of regret at his leaving and words of appreciation

of his faithful work in the Presbytery. His request was granted.

Rev. C. R. Stegall announced a cablegram had been received from Brazil telling of the death of the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Armistead, Mrs. Nancy Gourley in Brazil. Presbytery was led in prayer for the loved ones by Mr. Stegall. The Stated Clerk was asked to send a telegram to the Armisteads and a cablegram to Mr. Gourley telling them of our sympathy and prayers.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following ministers were excused from attendance: Rev. Wade C. Smith, and Dr. J. V. N. Talmadge.

WOMAN'S WORK REPORT

Rev. R. A. Potter presented Mrs. Arch Baylor, president of Asheville Presbyterial, who made an inspiring report on the Woman's Work of Asheville Presbytery. The report was received as information. The recommendations of the Committee were adopted as follows:

(1) That Presbytery hear Mrs. Arch Baylor, president of the Women of the Church for Asheville Presbytery in regard to the work.

(2) That Presbytery at this time voice its thanks to our God for spiritual gains made by the Women within the Presbytery, and pray the Father's continued blessing upon the endeavor; and

(3) That in promoting the year's Forward With Christ theme of Christian Citizenship local Women of the Church groups encourage joint meetings of men, women, and young people to treat of the subject. That at these meetings thought be given to such urgent matters as right race relations, Christian motivated voting, crime problems, under paid segments in American population, help for migrant labor families, and community provision for use of leisure time.

Presbytery was led in prayer for the Work of the Women by Rev. C. W. Cooper.

MEN'S WORK

Mr. O. E. Starnes, Jr., President of the Men of the Church of Asheville Presbytery, made an oral report on

the work of the Men of the Church of Asheville Presbytery. He urged use of the recommended *Manual* and programs from the Men's Work Department in Richmond. His report was received as information and he was commended for his splendid work.

RECEPTION OF DR. W. W. PHARR

Dr. W. W. Pharr was presented for reception into Asheville Presbytery. The Moderator conducted the examination on Experimental Religion which was sustained. Rev. C. R. Stegall conducted the examination on views on Theology which was sustained. Rev. J. B. Frye conducted the examination on the Sacraments and Rev. W. J. Gammon that on Church Government both of which were sustained. The examination as a whole was sustained and Dr. Pharr was enrolled after signing the Ex Animo statement.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. C. W. Lee reported his attendance to the General Assembly of 1956. His report was received and he was commended for his diligence.

REPORT OF STATED CLERK AND TREASURER

The Stated Clerk, Rev. W. G. Thomas, reported that only ten churches had turned in their stastistical reports. He was granted permission to complete the report and to forward same to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly; and to condense the report and have it published in an issue of the "Mountain Work." He reported that the Treasurer's books had been audited and found in order by Rev. Paul Warren, Chairman of the General Council. There was a balance on hand of $2,203 as of January 14, 1957. The report was received and admitted to the record.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PRESBYTERY'S FUNDS
JANUARY 15, 1957

Received from churches:

Andrews	$ 16.32
Arden	53.72
Asheville, First	569.16
Bethel	23.83
Black Mountain	111.52
Brevard	126.82
Brittain's Cove	12.58
Bryson City	30.94
Canton	84.66
Dillingham	50.32
Etowah	19.04
Franklin	50.32
Friendship	37.74
Grace Covenant	70.72
Hayesville	
Hazelwood	40.12
Hendersonville	273.36
Highlands	29.58
Ivy Park	6.80
Kenilworth	182.58
Malvern Hills	66.98
Mills River	37.40
Montreat	46.92
Morrison	5.44
Murphy	
Oak Forest	75.48
Robbinsville	
Swannanoa	65.96
Sylva	27.88
Waynesville	106.08
Weaverville	132.26
West Asheville	181.90
White Oak	
Lakey Gap	
Total Received from Churches	$2536.43
Total Received from sale of Books (Clerk of Session)	43.50
TOTAL RECEIVED	$2579.93

Disbursements:

George Clayman (Salary)	$ 91.67
Inland Press (Minutes)	414.58
General Assessment Tax (1956)	1198.24
General Assessment Tax (1957)	1223.36
Synod Assessment for 1956	152.92
Supplies for office of Stated Clerk	33.46
Purchase of Books—Clerk of Session	49.50
W. G. Thomas (Salary)	400.00
Total Disbursements	$3563.73
Balance On Hand January 12, 1956	$3186.97
Receipts from Churches	$2579.93
Total Receipts for year	$5766.90
Total Disbursements	$3563.73
Balance on Hand, January 14, 1957	$2203.17

ROBBINSVILLE CHURCH AND WHITE OAK CHURCH

The Stated Clerk received a letter from the Robbinsville Church stating that it had disbanded. This matter was referred to the Committee on Church Extension and this Committee was instructed to report at the April meeting of Asheville Presbytery. It was also requested that this Committee make a report on the White Oak Church.

CENTRAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. R. E. McClure made an oral report as Central Treasurer, Executive Secretary, and Superintendent of Home Missions. It was received as information with the understanding that a written report be made at the April meeting of Presbytery.

OVERTURES

An overture was presented by Dr. C. Grier Davis with reference to the statistical report to the General Assembly

which was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. Ben F. Ormand presented an overture with reference to the Statistical report which was referred to the above Committee.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch and was led in prayer by Rev. Warren Thuston.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery re-convened at 2:00 P.M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. Paul N. Gresham.

RESOLUTIONS

Rev. J. C. Lime made the following report for the Resolutions Committee which was adopted:

Your Committee on Resolutions makes the following resolutions:

1. That the Pastor and officers of the Grace Covenant Church be commended for their splendid preparations for the meeting of Presbytery and their gracious reception of the members of Presbytery.
2. That the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church be commended for building a beautiful, unique and modern church of which they may be justly proud.
3. That the Women of the Church be thanked for the coffee hour, their delicious dinner, and kind hospitality.
4. The Moderator be complimented on his conduct of the Meeting.

COMMISSIONERS ELECTED TO THE 1957 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Rev. Stanley Bennett, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, brought information concerning Ministers and Elders who had been Commissioners to the General Assembly within the past ten years.

The procedure for election of Commissioners was adopted as follows: For the Principal Commissioner to the General Assembly, if two receive a majority, they shall be elected. If no one receives a majority, then a vote shall be taken on the four highest candidates. If one receives a majority, he shall be elected and the two next highest shall be voted upon.

Presbytery elected the following Ministers and Ruling Elders Commissioners to the next meeting of the General Assembly to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, April 25, 1957:

Ministers: Dr. J. R. McGregor and the Rev. Calvin Thielman, with alternates, the Rev. Warren Thuston for Dr. McGregor and the Rev. Ben Ormand for Calvin Thielman.

Ruling Elders: Mr. J. Paul Teal of Grace Covenant Church and Mr. C. A. Stubbs from the Montreat Church; with alternates Mr. Arnold Plummer from Asheville First Church for Mr. Teal, and Holland McSwain of the Franklin Church for Mr. Stubbs.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Rev. Paul Warren reported for Presbytery's Council. The following recommendation was adopted:

The Presbytery Council would like to request that Asheville Presbytery authorize the Council to work out a plan for the distribution of the funds in 1957 on the basis of $100,000.00 undesignated money (which is merely the anticipated amount) along with the addition of representatives including the Chairman of the Mountain Orphanage Board and the Chairman of the Home Mission Committee.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Dr. C. Grier Davis stated that there was no report from the Home Mission Committee for this meeting of Presbytery

RESIGNATION OF H. E. BARKLEY AT THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Dr. H. B. Dendy reported for the Mountain Orphanage. He reported the resignation of the Superintendent

which was reluctantly received by the Board. It was moved and adopted that the Board express the official appreciation of the entire Presbytery to Mr. Barkley for his faithful and efficient work and that this be included in their report to the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Rev. W. G. Thomas reported for the Christian Education Committee and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That Presbytery approve the appointments of Rev. Ben Ormand as the Director of the Pioneer Camp.
2. That Presbytery approve the following spending budget for the year 1957: (1) Children's Work $150; (2) Junior Camp $300; (3) Youth Work $1350; (4) Young Adults $100; (5) Men of the Church $200 (6) Sunday School Work $100; (7) Sunday School Clinics and Leadership Education $300; making a total expenditure of $2500.

EVANGELISTIC POWERS

The motion was made by Dr. R. E. McClure that the Rev. R. A. Potter be granted Evangelistic Powers; and that Knoxville Presbytery be requested to recognize the Evangelistic Powers given to Mr. Potter so that he can receive members into the Bethel Church which is under the care of Knoxville Presbytery.

Mr. Edward G. Roberts, a member of the Finance Committee of the Mountain Orphanage Board, made a financial report, which was received as information.

MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was made by Dr. J. R. McGregor, and is as follows:

Your Committee continues to offer its help to each Church when it is without a minister.

Today we were given the names of four students of the graduating class of Union Theological Seminary, who are being favorably

considered by our churches of Andrews, Bryson City, Franklin, and Oak Forest.

We understand that now at this meeting of Presbytery we are to have reported any increase in the salary of any of our ministers.

INCREASE IN PASTORS SALARIES

1. The congregation of the Brevard-Davidson River Church respectively requests Asheville Presbytery to permit the congregation to change the terms of their call to their minister Rev. Ben F. Ormand, in order to raise his salary to $5,750.00.
2. Swannanoa to increase Pastor's salary $300.00.
3. Grace Covenant to increase salary $360.00.
4. Waynesville to increase salary $600.00.
5. Black Mountain to increase salary $300.00.
6. Canton to increase salary $300.00.
7. Hazelwood to increase salary $600.00.
8. First Church of Asheville to increase Associate Pastor's salary to $4200.00.
9. Kenilworth to increase Pastor's salary $1000.00.

Signed: G. B. Talbot, *Secretary*
W. G. Thomas
Warren Thuston
J. R. McGregor, *Chairman*
Commission on the Minister and His Work.

The report was adopted.

WORLD MISSIONS

The report on World Missions was made by Rev. Stanley Bennett, and it was received as information.

Rev. Warren Thuston extended to Presbytery an invitation to our people to take part in a World Mission Conference in Hendersonville on January 27-30. The recommendations were adopted as follows:

1. That the churches of Presbytery observe the World Missions Season from February 3 through March 3.
2. That the churches secure their films and filmstrips directly from the Bookstore in Richmond. A pamphlet will be sent to each minister or clerk of session listing the films and filmstrips that are available.

3. That the churches secure retired missionaries for their World Mission Season.

NOMINATIONS

The completed report of the Nominations Committee was made by Rev. Stanley Bennett and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your committee makes the following recommendations:

A. OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY:

3. Permanent Clerk—W. W. Preston, 1960, to replace George N. Clayman.

B. TRUSTEES:

1. Presbytery Trustees: R. P. Booth, 1960, to succeed W. H. McMurray.
2. Davidson College Trustees: Joseph L. Hunter, 1959, to succeed himself; C. Grier Davis, 1960, to succeed himself.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:

1. Home Missions: C. Grier Davis, 1960, to succeed himself; Ben F. Ormand, 1960, to succeed J. C. Lime; Forrest Gardner, 1960, to succeed himself; P. N. Gresham, 1960, to succeed himself; Calvin Thielman, 1959, to fill unexpired term of W. G. Somerville.
2. The Mountain Orphanage: H. B. Dendy, 1960, to succeed himself; W. R. Klein, 1960, to succeed George N. Clayman; Charles Allen, 1960, to succeed W. Crawford Pierson; Mrs. C. D. Thomas, 1960, to succeed herself.
3. Christian Education: W. H. Arthur, Jr., 1960, to succeed A. T. Fishel; Philip L. Britnall, 1960, to succeed Harold Sluder; D. P. McGeachy, III, 1959, to fill unexpired term of George N. Clayman; Paul F. Warren, 1960, to succeed himself; George Lacy, 1960, to succeed himself; W. R. Klein, 1960, to succeed himself; G. B. Talbot, 1960, to succeed himself; Thomas Sproule, 1960, to succeed himself; W. H. Marquis, 1959, to fill unexpired term of W. G. Somerville.
4. Presbytery's Council: Mark Sumner, 1960, to succeed Charles C. Pettit; Kelley Bennett, 1958, to fill the unexpired term of R. F. Clodfelter; J. O. Williams, 1960, to succeed himself; D. P. McGeachy, III, 1960, to succeed himself.

D. COMMISSIONS:

1. The Minister and His Work: H. B. Dendy, 1960, to succeed W. F. Thuston; W. G. Thomas, 1960, to succeed himself.

E. PERMANENT COMMITTEES:

1. Nominations: C. Grier Davis, 1960, to succeed H. B. Dendy; Kelley Bennett, 1960, to succeed himself.
2. World Missions: C. R. Stegall, chairman, 1960, to succeed Stanley Bennett.
3. Church Extension: L. T. Newland, 1960, to succeed W. C. Solomon; W. R. Klein, 1960, to succeed himself.
4. Christian Education: R. L. Torrence, chairman, 1960, to succeed himself.
5. Annuities and Relief: P. N. Gresham, chairman, 1960, to succeed himself.
6. General Fund Agencies: C. G. Worley, 1960, to succeed himself.
7. Examining Committee:
   b. Theology: C. R. Stegall, 1960, to succeed himself; D. P. McGeachy, III, 1959, to fill the unexpired term of W. G. Somerville.
   c. Sacraments: J. B. Frye, 1960, to succeed himself.
   e. English Bible: J. H. Gruver, 1960, to succeed himself.
   g. Academic and Seminary Studies: Thomas Sproule, 1959, to fill unexpired term of C. W. Solomon.
8. Women's Work: W. C. Cooper, 1960, to succeed himself.
9. Sessional Records: Thomas Sproule, 1960, to succeed himself.
10. Minutes of Church Courts: W. H. Marquis, 1960, to succeed himself.
12. North Carolina Council of Churches: A. C. Holt, 1960; Kelley E. Bennett, 1960.

F. SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

1. Forward With Christ: Ben F. Ormand, chairman, to succeed George N. Clayman.
2. Home for the Aged: Robert Torrence.

SESSIONAL RECORDS

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was made by the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III. The report was adopted as follows:

Your committee has examined the minutes presented to Presbytery and has approved those presented with the following exceptions:

1. The Franklin Church does not show record of having elected representatives to either Presbytery or Synod.
2. Bryson City did not meet at least once a quarter, and did not elect a representative to Presbytery or Synod.
3. Brevard has pages pasted in insecurely. A great deal of superfluous information is contained in these minutes. It is suggested that the Minutes of the Session be brief, to the point, and businesslike. Other matters, if it is desired that they be recorded, should be kept in a separate Church History.
4. Kenilworth: Items pasted in insecurely.

Further. The committee frowns on the practice of churches not presenting their minutes, and wishes its disapproval recorded with regard to Andrews, Etowah, Hayesville, Hazelwood, Highlands, Morrison, Robbinsville, Swannanoa, White Oak, and Lakey Gap.

Further, in many cases, no statistical record was found. This was due no doubt to the impracticality of preparing the report on the short notice given by Presbytery. These reports should be immediately incorporated in the Minutes, in a permanent way.

Further, the Committee suggests that the requirements of the churches to present congregational rolls, be eliminated, since:

1. All names of members received, dismissed, etc., should be in the Session's minutes.
2. All statistics of such rolls should be in the statistical report.
3. In most cases it involves the confusion of bringing two books. If this rule is not dropped, then the churches will have to begin bringing their rolls, as only a very few were brought today.

Finally, the Committee calls urgently to the attention of the brethren, that the two phrases, the "rite" of baptism, and "christening" are not Presbyterian in character and should be avoided.

LETTER TO MR. HARDWICK

The Presbytery voted to ask the Stated Clerk to write to Mr. R. A. Hardwick, Clerk of Session of the Friendship Church, expressing our hope and prayer that he will soon recover.

MINUTES OF CHURCH COURTS

Rev. W. W. Preston reported for the Committee on the Minutes of Church Courts. He stated that the minutes of Asheville Presbytery have been reviewed and found in order. The motion was made and adopted that the approved Minutes become the Official Record.

ORGANIZATION OF LAKEY GAP CHURCH

The report of the organization of Lakey Gap Church was made by Dr. R. E. McClure. The report was received and admitted to the record.

LAKEY GAP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Commission named to organize the Lakey Gap Presbyterian Church, two miles southeast of Black Mountain, met at Lakey Gap Chapel at 3:30 P.M., Sunday, September 2, 1956, and was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. Stanley L. Bennett.

Present: The Chairman, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Rev. R. E. McClure, and Ruling Elder Harry E. Barkley. Dr. McClure was named as Secretary.

The presence of Richard M. Bethune, student minister for the summer, was recognized, and he was requested to present the Charter Members of the church. Mr. Bethune, of Clinton, N. C., is a student from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

The Commission was constituted with prayer and continued its meeting in a worship service conducted by the Chairman, in which Mr. Klein preached.

Mr. Bethune presented 35 persons who requested the organization of the Church. Of these 33 came by letter from the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, and restatement of their faith and 2 by profession of faith and baptism.

The obligations required by the Book of Church Order were outlined, together with the action of Asheville Presbytery authorizing the action by the Commission, and those present were received as

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Charter Members, the Sacrament of Baptism being administered to those not previously baptized.

The congregation proceeded to the election of Ruling Elders and Deacons. John Melton and Raymond Clements were named Ruling Elders and Vernon Morris and Harry Clements were named Deacons.

Neither of the above had been previously ordained to their office and the Commission ordered that they receive instruction by Mr. Klein and be approved by the Session of the Black Mountain Church in preparation to their ordination and installation.

The Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman and complete the work of organizing the church.

The names of the charter members are appended hereto.

The Commission met at the call of the Chairman at 9:30 A.M., October 28, 1956, with the same persons present as in the original meeting.

Mr. Klein certified to the examination of the officers elected by the Black Mountain Session and their qualification for office.

The Commission proceeded to meet in a worship service conducted by the Chairman, at which the Ruling Elders elect: Robert Raymond Clements and John Wesley Melton declared their willingness to accept this office and answered in the affirmative all questions required of the Book of Church Order. They were ordained to the office by the laying on of the hands of the Commission, and a proper charge was delivered to them and the congregation.

Lester Vernon Morris and Harry Eugene Clements indicated their willingness to accept the office of Deacon and answered in the affirmative all questions required by the Book of Church Order. They were ordained to the office of Deacon by the laying on of the hands of the Commission, which was joined by the two newly ordained Ruling Elders, and a proper charge was delivered to them and the congregation.

After the ordination, the Chairman declared that the Lakey Gap Presbyterian Church was duly organized, according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and entitled to be enrolled as a member of Asheville Presbytery, upon the report of this commission.

The duties assigned having been performed, the Commission adjourned, after which Rev. Wm. R. Klein, with the newly elected

Ruling Elders administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper for the newly organized church.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. KLEIN, *Moderator*

Attest: R. E. MCCLURE, *Clerk*

The Charter Members included:

By Certificate and Re-Affirmation:

Mrs. Herbert Melton, Mrs. Earnest Hudgins, Mr. and Mrs. John Beddingfield, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clements, Miss Mildred Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Logan, Mr. John Clements, Mr. and Mrs. William Clements, Mrs. Mamie Casey, Miss Dorothy Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Allen S. Melton, Mr. Larry Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Verlon Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Morris, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Melton, Mrs. Georgia Sneed McCall, Mr. Alvin Sneed, Mr. Ed Sneed, Mr. Eddie Eugene Sneed, Mr. Erwin Sneed, Mrs. Ellen V. Thomas, Miss Ann Van Meter Wilson, Miss Lyde Wilson.

By Profession of Faith and Baptism:

Mr. Charles Hudgins and Mr. Jimmy Beddingfield.

THE MANUAL OF PRESBYTERY

Dr. McClure reported for the Committee on the Manual for Asheville Presbytery. The following motion was adopted:

That a mimeographed copy of the Manual as revised be furnished each Minister. That the Manual be printed as presented unless specific changes are presented at the April Meeting and approved at that meeting.

It was moved and passed that the Manual be amended so that the Minutes of Presbytery be printed four times yearly.

The Rev. W. C. Cooper presented the following motion which was adopted:

That the Executive Secretary of Presbytery be instructed to furnish itemized statistics of 1956 gifts to Synod's and Presbytery's

Causes to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery and that statistics be published in the next printed minutes of Presbytery.

Forward With Christ Committee—No Report.

The Home For the Aged report was made by Mr. F. B. Gardner which was received as information.

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE TREASURER

The Special Committee appointed at the request of Presbytery to study the work of the Treasurer of the Mountain Orphanage made these recommendations:

(1) That the Committee has met and after thorough discussion of the entire question recommends that no change in the Mountain Orphanage Treasurer be made at this time.

(2) That the Committee be continued and members from the Christian Education Committee be added, the Chairman and one other named by him, and that the scope of this Committee be enlarged to include an analysis of the Executive Secretary's Office.

REV. PAUL WARREN, *Chairman*

MR. ARNOLD PLUMMER, *Clerk*

These recommendations were adopted.

The Committee was asked to report at the April meeting of Presbytery.

BILLS AND OVERTURES

Rev. William Klein reported that the Bills and Overtures had three overtures placed in its hands.

(1) The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Sylva, North Carolina, respectfully overture the Presbytery of Asheville as follows:

(a) That the Presbytery overture the 1957 General Assembly to dissolve the Asheville Presbytery from the Synod of Appalachia and to unite it with the Synod of North Carolina.

(b) That the Presbytery request the Synods of Appalachia and North Carolina to concur in this transfer.

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church as recorded in the minutes of the Session.

Signed:

C. W. LEE, *Clerk of Session*

This overture was docketed to the Spring Meeting of Presbytery to be considered the first item after lunch.

(2) The second overture presented to the Committee was as follows: That Asheville Presbytery overture the General Assembly to instruct the General Council to restore a breakdown of Synod's and Presbytery's Causes in the Assembly's Statistical Report as in the 1955 Minutes.

This overture was approved.

(3) The third overture presented to the Committee was: That Asheville Presbytery overture the General Assembly to restore the column "Pastor's Salary" to the Annual Statistical Report.

This overture was not approved.

Judiciary Committee—No Report.

The motion was adopted that the Moderator appoint a Committee to study the overture from the Sylva Church and report to the Spring Meeting.

MR. FORREST GARDNER MODERATOR-ELECT

Mr. Forrest Gardner was unanimously nominated Moderator-Elect for the April Meeting.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation to meet with the Brevard-Davidson River Church for the Spring Meeting, on April 16, at 10:00 A.M.

MINUTES APPROVED

The Minutes of this meeting were approved as read by the Permanent Clerk, after which Presbytery was adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Rev. C. Grier Davis, D. D.

THOMAS SPROULE, *Moderator*

W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

W. W. PRESTON, *Permanent Clerk*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1946 Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956 Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
Summer	—Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule
1957 Winter	—Grace Covenant	Rev. Thomas Sproule

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SPRING, 1957

April 9th, 1957

BREVARD-DAVIDSON RIVER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA

DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Moderator: Ruling Elder Forrest P. Gardner, Hendersonville.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. W. G. Thomas, 690 Haywood Road, Asheville, N. C.—1959.
Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. W. Preston, 25 Chester Place, Asheville—1960.
Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church Street, Asheville—1959.
Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1958—J. J. Stone, Kenilworth; 1959—George H. Wright, Asheville First; 1960—Roy P. Booth, Asheville First.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1959—Joe L. Hunter; 1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Church Extension

1958—Rev. S. L. Bennett, Rev. Robert L. Torrence, John M. Carroll, W. G. Lingo.
1959—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Frank Wade, Cameron W. Lee, George H. Wright.
1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman; Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Rev. P. N. Gresham, F. B. Gardner.

Orphanage Work

1958—Carle Welte, E. G. Roberts, Bernard R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Stephen Shepherd.
1959—Rev. W. W. Preston, J. Paul Teal, Jr., C. E. Worley, Mrs. J. C. Spooner.
1960—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman; Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Charles Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Christian Education

1958—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. J. C. Lime, Rev. Calvin Thielman, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Joe E. Rose, Quinn Constantz.
1959—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Potter, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Rev. W. W. Preston, L. B. Ordway.
1960—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Philip L. Brintnall.

And the following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; O. E. Starnes, Jr., President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. J. Rupert McGregor, Chairman of Christian Education for Presbyterial; James Davis, Moderator of Senior High Fellowship; Mr. Sproule and Mrs. J. Bruce Frye, Adult Advisors of Youth Work; Mr. Sproule, Mr. Ormand, Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Directors of the Senior Conference, Pioneer Camp and Junior Camp, respectively.

Presbytery's Council

1958—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman; Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Kelley E. Bennett.
1959—Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, Rev. Paul N. Gresham, F. A. Plummer.
1960—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, J. O. Williams, Mark Sumner.

And the following, by virtue of their office: The Moderator of the Presbytery, the Stated Clerk and the Executive Secretary.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1958—Rev. G. B. Talbot, L. Nelson Bell.
1959—Rev. J. R. McGregor, Chairman; Hugh E. Lamb.
1960—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. H. B. Dendy.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations—Rev. J. C. Lime, 1958, F. A. Plummer, 1958; Rev. S. L. Bennett, Chairman, 1959, J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1959; Rev. C. Grier Davis, 1960; Kelley E. Bennett, 1960.

World Missions—Rev. W. J. Gammon, 1958; R. T. Reed, 1959; Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman, 1960.

Church Extension (Assembly)—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, 1958, L. B. Nichols, 1958; Rev. W. F. Thuston, Chairman, 1959, Rev. W. C. Cooper, 1959; Rev. L. T. Newland, 1960, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, 1960.

Christian Education (Assembly)—Rev. J. H. Skelton, 1958; J. R. Lewis, 1959; Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman, 1960.

Annuities and Relief—J. H. Flanagan, 1958; Rev. C. R. Stegall, 1959; Rev. Paul N. Gresham, Chairman, 1960.

General Fund Agencies—Rev. J. H. Gruver, 1958; Rev. Calvin Thielman, Chairman, 1959; C. G. Worley, 1960.

Examining Committee—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1958.

Experimental Religion—The Moderator, or Ex-Moderator.

Theology—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman, 1959, Rev. C. R. Stegall, 1960.

Sacraments—Rev. O. F. Yates, 1958; Rev. J. B. Frye, Chm., 1960.

Church Government—Rev. C. B. Yeargin, 1958, Rev. W. J. Gammon, Chairman, 1959.

English Bible—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1959, Rev. J. H. Gruver, 1960.

Academic and Seminary Studies—Rev. J. V. N. Talmadge, 1958, Rev. Thomas Sproule, Chairman, 1960.

Women's Work—S. J. McCarty, 1958, Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1959, Rev. W. C. Cooper, 1960.

Sessional Records—E. H. Brumby, 1958, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman, 1959; Rev. Thomas Sproule, 1960. (to be supplemented at the annual meeting by appointments by the Moderator).

Minutes of Church Courts—Rev. Jas. H. Skelton, 1958; Rev. W. W. Preston, Chairman, 1959, Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, 1960.

Program—Moderator, Rev. Thomas Sproule; Stated Clerk, Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host Pastor, Rev. Ben F. Ormand; Ruling Elder from Host Church_____.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. A. C. Holt, 1960, Kelley E. Bennett, 1960.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Forward With Christ—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. W. F. Thuston, Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. Stanley L. Bennett, J. J. Stone, Cameron W. Lee.

Home for the Aged—Forrest B. Gardner, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. W. F. Thuston, Joseph L. Hunter, O. E. Starnes, Mrs. R. E. McClure, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Office of Executive Secretary—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Rev. C. Grier Davis, Forrest B. Gardner, Rev. H. B. Dendy, J. Paul Teal, Jr., Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. J. C. Lime.

Commissioners to 1957 General Assembly

Ministers—Principals, Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, and Rev. Calvin Thielman; Alternates, Rev. Warren F. Thuston, and Rev. Ben F. Ormand.

Ruling Elders—Principals, J. Paul Teal, Jr., and C. A. Stubbs, Alternates, F. A. Plummer, and Holland McSwain.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Clayton Bell, Montreat, N. C.
Austin Blake Brinkeroff, Montreat, N. C.
William E. Leaman, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
William A. Lofquist, Asheville, N. C.
Robert Edwin McClure, Asheville, N. C.
Owen L. Norment, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
George Edward Scott, Asheville, N. C.
John Trotti, Asheville, N. C.
Holland McSwain, Franklin, N. C.
Fred W. Streetman, Jr., Hendersonville, N. C.
Alfred Douglas Reed, Asheville, N. C.
William English, Asheville, N. C.
Sam Rochester, Bryson City, N. C.

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COMMUNION SERVICE

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was conducted by Dr. L. T. Newland and Dr.W. W. Farr, with ruling elders, Robert R. Bolt, Harvey L. Cavender, Jack Alexander and Duncan C. Hunter of the Brevard-Davidson River Church.

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Presbytery voted that the roll call of ministers be dispensed with and that the cards be signed in lieu of the roll call.

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worth, J. B. Storey; Malvern Hills, J. Z. Russell; Mills River, M. E. Lance; Montreat, C. A. Stubbs; Murphy, W. A. Singleton; Oak Forest, Roger Norvell; Swannanoa, W. J. Freeman; Sylva, J. E. Thompson; Waynesville, James L. Elwood; Weaverville, P. B. Ray; West Asheville, Banks G. Beard. (24)

VISITING BRETHREN

Rev. Donald Williams, missionary to North Brazil, who is a member of Asheville Presbytery, was presented.

The following were invited to sit as visiting brethren: Rev. Charles McNutt, Kanawa Presbytery; Dr. R. T. L. Liston, Holston Presbytery.

Student Supply pastors presented were: Mr. Lucius B. DuBose of the Bethel Church; Mr. Fred W. McDaniel of the Brittain's Cove Church.

Rev. Ben F. Ormand of the host church, introduced the following from the Brevard-Davidson River Church: Harvey L. Cavender, Robert R. Bolt, Jack Alexander, Duncan C. Hunter, A. D. Walker. Other visiting elders present were: S. A. Mann, L. H. McKay, H. E. Barkley, J. O. Williams.

Mr. William English, of the Malvern Hills Church, student of King College, to be received as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry was presented.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following ministers were excused from attendance: Dr. A. C. Holt, Rev. Wade C. Smith, Dr. J. R. McGregor, and Dr. J. V. N. Talmadge.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. B. F. Ormand of the host church introduced Mr. Duncan C. Hunter, who made the report for the Program Committee. The printed docket was adopted with these exceptions:

1. Recess for lunch at 12:45 P. M. until 1:45 P. M.
2. History of the Brevard-Davidson River Church to be the first order of the day.

3. Candidates for the Gospel Ministry to be received after Communications.
4. Dr. R. T. L. Liston of King College, to speak during the consideration of the Sylva Church overture, which is to be the first order after lunch.

HISTORY OF THE BREVARD-DAVIDSON RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mr. Harvey L. Cavender, of the Brevard-Davidson River Church, gave a brief and interesting history of the host church. He told of the early period of the beginning of the church right on down to the construction of the beautiful present building.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Mr. Forrest Gardner, the Moderator-Elect of the Hendersonille Church, was unanimously elected Moderator.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures: Rev. Thomas Sproule, Chairman, Mr. Banks Beard, Rev. W. C. Cooper.
2. Judiciary: Rev. Paul Gresham, Chairman, Mr. Clyde Stubbs, Mr. C. G. Worley.
3. Resolutions: Rev. William R. Klein, Chairman, Mr. J. Everette Scruggs, Rev. J. C. Lime.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Rev. James W. Gunn of Transylvania Presbytery with reference to the transfer of Mr. Sam Rochester to Asheville Presbytery. He was received as a Candidate under the care of this Presbytery.

A letter of appreciation from Mr. Everette Gourley for the cablegram sent at the last meeting was read and received as information.

A petition from the Bethel Church of Unaka, N. C. was referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee.

The Communication from Holston Presbytery requesting the transfer of Mr. Dick Somers to this Presbytery was docketed to the July meeting.

A letter was read from Dr. Marshall Dendy concerning the annual Religious Education Reports sent to Richmond. This was received as information.

CANDIDATE FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

The Rev. W. C. Cooper, Chairman of the Committee on Education for the Ministry and Mission Service, presented Mr. William English of the Malvern Hills Church as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

The Moderator examined the Candidate on Experimental Religion. This was sustained.

Mr. Cooper examined the Candidate on Motives for Entering the Gospel Ministry. Sustained.

The Moderator propounded the questions to the Candidate.

The Rev. W. W. Preston, the Candidate's Pastor, gave the charge and led in the prayer. Mr. English was enrolled as a Candidate under the care of Asheville Presbytery.

CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION

The Rev. Warren Thuston, Chairman of the Examining Committee, presented Mr. Sam Rochester to be examined for ordination. The Moderator examined him on Experimental Religion. The examination was sustained.

The Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, examined the Candidate on Theology, which was sustained.

The Rev. Bruce Frye examined the Candidate on the Sacraments. Sustained.

The Rev. W. J. Gammon examined the Candidate on Church Government, which was sustained.

The Rev. R. A. Potter conducted the examination on English Bible, which was sustained.

The Rev. Thomas Sproule reported for the Committee on Academic Studies, which were approved.

The sermon preached before Presbytery was approved.

The examination was approved as a whole as satisfactory, twenty-five in favor and nineteen opposed.

COMPLAINT

Notice was given by Dr. H. B. Dendy that he would register a complaint with the Synod of Appalachia against the ruling of the Moderator that no part of the examination of a Candidate could be reopened before the vote to sustain the examination as a whole was taken.

COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL MR. SAM ROCHESTER

The Commission to ordain and install Mr. Rochester as pastor of the Bryson City Church was named as follows: Dr. R. E. McClure, Chairman, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. R. A. Potter, Elders Holland McSwain of Franklin, and L. B. Nichols of Andrews. The Chairman and Pastor were authorized to make arrangements as to date and the assignment of parts. The commission was also authorized to examine the Call from the Bryson City Church for the pastoral services of Mr. Sam Rochester, and, if found in order, to place it in his hands.

BILLS AND OVERTURES

The Rev. Thomas Sproule reported for the Bills and Overtures Committee.

The petition from the Bethel Presbyterian Church of Unaka, N. C., to Knoxville Presbytery and Asheville Presbytery was as follows:

"We the undersigned members and worshipers in the Bethel Presbyterian Church of Unaka, North Carolina, do hereby petition the Knoxville Presbytery to transfer the said Bethel Church to the Asheville Presbytery and the Asheville Presbytery to accept said transfer of Bethel Church. We have prayerfully considered this request and be-

lieve it to be advisable for the best interest of the Bethel Church and Christ's Kingdom. Respectfully signed and submitted by: Jamis Hamby, Georgia Hamby, Clifford Murphy, Bonnie Roberts, W. A. Thompson, Bonnie Curtis, Lizzie Curtis."

The Committee recommended that the request of the Bethel Church of Unaka, N. C., be granted, pending the approval of Knoxville Presbytery. This recommendation was adopted.

The Special Committee appointed by the Moderator to consider the overture of the Sylva Church which was presented to the Winter meeting of Presbytery was composed of the following members: Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, Rev. Paul Gresham, Dr. C. Grier Davis, Dr. Henry B. Dendy, and Elder Leon Walker. Mr. Leon Walker reported for the Committee. Three mimeographed sheets included the History of Appalachia Synod, and the pros and cons of Asheville Presbytery becoming a part of the Synod of North Carolina. The Committee recommended that the Overture be approved and sent to the 1957 General Assembly. The motion was defeated.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Report of the Special Committee on the Office of the Executive Secretary was submitted by the Rev. Paul Warren. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The Special Committee appointed by Asheville Presbytery to review and study the workings of the Executive Secretary's Office would like to submit the following report:

The Committee was appointed at the fall meeting of Asheville Presbytery to investigate and analyze the Executive Secretary's Office as it pertained to the Mountain Orphanage Treasurer. Our Committee reported at the Winter Meeting, but asked that the Committee be continued, and asked that two members from the Christian Education Committee be added, and that the final report be given at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee has met, and in view of our findings, we would like to recommend:

1. That Asheville Presbytery appoint an Executive Committee on the Office and Work of the Executive Secretary. This Committee to be made up of one representative from each of the following committees: Presbytery's Church Extension; Mountain Orphanage; Christian Education; Presbytery's Council; Commission on Minister and His Work; World Missions; and Women's Work.

   The Committee will outline the duties of the Executive Secretary and will supervise his office and work.

   Each Committee to name its own representative, and the Moderator of the Presbytery be empowered to act as convener and that the Committee be instructed to elect its own chairman.

2. The Special Committee would like to commend the Executive Secretary for the fine work which he is doing in our Presbytery, and we hope that, with the employment of the new office secretary, who we understand has been employed, in the Executive Secretary's office, and under the new Committee, the Executive Secretary can perform his duties more adequately and more effectively in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul F. Warren, *Chairman*

Arnold Plummer, *Clerk*

COMMITTEE ON THE MANUAL

Dr. R. E. McClure reported for the Committee on the Manual. He reported that the Manual is available in mimeograph copies at present. Any person desiring to make any changes are requested to do so in writing before the July meeting of Presbytery.

COMMITTEE ON THE PROGRAM OF PRESBYTERY

The Rev. Ben Ormand made the motion that a Committee be appointed by the Moderator to study ways in which the work of Asheville Presbytery may be done more efficiently. The motion was adopted.

AUDITED REPORTS

Dr. R. E. McClure reported that his books had been audited. The report was received as information and the audited reports were ordered printed in the minutes. They are as follows:

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE, INC. — ADMINISTRATION
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For The Year Ending December 31, 1956

CASH BALANCE, January 1, 1956			$ 3,545.47
RECEIPTS:			
Churches, Budget Gifts		$17,584.23	
Designated Gifts		20,621.23	
		38,205.46	
Duke Endowment		3,686.98	
Trust Estates, etc.		1,083.81	
Parents and Relatives		2,722.68	
Other Individuals: Regular	$3,343.70		
Special (Bus)	2,155.25	5,498.95	
Refunds and Adjustments		298.76	
Investment Interest		934.68	
Farm Sales		964.59	$53,295.91
Total Balance and Receipts			$56,841.38
Money Borrowed:			
From Reserve Funds		4,000.00	
From Bank		2,466.67	6,466.67
Total Receipts, all funds			$63,308.05
DISBURSEMENTS			57,684.14
CASH BALANCE, December 31, 1956			$ 5,623.91

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE, INC. — ADMINISTRATION
DISBURSEMENTS DETAILED
For The Year Ending December 31, 1956

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE		
Salaries	$ 6,653.76	
Office Supplies	245.08	
Telephone and Telegraph	448.25	
Insurance	1,844.86*	
Interest on Loans	33.33	
Conference Expense, Staff	125.50	
Finance and Publicity	1,140.93	$10,491.71
HOUSEHOLD CARE OF CHILDREN		
Salaries	$ 8,179.11	
Food	5,329.66	
Clothing, etc.	2,047.13	
Laundry	702.15	
Supplies	1,170.81	
Recreation	12.00	
Travel	1,063.42	
Health	608.55	
Education	1,122.19	20,235.02

PLANT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE			
Salaries		$ 3,169.26	
Fuel, Water, Lights, Supplies		4,068.53	
Replacement and Repair		7,002.35**	14,240.14
FARM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE			
Salaries		$ 2,387.79	
Feed, Seed, Supplies		3,321.59	
Replacement and Repair		505.22	6,214.60
EXTRA INSTITUTIONAL CARE			11.00
Sub-Total (For Expenses)			***51,192.47
RE-FUND, ADJUSTMENT			25.00
LOANS REPAID: Administration Funds		4,000.00	
Bank Loan for Bus		2,466.67	6,466.67
Total Disbursement			57,684.14

*Net $1,571.10 after refund of overpayment.
**Net $2,810.67, after deducting cost of Bus $4,191.68.
***Net $46,727.03 after deducting both of above adjustments.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE, INC. — INVESTMENT
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For The Year Ending December 31, 1956

CASH BALANCE, January 1, 1956			
Checking Account		5,130.42	
Savings Accounts		4,602.80	9,733.12
RECEIPTS:			
Mortgage Loans:			
Principal Collections		830.26	1,492.23
Interest		662.27	
Capital Increases:			
Legacy	$ 500.00		
Sale—Haywood B & L Stock	5,000.00	5,500.00	
Interest on Savings		164.38	
Administration Loan, Repaid		4,000.00	
In Lieu of Flowers, Contributions		2,276.40	11,940.78
Total Balance and Receipts			23,166.43
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Loan to Administration, Repaid		4,000.00	
Loan to Brevard-Davidson River	4,991.90		
Discount	8.10	5,000.00	
Past Due Payments, (Supplement)			
Social Security, 1951-1955			
Principal	833.08		
Interest	156.84	989.92	

Interest Disbursements:			
Bequests	254.00		
Lillian Terry	76.59	410.34	
Annuities Paid:			
M. O. Dunham	151.00		
J. C. Kinlock	150.00		
Foster-Lewis	4.20	305.20	
In Lieu of Flowers Fund:			
Furniture and Equipment		4,000.66	14,706.12
CASH BALANCE, December 31, 1956			
Checking Account		3,998.33	
Savings Accounts		4,461.91	8,460.31

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE, INC. INVESTMENT
ASSETS OWNED — DECEMBER 31, 1956

CASH: First National Bank and Trust Company	$ 3,998.33	
Asheville Federal Savings and Loan Assoc.	4,461.91	$ 8,460.31
MORTGAGE LOANS:		
Arden Manse, 1st Mortgage	6,181.20	
Bremmer acct., 1st Mortgage	2,831.25	
Malvern Hills Church, 2nd Mtge.	6,350.00	
Brevard-D. R. Church, 2nd Mtge.	5,000.00	20,362.45
STOCKS AND BONDS:		
Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co. 93 Shares at par 5.00 (Market, 1-15-56 28.00)	465.00	
Farmers Federation, 8 shares, $10.00 par	80.00	
U. S. Savings Bond, matured for $100.00, 9-56, carried at cost	74.00	619.00
TOTAL ASSETS		$29,441.76

ASSETS FUNDED AS FOLLOWS	Accrued Interest	Principal	
Bequests		$ 2,484.83	$ 2,484.83
Lillian Terry Fund		6,404.46	6,404.46
R. P. Smith Fund	$ 601.51	13,584.96	14,186.47
In Lieu of Flowers		1,904.02	1,904.02
Annuities:			
M. O. Dunham		1,294.84	1,294.84
J. C. Kinlock		1,676.41	1,676.41
Foster-Lewis		209.60	209.60
Special Funds:			
Lawrence Fund	22.67	164.09	186.76
Baby Cottage		34.36	34.36
L. T. Wilds Fund		1,060.01	1,060.01
Total Funded Balances	$ 624.18	$28,817.58	$29,441.76

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS — OPERATING ACCOUNT
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For The Year Ending December 31, 1956

CASH BALANCE, January 1, 1956 .. (Including Reserve Funds, $4,493.35)			$ 8,601.71
RECEIPTS			
Churches of Presbytery, Budget Giving	$26,154.36		
Designated	2,215.39		
Asheville First, for Grace Covenant	3,525.00	$31,894.75	
Board of Church Extension:			
Regular	8,205.54		
Loan for West Asheville	10,000.00		
Loan for Brevard-Davidson River	10,000.00	28,205.54	
Mountain Orphanage		1,824.37	
Our Mountain Work		63.00	
Trust Estate (Donor Anonymous)		188.49	
Maxwell Fund Interest (Loan to Grace Covenant)		267.90	
Historical Celebration, Offering		46.10	
Church Extension Suppers		36.00	62,526.24
Total Balance and Receipts			71,127.95
DISBURSEMENTS			55,991.14
CASH BALANCE, December 31, 1956 (Including Reserve Funds $5,092.31)			$15,136.81

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS — OPERATING ACCOUNT
DISBURSEMENTS DETAILED
For The Year Ending December 31, 1956

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY		
Salary and House	$ 5,700.00	
Annuity, Insurance and Social Security	823.32	
Travel Expenses	688.03	$ 7,211.35
OFFICE COSTS		
Secretary's Salary	2,599.96	
Insurance and Social Security	156.60	
Regular Operating Cost	1,037.64	
Audit	110.00	
Office Repairs and Upkeep	132.59	
Permanent Equipment	346.41	4,383.20
MINISTERS		
Salary Supplements	10,301.72	
Annuities and Insurance	814.94	
Supplies, Students and Others	3,163.36	14,280.02
OUR MOUNTAIN WORK		2,673.19

APPROPRIATIONS		
Student House, Cullowhee	1,800.00	
Morrison Church	331.83	
Interest (½) on Grace Covenant Loan	717.55	
Expenses, Ministers to Richmond	50.00	
Travel Pool, Montreat Conference	55.00	
Honorarium, C. W. Solomon	60.00	3,014.38
IN AND OUT ITEMS (See Receipts)		
Loan to West Asheville	10,000.00	
Loan to Brevard-Davidson River	10,000.00	
Maxwell Fund Interest	267.54	
Expenses of Historical Celebration	38.51	
Gift of Asheville First to Grace Covenant	3,525.00	23,831.05
MISCELLANEOUS		
Insurance on Rugby and Robbinsville	25.14	
Committee Mileage and Meals	129.12	
Addressograph Plates	24.66	
Expenses, O. V. Caudill	17.50	
Promotion, Capital Gifts Offering	401.53	597.95
Total Disbursements		$55,991.14

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For The Year Ending December 31, 1956

Cash Balance, January 1, 1956		$ 1,380.00
Churches of Presbytery	$ 1,851.65	
Fees, Etc., Senior Conference	135.00	
Fees, Etc., Pioneer Camp	18.00	
Fees, Board, Etc., Junior Camp	540.00	2,544.65
Disbursed:		
Senior Conference	$ 480.80	
Pioneer Camp	176.17	
Junior Camp	838.91	
Senior High Council, Budget	330.00	
Men's Council	24.00	
Committee Expenses	125.43	
Physical Equipment	123.59	2,098.90
Cash Balance, December 31, 1956		$ 1,825.75

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
CENTRAL TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For The Year Ending December 31, 1956

	Balances 1-1-56	Receipts	Disbursements	Balances 12-31-56
World Missions	$	$21,005.09	$21,005.09	$
Easter Offering		2,218.34	2,218.34	
Church Extension, Assemb.		8,022.01	8,032.01	*10.00
Christian Education, Assemb.		3,484.04	3,484.04	
Annuities and Relief, Assemb.		4,332.59	4,332.59	

General Fund, Assemb.	13.12	5,716.79	5,729.91	
Inter Church Agencies, Assemb.		174.08	174.08	
Mtn. Orphanage, Designated		20,621.23		
Mt. Orphanage, Budget %		17,584.23	38,205.46	
Montreat College		6,397.90	6,398.90	
King College		7,821.01	7,821.01	
Union Seminary		1,477.13	1,477.13	
Louisville Seminary		738.57	738.57	
Christian Education, Synod		3,045.93	3,045.93	
Church Extension, Synod		368.58	368.58	
Christian Education, Pres.		1,851.65	1,851.65	
Church Extension, Pres. Designated		2,326.70		
Church Extension, Pres. Budget %	7.35*	26,050.40	28,369.75	
Promotion, Presbytery		1,384.57	1,297.74	86.83
Negro Fund		197.50	197.50	
Youth Work		92.49	92.49	
Hungarian Relief		792.74	792.74	
Miscellaneous	5.00	64.50	69.50	
Operating Fund	1,027.55		30.32	997.23
Totals	$1,038.32	$135,768.07	$135,732.33	$1,074.06

*Denotes Overdrawn.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY COUNCIL
(Promotion)
(A New Account In 1956)

Received from Churches		$1,297.74
Disbursed:		
Council Meetings, Meals, Mileage	$41.88	
Stewardship Rallies (2)	85.38	
World Mission Conference, Stanley L. Bennett	50.00	177.26
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1956		$1,120.48

At the suggestion of the Executive Secretary, Presbytery voted one hundred dollars each from the General Council Funds toward the expenses of Rev. Thomas Sproule and Rev. Paul Warren on their trip to Brazil.

MIAMI MEN'S CONVENTION

Mr. Leon Walker announced that the Miami Men's Convention is to be held this year in Miami, Florida, October 10-13. He urged all men to attend this meeting.

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Sessional Records report was made by the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III. The minutes of Swannanoa, Hazelwood, and Etowah churches were examined and approved.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

The Rev. Paul Warren reported for Presbytery's Council. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT FROM PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Asheville Presbytery authorized the Council to determine the basis of distribution of undesignated contributions to benevolences in 1957. The Council met on March 24th at the S & W Cafeteria for the purpose of making a thorough study of this matter of distribution.

The Central Treasurer of Asheville Presbytery reported that his total receipts in 1956 exceeded $92,000. Presbytery ordered that $100,000 be the basis for division in 1957. There is reason to believe that the total gifts may reach $110,000 or more on the basis of information in the hands of the Council's Chairman. We have at this moment reports pledging over $124,000 and therefore we suggest that the undesignated distribution of contributions to benevolences be on the basis of $106,000.

The Council would like to submit the following report based on information received from the Executive Secretary's office. We suggest that two committees be put in the budget for certain specified amounts, namely: the Mountain Orphanage, $25,000; and the Church Extension Committee in the Presbytery, $28,000. The basis of division on a total of $90,000 in 1956 is shown below in Column 1; and the recommended basis for 1957 on the basis of $106,000 in Column 2.

The Council further recommends that all Causes share equally on this basis until a total of $106,000 has been received, and that thereafter, the Mountain Orphanage, Church Extension in the Presbytery, receive no further amounts from undesignated benevolences, and that receipts in excess of $106,000 be divided proportionately among all the other Causes named herewith.

CAUSE	1956 BASIS	1957 BASIS
World Missions	11,700.00	15,000.00
Church Extension (Assembly)	7,200.00	9,000.00
Christian Education (Assembly)	2,250.00	2,600.00
Annuities and Relief	90.00	———

General Fund	5,400.00	6,300.00
Inter Church Agencies	180.00	200.00
King College	6,120.00	6,000.00
Seminaries	2,160.00	2,000.00
Christian Education (Synod)	2,970.00	2,800.00
Church Extension (Synod)	360.00	———
Church Extension (Presbytery)	25,200.00	28,000.00
The Mountain Orphanage	17,100.00	25,000.00
Montreat College	6,120.00	6,000.00
Davidson College	———	500.00
Christian Education (Presbytery)	2,800.00	1,800.00
Promotion (Council)	1,350.00	800.00
	90,000.00	106,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
Paul F. Warren, *Chairman*
Ben F. Ormand, *Clerk*

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Dr. C. Grier Davis reported for the Home Mission Committee. He stated that all churches were now being served by Pastors or supplies. The Committee to report on White Oak and Robinsville churches asked to be permitted to report at the July meeting.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was made by the Rev. Warren Thuston. The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That churches be urged to use every opportunity to emphasize *"Christian Citizenship"* in *their program this year.*
2. That plans be made to observe Church Extension Season, Sept. 24-Oct. 30, using the study book, *"Christians Are Citizens,"* prepared by the Division of Christian Relations.
3. That the Report of the Council on Christian Relations to the 1957 General Assembly, entitled, "Freedom—A Christian Concept," be commended to the churches for wide distribution and study—(assuming the Report will be approved by the General Assembly.)
4. That the Session of each local church be urged to appoint a committee on Christian Relations to report periodically with recommendations designed to make a more Christian community.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Rev. W. G. Thomas reported on the Committee on Christian Education. The report was adopted as follows:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Since the Winter meeting of Presbytery your Christian Education Committee has accepted reluctantly and with deep appreciation for the services rendered the following resignations: Mrs. James Bruce Frye as adult adviser for our young people; Miss Nanine Iddings as Children's Work Counselor in the Presbytery; and the Rev. Ben F. Ormand as director of the Pioneer Camp. The adult adviser and the children's work counselor have not been replaced. The Rev. William F. Klein has been appointed as director of the Pioneer Camp for 1957.

The following recommendations are presented for your consideration:

1. The Children's Division: The Rev. R. A. Potter, Sub-Chairman.
   1. That all ministers be urged to conduct communicant's classes; i.e. classes for the study of the meaning of life in Christ and His Church—for children, at least once each year; and, when feasable, for adults.
   2. That all churches send workers to the vacation church school institutes to be conducted at 1st Church, Asheville, May 14; and Sylva, May 15th; and thus assure more adequate preparation for local Bible schools; and that sessions and Christian Education (local church) Committees look for, and make opportunities for holding out-post vacation church schools.
   3. That increased emphasis be given through the entire Christian Education program of the church, Sunday school, youth groups, home, regular worship services—of the need for volunteers for Christ to serve thru the Church and otherwise outside the bounds of the United States, to meet dire human need and win all peoples for the Kingdom of God.
   4. That all congregations encourage the observance of Christian Family Week, May 5-12, thru gatherings in the Church, and provision for observance in the home.
   5. That all churches be encouraged to send children to Junior Camp to be held at Camp Grier, Old Fort, Aug. 5-10 and directed by the Rev. James Bruce Frye; to assist in their tuition, and to provide leadership for the Camp where it is available.
   6. That sessions encourage attendance at the Workshop on day camping at Abingdon Presbytery's Camp Ground, May 6-9; Christian Family Camping Institute at NaCoMe, May 13-14; and at the Area Laboratory School at Bristol, Tenn., July 21-26.

2. The Youth Division: The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Sub-Chairman.
   1. That sessions send pioneer boys and girls to the Pioneer Camp to be held at Camp Hope, June 3-8; to assist in their tuition, and to provide leadership for the Camp where it is feasable. Director, the Rev. William F. Klein.
   2. That sessions send senior young people to the Senior Conference to be held at Montreat, June 3-8; to assist in their tuition; and to provide leadership where it is feasable. Director: The Rev. Thomas Sproule.
   3. That sessions encourage the senior young people to attend the Spring Rally to be held at the West Asheville Church, Sunday, April 28.
   4. That Presbytery approve the appointment of the Rev. Thomas Sproule as chairman of the Camp and Conference Site Committee.
3. The Adult Division: The Rev. William F. Klein, sub-chairman.
   1. That sessions encourage the men to attend the Spring Rally to be held at the Waynesville Church, Sunday, April 28.
   2. That sessions encourage the men to attend the Synod's Rally for men to be held at Banner Elk, N. C., June 21, 22, 23, 1957.
   3. That sessions encourage the men to attend the Men's Convention in Miami, October 10-13.
4. The Sub-Committee of Sunday School Administration and Leadership Division: The Rev. G. B. Talbot, Chairman.
   1. That Presbytery recommend to Synod's Minister's Retreat Committee that the 1958 Retreat be held between January and March 15; and that emphasis for the 1957 Retreat be on the Social Aspect of the Christian Life.
   2. That we recommend to the Church Extension Committee of Presbytery that a member of the Christian Relation Committee of the General Assembly be asked to speak at one of the adjourned meetings of Presbytery in 1957.
   3. That a standard Leadership School be held in Asheville some time in September, 1957. That it be a one week school, financed in part by a registration fee; and that the Director of the School be appointed by the Committee on Sunday School Administration and Leadership Education.
   4. That Mr. John Metzer of Waynesville be named Director of the Leadership School to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville; and that Rev. Ben Ormand be named Ministerial Advisor.

5. That the following be named to serve on a Committee to work with the Director and Advisor in setting up the area Leadership School: Mr. Arthur Eve, Mr. Malcom Arthur, Mrs. C. M. Sawyer.
6. That if any of the above named persons cannot serve in the positions to which they are named the Sub-Committee of Sunday School Administration and Leadership Education be instructed to find others to fill those positions.
7. That the dates for the Area Leadership School be Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 8, 9, 10 and Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, Sept. 15, 16, 17; and that the six Sessions be supper meetings.
8. That the churches of Presbytery be asked to pay the registration fee of $1.00, and the cost of the six meals (not to exceed $4.00) for any desiring to attend the School from their churches.

5. The Sub-Committee on Higher Education, The Rev. W. W. Preston, Chairman.
   1. That in accordance with the adopted calendar of the General Assembly we observe Christian Higher Education Season, April 1-30.
   2. That in the observance of National Christian College Day, Sunday, April 28, pastors and people alike engage in special prayer for our students and their work and the faculties of our institutions.
   3. We recommend the distribution on April 28th of the leaflet entitled "Education for Citizenship" in keeping with our Forward With Christ program for 1957. This pamphlet may be secured without charge from the Division of Higher Education in Richmond, Va.
   4. We commend Dr. R. E. McClure for his special interest and concern shown toward students and seminarians of Asheville Presbytery thru the publicity given them in the Mountain Work, and his correspondence with them and the distribution of helpful literature to those students.

MINISTER AND HIS WORK

No report.

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Dr. H. B. Dendy reported for the Mountain Orphanage Board. He thanked the Presbytery for continued interest and support. The report was received as information.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES

The Rev. Thomas Sproule reported that the following Overture had been placed in the hands of the Bills and Overtures Committee from the Annuities and Relief Committee:

"Asheville Presbytery overtures the General Assembly to lower Minister's retiring age from 70 to 68, when they may continue to serve a church on a salary of at least $1,800.00 a year, without eliminating or reducing benefits from the Annuity Fund or other benefits." Signed by, Paul N. Gresham, Chairman, and C. R. Stegall.

The Committee recommended that this overture be sent to the General Assembly. The recommendation was defeated.

2. JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

No report.

3. RESOLUTIONS

The Rev. W. R. Klein reported for the Resolutions Committee and the following resolutions were adopted:

Be it resolved that the Stated Clerk write a letter of appreciation to the Session of the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church for the wonderful hospitality we have enjoyed today, and that the women who prepared our meal be especially thanked. Also, that the letter express the admiration of the Presbytery for the erection of this beautiful and functional church.

Be it resolved that this resolution and the names of the women who served us a fine meal together with the names of the women who furnished us the worshipful music be printed in the minutes of the Presbytery. They were: Mrs. Spurgeon Carpenter, Chairman of Social Service, Mrs. James Hawkins, Mrs. Sam Rose, Mrs. Walter Hart, Mrs. "Bud" Purnell, Mrs. Marshal Feaster, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Ed Matheson, Mrs. Reed Sarratt. Duet by Mrs. Duncan Hunter and Mrs. James Sanders accompanied by Mrs. Leon English, organist.

NEXT MEETING

An invitation was extended to meet at the Waynesville Presbyterian Church on July 23rd at 10 A. M. This invitation was glady accepted.

FORWARD WITH CHRIST

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman of the Forward with Christ Committee reported the following recommendation, which was adopted:

That Presbytery put this Committee on the Docket for the July meeting and that a speaker be secured by the Committee to speak on the Forward With Christ Theme for 1957, "Christian Citizenship".

The motion was made and adopted that the Stated Clerk be requested to write Mr. Geo. H. Wright expressing the appreciation of the Presbytery for the exceptional service he has rendered on the Board of Church Extension of General Assembly, particularly his leadership in the Division of Christian Relations.

MINUTES APPROVED

The Minutes of this meeting were read and approved, after which Presbytery was adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Rev. H. B. Dendy, D. D.

FORREST GARDNER, *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*
W. W. PRESTON, *Permanent Clerk*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date		*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1946	Winter	Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring	Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
	Summer	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
	Fall	Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947	Winter	West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
	Spring	Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
	Summer	Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
	Fall	Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948	Winter	Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
	Spring	Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Summer	Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
	Fall	Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949	Winter	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
	Spring	Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
	Summer	Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
	Fall	Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950	Winter	Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
	Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
	Summer	Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
	Fall	Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951	Winter	West Asheville	C. G. Worley
	Spring	Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
	Summer	Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
	Fall	Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952	Winter	Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
	Spring	Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
	Summer	Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
	Fall	Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953	Winter	Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
	Spring	Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
	Summer	Canton	S. W. Black
	Fall	Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954	Winter	Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
	Spring	Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
	Summer	Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
	Fall	Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955	Winter	West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
	Spring	Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
	Summer	Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
	Fall	Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956	Winter	Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
	Spring	Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
	Summer	Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
	Fall	Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule
1957	Winter	Grace Covenant	Rev. Thomas Sproule
	Spring	Brevard-Davidson River	F. B. Gardner

PRESBYTERY'S STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR YEAR 1956

POST OFFICES — CHURCHES	PASTORS OR SUPPLIES	Officers: Elders 1	Officers: Deacons 2	Communicants: Added on Profession 3	Communicants: Other Gains 4	Communicants: Losses 5	Communicants: Total Communicants 6	Baptisms: Adult 7	Baptisms: Infant 8	Sunday School Enrollment 9	Contributions — For Budgeted Apportionments Assigned By Presbytery: World Missions 10	Assembly's Church Extension 11	Assembly's Christian Education 12	Assembly's Administration and Relief 13	Assembly's General Fund 14	Inter Church Agencies 15	Total Assembly's Agencies 16	Total Synod's Agencies 17	Total Presbytery's Agencies 18	Total Budgeted Benevolences 19	Contributions — For Non-Budgeted Campaigns, etc.: Assembly's Agencies 20	Synod's Agencies 21	Presbytery's Agencies 22	Congregational Missions 23	Miscellaneous 24	Total Non-Budgeted Benevolences 25	Total Benevolences 26	Current Expenses 27	Building Fund Receipts 28	Total Contributions 29
SYNOD OF APPALACHIA																														
2. Presbytery of Asheville. (All towns are in North Carolina)																														
Andrews, Andrews*†	V.	3	5		1	3	41			34	90	24	19	50	20		203	23	242	477	30		17			47	524	2087	746	4307
Arden, Arden*†	W. C. Cooper, P.	8	13	7	26	41	160	2	2	143	154	53	49	45	60	2	423	126	783	1334	20	8	18			46	1380	8274	3347	13094
Asheville, First*†	C. Grier Davis, P.	33	30	33	86	149	1646	10	42	647	4664	2606	906	1062	1761	55	10051	3831	23663	37364	3063	5100	3700		1007	13830	49934	68613	36529	148976
Grace Covenant*†	Thomas Sproule, Asst. P.	10	10	14	47	38	231	3	11	261	1306	547	233	78	402	13	2579	383	4301	7263	130		11			150	7713	27147	35404	69264
Kenilworth*†	Paul F. Warren, P.	25	24	7	26	34	546	4	4	268	1638	226	1027	901	194	3	3989	310	2366	6665	40	100	370		557	1067	7032	13094	9100	31186
Malvern Hills*†	Paul N. Gresham, P.	9	13	8	17	10	212	4	2	161	129	53	18	69	36	1	305	78	746	1127	58	10	17		302	377	1504	6894	3186	14227
Oak Forest*†	W. W. Preston, P.	7	11	8	4	5	222	3	3	180	731	141	111	128	98	3	1207	191	1321	2719	194	3	66			263	2984	30782	14057	30073
West Asheville*†	V.	13	20	17	31	48	535	10	9	421	531	247	124	130	128	6	1164	260	1606	3030	75				173	247	3280	3722		3972
Barnardsville, Dillingham*†	W. G. Thomas, P., S. C.	5	5	4	4	9	147	2	1	94	113	68	88	135	33	11	438	58	167	663	50	400	27	19	31	527	1190	11533	17647	30304
Black Mountain, Black Mountain*†	W. G. Somerville (2) P.	12	17	20	12	45	312	14	6	199	643	230	61	301	146	5	1386	312	3030	4728	93		136	946		1075	5716	4655	9422	19679
Princeton*†	Wm. R. Klein (2) P.	1	6	1	7	4	116	3	3	99	260	117	30	48	52	3	659	211	790	1630	227	26	53		560	966	2596	650	849	1534
Lake Gap	C. R. Stegall, Sr., T. S.	2	2	2	23		363	3	1	66				6					19	25					10	149	4917	14083	64435	84145
Brevard, Brevard, D. R.*†	Wm. R. Klein (2) T. S.	11	12	27	37	29	400	9	10	203	463	220	191	155	183	3	1207	364	2307	3878	79	61				93	3938	3643		8962
Bryson City, Bryson City*†	Ben F. Ormand, P.	4	5			1	82		1	82	331	199	53	122	161	4	880	368	1800	2938	60	30	53	190	5	338	3968	9471	30434	23174
Canton, Canton*†	(R. F. Brown, H. R., T. S.) J. C. Lime, P.	12	13	4	14	4	263	3	3	175	411	154	81	115	126	4	932	330	1387	2649	60		13		6	36	2685	234	1966	2319
Bethel*†	Sta. S.	4	5	2		2	77		1	54	22	13	4	22	6	1	70	18	110	198	17		11			28	226			926
Cove Creek, White Oak	V.	1					13																							
Demorest, Ivy Park*†	W. G. Somerville (2) P.	2	1	1			31		2	23	88	8	30	38	4		165	8	96	259	26		10			36	295	630		925
Etowah, Etowah*†	Robert L. Torrence, Chap., S. S.	4	4	6	3		66	6	1	116	201	117	50	76	35		480	83	246	451	20		10			30	511	1900	1800	2911
Franklin, Franklin*†	V.	7	11		2	3	147			32	5	2	1		3		10	5	40	55								55	700	1300	1955
Marion	V.	2	1				16			15	16	4	1		3		24	6	51	81						45	1074	5726	5379	15799
Hayesville, Hayesville	V.	1					15			15	16	4	1		3		24	6	51	81						45	1074	5726	5379	15799
Hazelwood, Hazelwood*	W. H. Marquis, P.	7	7	13	22	2	151	10	6	150	261	112	21	63	76	2	545	163	921	1629							2554	24154	84000	110830
Hendersonville, First*†	Warren F. Thurston, P.	16	18	17	61	50	822	13	14	516	4363	1176	566	493	841	27	7466	1832	13449	22746	165	1089	319		99	1504	4	700		700
Highlands, Highlands*	V.	6	2				87			81	53	44	13	55	22	9	236	68	456	764			4				1823	4908	1188	7899
Horse Shoe, Mills River*†	J. Bruce Frye, P.	7	6	16	19	1	144	1	1	114	265	94	73	47	55	3	536	119	799	1454	130		30			30	1884	10022	9906	21014
Montreat, Montreat*	R. L. Bennett, P.	8	4	1	12	13	139	1	2	210	1336	572	279	305	242	12	2737	735	4350	7822	953		241			1193	9015	7362		9355
Murphy, Murphy*†	R. A. Potter, P.	8	8	4	8	14	141	2	2	129	230	136	54	1	98	3	512	190	1017	1719	92		34			126	1845			
Robbinsville, Robbinsville	V.	1					13																							
Swannanoa, Swannanoa*†	G. B. Talbot, P.	9	12	9	10	10	209	5		195	994	434	212	98	238	10	2026	1184	2308	5518	80	26	97		540	721	7109	8194	1083	16326
Sylva, Sylva*†	D. P. McCanless, III., P.	4	2	1	27	11	99		2	102	136	103	26	26	63	2	356	156	743	1255	19		41		140	300	1436	4000	4239	9674
Waynesville, Waynesville*†	Calvin Thatcher, P.	10	16	8	27	16	277	3	10	122	310	136	66	92	99	3	706	212	1316	2234			16			16	2251	12671	1500	17422
Weaverville, Weaverville*†	H. B. Dendy, P., Ed.	7	9	13	10	15	287	11	6	299	2342	497	197	466	436		3941	613	3329	7883	442	400	443		2731	4016	11899	9430	2000	23346
Britains Cove†	Sta. S.	4	2	1	4	1	30	1		60	120	30	8	36	18		212	39	308	454			22			22	476	1821		2299
Number of Churches—34	Totals	262	297	244	556	562	7999	134	154	5432	22174	9414	4813	4400	5646	150	45596	13832	74099	132157	5170	7184	5896	1057	7967	27301	159494	308848	283732	780073

OTHER MINISTERS ON ROLL

W. H. Armistead, H.R., Ormond Beach, Fla.
Walley P. Baldwin, Jr., F.M., Japan
Wm. J. Gammon, H.R., Montreat, N.C.
J. H. Gravey, H.R., Black Mountain, N.C.
A. C. Holt, Dean, Montreat, N.C.
E. Ashley Johnson, Prof., Sherman, Texas
R. E. McClure, P.Ex.S., Asheville, N.C.
J. R. McGregor, Pres., Montreat, N.C.
L. T. Newland, H.R., Black Mountain, N.C.
W. W. Pharr, H.R., Black Mountain, N.C.
James H. Skelton, Chap., Black Mountain, N.C.
Wade C. Smith, H.R., Weaverville, N.C.

OTHER MINISTERS ON ROLL (Continued)

John N. Somerville, F.M., Korea
Chas. F. Sudre, H.R., Hendersonville, N.C.
J. V. N. Talmage, F.M., Bellaire, Texas
P. C. Torrville, F.M., Congo Belge
W. H. Wakefield, Lewisburg, Tenn.
J. Q. Wallace, H.R., Franklin, N.C.
Don E. Williams, F.M., Brazil
O. F. Yates, H.R., Montreat, N.C.
C. B. Yeargan, H.R., Franklin, N.C.

Number of Ministers — 43
Candidates — 12

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MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY of ASHEVILLE

OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN THE UNITED STATES

ADJOURNED SUMMER MEETING

July 23, 1957

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WAYNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Moderator: Ruling Elder Forrest B. Gardner, Hendersonville.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. W. G. Thomas, 690 Haywood Road, Asheville, N. C.—1959.
Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. C. Cooper, Arden, N. C.—1960.
Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church Street, Asheville—1959.
Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1958—J. J. Stone, Kenilworth; 1959—George H. Wright, Asheville First; 1960—Roy P. Booth, Asheville First.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1959—Joe L. Hunter; 1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Church Extension

1958—Rev. S. L. Bennett, Rev. Robert L. Torrence, John M. Carroll, W. G. Lingo.
1959—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Frank Wade, Cameron W. Lee, George H. Wright.
1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman; Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. P. N. Gresham, F. B. Gardner.

Orphanage Work

1958—Carle Welte, E. G. Roberts, Bernard R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Stephen Shepherd.
1959—Rev. P. N. Gresham, J. Paul Teal, Jr., C. E. Worley, Mrs. J. C. Spooner.
1960—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman; Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Charles Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Christian Education

1958—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. J. C. Lime, Rev. Calvin Thielman, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Joe E. Rose, Quinn Constantz.
1959—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Potter, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, George Stockton, L. B. Ordway.
1960—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Philip L. Brintnall.
And the following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; O. E. Stames, Jr., President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. J. Rupert McGregor, Chairman of Christian Education for Presbyterial; James Davis, Moderator of Senior High Fellowship; Mr. Sproule, Mrs. Joe Sursavage and Mrs. W. L. Ray, Adult Advisors of Youth Work; Mr. Sproule, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Directors of the Senior Conference, Pioneer Camp and Junior Camp, respectively.

Presbytery's Council

1958—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman; Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Kelley E. Bennett.
1959—Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, Rev. J. B. Frye, F. A. Plummer.
1960—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, J. O. Williams, Mark Sumner.
And the following, by virtue of their office: The Moderator of the Presbytery, the Stated Clerk, and the Executive Secretary.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1958—Rev. G. B. Talbot, L. Nelson Bell.
1959—Rev. J. R. McGregor, Chairman; Hugh E. Lamb.
1960—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. H. B. Dendy.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations—Rev. J. C. Lime, 1958; F. A. Plummer, 1958; Rev. S. L. Bennett, Chairman, 1959; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1959; Rev. C. Grier Davis, 1960; Kelley E. Bennett, 1960.

World Missions—Rev. W. J. Gammon, 1958; R. T. Reed, 1959; Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman, 1960.
Church Extension (Assembly)—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, 1958; L. B. Nichols, 1958; Rev. W. F. Thuston, Chairman, 1959; Rev. W. C. Cooper, 1959; Rev. L. T. Newland, 1960; Rev. Wm. R. Klein, 1960.
Christian Education (Assembly)—Rev. J. H. Skelton, 1958; J. R. Lewis, 1959; Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman, 1960.
Annuities and Relief—J. H. Flanagan, 1958; Rev. C. R. Stegall, 1959; Rev. Paul N. Gresham, Chairman, 1960.
General Fund Agencies—Rev. J. H. Gruver, 1958; Rev. Calvin Thielman, Chairman, 1959; C. G. Worley, 1960.
Examining Committee—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1958.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator, or Ex-Moderator.
Theology—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman, 1959; Rev. C. R. Stegall, 1960.
Sacraments—Rev. O. F. Yates, 1958; Rev. J. B. Frye, Chm., 1960.
Church Government—Rev. S. L. Rochester, 1958; Rev. W. J. Gammon, Chairman, 1959.
English Bible—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1959; Rev. J. H. Gruver, 1960.
Academic and Seminary Studies—Rev. J. V. N. Talmadge, 1958; Rev. Thomas Sproule, Chairman, 1960.
Women's Work—S. J. McCarty, 1958; Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1959; Rev. W. C. Cooper, 1960.
Sessional Records—E. H. Brumby, 1958; Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman, 1959; Rev. Thomas Sproule, 1960. (to be supplemented at the annual meeting by appointments by the Moderator).
Minutes of Church Courts—Rev. Jas. H. Skelton, 1958; Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman, 1959; Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, 1960.
Program—Moderator, Ruling Elder F. B. Gardner; Stated Clerk, Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host Pastor, Rev. H. B. Dendy; Ruling Elder from Host Church, R. T. Reed.
North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. A. C. Holt, 1960; Kelley E. Bennett, 1960.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Forward With Christ—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. W. F. Thuston, Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. Stanley L. Bennett, J. J. Stone, Cameron W. Lee.
Home for the Aged—Forrest B. Gardner, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. W. F. Thuston, Joseph L. Hunter, O. E. Stames, Mrs. R. E. McClure, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.
Office of Executive Secretary—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Rev. C. Grier Davis, Forrest B. Gardner, Rev. H. B. Dendy, J. Paul Teal, Jr., Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. J. C. Lime.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Clayton Bell, Montreat, N. C.
Austin Blake Brinkeroff, Montreat, N. C.
William E. Leaman, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
William A. Lofquist, Asheville, N. C.
Robert Edwin McClure, Asheville, N. C.
Owen L. Norment, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
George Edward Scott, Asheville, N. C.
John Trotti, Asheville, N. C.
Holland McSwain, Franklin, N. C.
Fred W. Streetman, Jr., Hendersonville, N. C.
Alfred Douglas Reed, Asheville, N. C.
William English, Asheville, N. C.
Richard L. Sommers
Eugene D. Witherspoon, Jr.
Donald E. Langfitt

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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of Asheville met in a called meeting in Gaither Hall, Montreat, N. C., Monday afternoon, June 3, 2:00 P. M. The Moderator, Ruling Elder Forrest B. Gardner, called Presbytery to order and requested the Rev. George A. Anderson to offer the prayer. The Stated Clerk read the following call for the meeting, which was found in order:

Constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet in Gaither Hall, Montreat, N. C., Monday afternoon, June 3, 1957, at 2:00 o'clock for the transaction of the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To consider the request of the Rev. W. W. Preston for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church, and to grant him a letter of transfer to Tuscaloosa Presbytery.
2. To consider the request of the Rev. C. B. Yeargan for a letter of transfer to Concord Presbytery.
3. To transact any business growing out of the above.

Forrest B. Gardner, Moderator
W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk

May 23, 1957

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches and the following were present:

Ministers: R. E. McClure, J. R. McGregor, J. C. Lime, W. C. Cooper, Calvin Thielman, Paul N. Gresham, W. G. Thomas, W. W. Pharr, Paul Warren, Thomas Sproule, William J. Gammon, J. Bruce Frye, W. W. Preston, S. L. Bennett, W. H. Marquis, L. T. Newland.

Churches represented: E. A. Williamson, Hazelwood; E. F. Pierce, Malvern Hills; C. R. Callahan, Waynesville; C. A. Stubbs, Montreat.

VISITING BROTHER

The following was asked to sit as a visiting brother: The Rev. George A. Anderson, South Carolina Presbytery.

The Rev. W. W. Preston presented his request that the pastoral relationship between himself and the Malvern Hills Church be dissolved, effective June 25, 1957, and that he be granted a certificate of dismission to Tuscaloosa Presbytery,

in order that he might accept a call to Alabama Avenue Church, Selma, Alabama. Ruling Elder E. F. Pierce, the representative from the Malvern Hills Church, reported that the congregation in a regular called meeting held June 2, 1957, had reluctantly concurred in the request and granted Mr. Preston a certificate of dismission to Tuscaloosa Presbytery. After several of the brethren had spoken of the fine service rendered to the church and to the Presbytery by Mr. Preston, the Stated Clerk was requested to send a letter of commendation along with the certificate of dismission.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. C. B. Yeargan requesting a certificate of dismission to Concord Presbytery. Mr. Yeargan, who is now honorably retired, was granted the certificate of dismission to Concord Presbytery.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Rev. Paul N. Gresham.

FORREST B. GARDNER, *Moderator*

W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Summer Meeting 1957

The Presbytery of Asheville met for its Adjourned Summer Meeting in the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, Waynesville, North Carolina, on Tuesday, July 23, 1957 at 10 A. M. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Mr. Forrest B. Gardner, and led in prayer by the Rev. A. C. Holt.

In the Devotional Service the Rev. Calvin Thielman read the Scripture; Job 42:1-6; and Mr. Richard L. Sommers preached a sermon from Job 42:5, using as his subject, "Religion Second Hand or First Hand".

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Roll of Ministers was called and following were present:

Stanley L. Bennett, W. C. Cooper, H. B. Dendy, J. Bruce Frye, W. J. Gammon, Paul H. Gresham, A. C. Holt, William R. Klein, J. C. Lime, W. H. Marquis, R. E. McClure, D. P. McGeachy III, J. R. McGregor, L. T. Newland, Ben F. Ormand, W. W. Pharr, Robert A. Potter, S. L. Rochester, James H. Skelton, Thomas Sproule, C. R. Stegall, G. B. Talbot, Calvin Theilman, W. G. Thomas, Robert L. Torrence, Paul F. Warren, Donald E. Williams. (27)

The roll of Churches was called and the following churches were represented:

Andrews, L. B. Nichols; Asheville First, Early G. Lee, Arnold Plummer; Bethel, C. S. Terrell; Black Mountain, J. O. Williams; Brevard-Davidson River, Duncan C. Hunter; Brittain Cove, Charlie P. Hensley; Bryson City, S. W. Black; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Dillingham, Alfred D. Dillingham; Etowah, Harry J. Nicholson; Franklin, J. B. Ray; Friendship, W. E. Norwood; Grace Covenant, L. G. Prill; Hazelwood, W. B. Winchester; Hendersonville, Forrest B. Gardner; Highland, Sid McCarty; Ivy Park, T. G. Penland; Kenilworth, G. L. Lowry; Mills River, L. L. Burgin; Montreat, D. McD. Monroe, Jr.; Murphy, John A. Thompson; Oak Forest, E. J. Duckworth; Swannanoa, Roy W. Alexander; Sylva, C. C. Pettit, Jr.; Waynesville, F. W. Sampson; Weaverville, P. B. Ray; West Asheville, Chester C. Demaree. (27)

VISITING BRETHREN

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: the Rev. George A. Anderson, South Carolina Presbytery; the Rev. John C. Hausenstein, Albany Presbytery U.S.A. Church; the Rev. Fred Shell, New Jersey Presbytery U.S.A.; the Rev. D. E. Carlton, Concord Presbytery; the Rev. Carl R. McCain, Westminster Presbytery.

Candidates for the ministry introduced were: John E. Eliason, summer pastor at Bethel; George A. Hutchins at Hayesville; Fred W. McDaniels at Brittian Cove; Donald E. Langfitt, Kanawha Presbytery; Richard L. Sommers, Holston Presbytery; Eugene D. Witherspoon, Jr., Wilmington Presbytery.

Mr. Walter K. Beaty, new superintendent of Mountain Orphanage, and Miss Bessie May Stribling, Sunday School Extension Worker, and visiting ruling elders and deacons were introduced.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The report of the Program Committee was adopted as amended:

We recommend that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:45 p. m. and reconvene at 2:00 p. m.
2. That the sermon to be preached by the candidate, Eugene Daniel Witherspoon, Jr., be heard immediately following the reading of the communications and that the sermon by the candidate, Donald K. Langfitt, be heard as the first order of the afternoon session.
3. That the report of the Minister and His Work Commission be the second order of the morning session.
4. That the report of Presbytery's Council be the third order of the morning session.
5. That the reception of ministers be the fourth order of the morning session.
6. That the report of the committee on the Program of Presbytery be the fifth order of the morning session.
7. That the presentation of the need for scholarships at Montreat College and King College be the sixth order of the morning session.
8. That the reception of the Bethel Church be the seventh order of the morning session.
9. That the examination of the candidates for ordination be the second order of the afternoon session.
10. That the report of the commissioners to the General Assembly be the third order of the afternoon session.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures: The Rev. William R. Klein, the Rev. Paul Gresham, and Ruling Elder C. C. Demaree.

2. Judiciary: The Rev. W. W. Pharr, the Rev. L. T. Newland, and Ruling Elder Fred M. Jordon.
3. Resolutions: The Rev. Robert L. Torrence, the Rev. W. H. Marquis, and Ruling Elder S. W. Black.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were read by the Clerk and referred to the proper committee.

RECEPTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Letter of transfers of Candidates of the Gospel Ministry were read, and Donald E. Langfitt, Kanawha Presbytery; Richard L. Sommers, Holston Presbytery; and Eugene D. Witherspoon, Jr., Wilmington Presbytery, were received as candidates for this Presbytery.

MINISTER AND HIS WORK COMMISSION

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK
July 23, 1957

Your Commission has met twice since the last meeting of our Presbytery.

We are recommending that the requested plans for the ordination and installation of Mr. Richard L. Sommers at Oak Forest Presbyterian Church be approved:

Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman
Rev. W. G. Thomas, to charge the Pastor
Rev. M. O. Sommers, to preach the sermon, by invitation
Rev. Thomas Sproule
Rev. A. C. Holt
Elders E. J. Duckorth, and George Wright, to charge the congregation.

We recommend that, after a satisfactory examination, the call of the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church be placed in the hands of Mr. Richard L. Sommers.

We recommend that, after the reception of Rev. Daniel E. Carlton into our Presbytery, the calls of the Ivy Park Presbyterian Church and the Dillingham Church be placed in his hands; and that appointments be made of a commission to install him pastor of the two churches.

We recommend that, after satisfactory examination, the call of the Andrews Presbyterian Church be placed in the hands of Mr. Eugene Daniel Witherspoon, Jr., and that a commission be appointed to ordain and install him as pastor of this church.

We recommend that after reception of the Rev. Don K. Langfitt into our Presbytery the call of the Franklin Church be placed in his hands, and upon his acceptance, a commission be appointed to ordain and install him as pastor of this church.

We are helping the Malvern Hills Church every way we can. It is our hope that soon every church in the Presbytery will have a pastor.

SERMON BY EUGENE D. WITHERSPOON, JR.

Mr. Eugene D. Witherspoon, Jr. read John 15:12-17 and preached a sermon on the Text, John 15:16, on the topic, "A Triumphant Ministry".

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

The Council's report was received as information and the recommendations were adopted:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1) That the Churches of Asheville Presbytery be urged to study, adopt and thoroughly carry out the "Pre-Budget Canvass" in every congregation.

2) That Presbytery approve the holding of a "Training Session" for a group of selected leaders, on Tuesday, July 30th, at 6 P. M., to acquaint them with the facts, principles and possibilities of the "Pre-Budget Canvass".

3) That these leaders, after the "Training Session", be sent to local congregations, to meet with Church Officers and other Every Member Canvass leaders, for the purpose of explaining the "Pre-Budget Canvass" and assist in setting it up in the local church.

4) That every Pastor be requested to arrange such a meeting and sponsor same in his church at the earliest practical date after the "Training Session".

5) That local Congregations be asked to adopt "realistic Budgets" AFTER the "Pre-Budget Canvass", and assign a definite proportion of regularly anticipated income to be forwarded systematically to the Central Treasurer and disbursed as "Undesignated Benevolences".

6) That each Congregation be asked to report to the Council as soon after December 1 as possible, and not later than January 1, 1958, the amount that they expect this "definite proportion" to produce during the year 1958.

7) That the Council be instructed to compile a "Realistic Budget" for the Presbytery whereby the anticipated income for 1958 will underwrite the agencies of the Presbytery and give the agencies of Synod and General Assembly as nearly 100% of their askings as is possible.

8) That the Presbytery, in adopting this report, do so by a rising vote, and remain standing for a season of prayer for God's blessing on the Ministers, Ruling Elders, Deacons and Church Members to enable us to become more aware of our obligations as stewards of the material things in our possession, and our opportunities to serve for the advancement of the Kingdom of God through the "Pre-Budget Canvass".

RECEPTION OF NEW MINISTERS

Letters of transfer from Concord Presbytery for the Rev. Dan E. Carlton, and from Westminster Presbytery for the Rev. Carl R. McCain were read. Motion carried to proceed with examination according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order. They were examined on Experimental Religion, which was sustained. They were examined on Views Touching Theology, which was sustained. They were examined on Church Government, which was sustained. They were examined on the Sacraments, which was sustained. The examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory and they were enrolled as members of Presbytery upon signing the "Ex Animo" pledge.

PASTORAL CALLS FROM IVY PARK AND DILLINGHAM CHURCHES

The call from the Ivy Park Church for pastoral services of the Rev. Dan E. Carlton was found in order and approved, and accepted by Mr. Carlton. The Commission to Install was ordered to examine the call from the Dillingham Church, and if found in order to be placed in Mr. Carlton's hands, and upon his acceptance of the call, to proceed to install him as pastor in this church. The following Commission to install Mr. Carlton on Sunday, August 4, 1957 at 3 P. M. at Ivy Park, and 8 P. M. at Dillingham was approved:

The Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman; the Rev. J. R. McGregor, the Rev. W. W. Pharr, alternate;Ruling Elder R. T. Reed and Ruling Elder Ben F. Evans.

The call of the Highland Church was read and found in order and placed in the hands of the Rev. Carl R. McCain. Mr. McCain accepted the call. The Commission to install Mr. McCain on Sunday, August 11, 1957 at 8 P. M. was approved:

The Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman; the Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, the Rev. J. B. Frye, the Rev. R. A. Potter, the Rev. S. L. Rochester; Ruling Elders S. J. McCarty and A. H. Bryson.

At 12:45 P. M. Presbytery recessed until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery re-convened at 2 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. D. E. Carlton.

SERMON BY DONALD K. LANGFITT

Mr. Langfitt read John 10:1-18 and preached a sermon from the Text, John 10:7, which was entitled, "The Good Shepherd".

THE PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY CAMPAIGN

Mr. T. B. Pratt of the Christian Education Board of Richmond, Va. spoke on the Presbyterian Survey Campaign. The moderator appointed the Rev. Warren Thuston chairman of the Survey Campaign and gave authority to Mr. Thuston to select his co-chairman. Presbytery approved the appointment.

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Presbytery proceeded to examine Donald K. Langfitt, Richard L. Sommers, and Eugene Daniel Witherspoon, Jr. The moderator, Forrest B. Gardner, conducted examination on Experimental Religion, which was sustained as satisfactory. The Rev. Thomas Sproule reported that the papers of the Candidates, including theses and exegesis, had been examined and were satisfactory. Their college and seminary diplomas were accepted in lieu of an examination on Academic and Seminary studies. The sermons of the Candidates were sustained as satisfactory. The examination on Theology was conducted by the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, and was sustained as satisfactory. The Rev. Bruce Frye conducted the examination on Sacraments, which was sustained. The examination on Church Government was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Gammon, and was sustained. The Rev. R. A. Potter conducted the examination on English Bible, which was sustained. The examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory. The Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. W. W. Pharr, remembering especially these new ministers and their ministry.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES.

The calls of the Franklin Church to Mr. Dan K. Langfitt; Andrews Church to Mr. Eugene D. Witherspoon, Jr.; and Oak Forrest Church to Mr. Richard L. Sommers, were found in order and placed in their hands. They accepted their respective calls.

The Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Langfitt in the Franklin Church on Sunday, July 28, 1957 at 3:30 P. M. the Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman; the Rev. D. P. McGeachy III to preach the sermon; the Rev. William S. Smythe Jr. of Wilmington Presbytery to charge the pastor; the Revs. Bruce Frye and Sam Rochester; Ruling Elder Holland McSwain to charge the congregation; Ruling Elder J. Bryant McClure.

The Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Sommers in the Oak Forest Church on Sunday, August 4, 1957, at 11 A. M.:

The Rev. R. E. McClure, chairman; the Rev. A. C. Holt, to charge the Pastor; the Rev. M. O. Sommers, of Holston Presbytery, to preach the sermon; the Rev. Thomas Sproule; the Rev. W. G. Thomas, alternate; Ruling Elder George H. Wright to charge the congregation; Ruling Elder E. J. Duckworth.

The Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Witherspoon in the Andrews Church:

SAFETY FILM

The Rev. R. E. McClure, to preside and charge the congregation; the Rev. J. Bruce Frye, to charge the Pastor; the Rev. Don Langfitt, to conduct the worship service; the Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, of Wilmington Presbytery to propound the constitutional questions and lead the ordination prayer; the Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, of Bluestone Presbytery to preach the sermon; the Rev. Sam Rochester, alternate; Ruling Elder Holland McSwain; Ruling Elder S. W. Black.

This Commission was granted authority to set date and time for ordination and installation of Mr. Witherspoon.

MEN'S WORK

Mr. O. E. Starnes, Jr., President of the Men of the Church of Asheville Presbytery, spoke about the Men's Convention to be held at Miami, Fla., in October.

MONTREAT COLLEGE

The Rev. George A. Anderson presented the Montreat College scholarship needs and opportunities.

PROGRAM OF PRESBYTERY

The committee on Program of Presbytery was presented and the recommendations were adopted as amended.

THE PROGRAM OF PRESBYTERY

During the 149th Stated Spring meeting of Presbytery, the Moderator, Ruling Elder Forrest B. Gardner, was authorized to appoint a special committee to make a study of the program of Presbytery, and to present to Presbytery recommendations concerning same.

The committee appointed is as follows: The Rev. Warren Thuston, Chairman; Forrest B. Gardner, E. G. Roberts, W. Crawford Pearson and the Rev. W. G. Thomas.

The committee held its first and only meeting at the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Asheville, Tuesday night, July 16, with all members present except E. G. Roberts. The committee presents the following recommendations:

1. That the Moderator and the Stated Clerk be authorized to refer directly to a committee or a commission the items of communication which necessitate consideration by a committee or a commission before being acted upon by Presbytery. The communications which do not require consideration by a committee or commission will be read to Presbytery by the Clerk.

2. That the policy of the Assembly concerning the "Limitation of Debate" become the policy of Asheville Presbytery. The policy of the Assembly is, "except when the Assembly shall order otherwise; a time limit of ten minutes shall be allowed each speaker; a time limit of one hour shall be set forth for each side in debate."

3. That the Docket of Presbytery include an "unfinished" and "new business" order, and that members of Presbytery be urged to adhere to same.

4. That the Rules of Parliamentary Order, as presented in *The Book of Church Order*, be adopted to govern the affairs of Presbytery; and when any particular is not covered by said rules, Presbytery shall be governed by *Roberts Rules Of Order*.

5. That two copies of all committee reports must be mimeographed and mailed to each church at least one week in advance of Presbytery's meeting if possible. Only the recommendations are to be read to Presbytery.

6. That the provisions in Presbytery's Manual concerning the Program Committee be followed in every detail.

7. That the printed minutes of the Stated Meetings of Presbytery contain 4 tentative dockets, two stated and two adjourn dockets.

8. That persons having a report to make to Presbytery write to the Stated Clerk stating the purpose and length of report, stating the request for a specific place on the docket if such be desired. That the Program Committee after just consideration in order of requests received adopt the program and set it up. Any requests made from the floor of Presbytery for the purpose of making a report be included after the business of the printed docket has been completed.

A letter from Knoxville Presbytery informing Presbytery that Bethel Church of Cherokee County had been transferred to this Presbytery was read and the matter of Bethel Church's property was referred to the Church Extension Committee.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Arnold Plummer and the Rev. Calvin Thielman, commissioners to the meeting of the General Assembly meet-

ing in Birmingham, Ala., made their reports and were commended for their diligence.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Report of the Nomination Committee to the meeting of Asheville Presbytery at Waynesville, N. C., on July 23, 1957.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. C. Cooper 1960, to replace Rev. W. W. Preston.

Executive Committees

Church Extension: Rev. S. L. Rochester 1960, to replace Rev. B. F. Ormond.

Orphanage Work: Rev. P. N. Gresham 1959, to replace Rev. W. W. Preston

Christian Education: Mr. George Stockston 1959, to replace Rev. W. W. Preston

Presbytery Council: Rev. J. B. Frye 1959, to replace Rev. P. N. Gresham

Permanent Committees

Examining Committee:
Church Government: Rev. S. L. Rochester 1958, to replace Rev. C. B. Yeargan.

Minutes of Church Courts: Rev. W. W. Pharr, chairman 1959, to replace Rev. W. W. Preston.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley L. Bennett, chairman
Nominating Committee

On nomination from the floor, Mrs. Arnold F. Plummer was elected a trustee of Mountain Orphanage to succeed Mrs. S. E. Shepherd, who had resigned.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Christian Education Committee's report was received as information and the recommendations were adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Christian Education Committee presents the following recommendations:

1. That Presbytery express its appreciation by a rising vote for the excellent service rendered by The Rev. William R. Klein, Director of the Pioneer Camp, and to his staff of workers; and to The Rev. Thomas Sproule, Director of the Senior Conference, and to his staff of workers.

2. That Presbytery approve the appointment of the following adult advisers on Presbytery's Senior-High Fellowship Council: The Rev. Thomas Sproule, 1958; Mrs. Mildred Ray, 1959; Mrs. Ruth Sursavage, 1960; and that a special season of prayer be conducted for the advisers, members of Presbytery's Youth Council, and the young people of Presbytery.

3. That the Pastors, Sessions, and Sunday Schools be urged to support the Area Leadership Training School to be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, September 8, 9, 10 and September 17, 18, 19.

4. That every church plan carefully for the observance of the following days and seasons: Religious Education Season, September 1 - 29; Rally Day, September 29; Religious Education Week, September 29 - October 6.

5. That, in observance of Rally Day, every Sunday School, church, and church organization give generously to the cause of Christian Education, so that the Board of Christian Education may fulfill its responsibilities to the Church and to the people of the area served by our Assembly.

6. That each Session encourage attendance at the Men's Convention, Miami, October 10 - 13; and at the Quadrennial Youth Convention, December 28 - 31, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

7. That every church endeavor to meet its full benevolent quota so that the Christian Education Committees of Presbytery, Synod and Assembly can receive their share for the promotion of the work committed to them.

8. That Presbytery's attention be called to the fact that in the Minutes of Presbytery of its April meeting there was an omission of the vote and authorization of the recommendation that in order for a person to be excused from serving on a camp or conference staff, if invited, they must be excused by Presbytery. We request that this be included in the official minutes of this meeting of Presbytery.

CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

The Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of Presbytery, made an oral report on Church Extension. This committee was

granted permission to postpone a report on the Robbinsville and White Oak Churches until the October meeting.

The recommendation relating to Christian Education was referred to the Permanent Committee on Church Extension—(Assembly).

(1) That either through a sub-committee of the Church Extension Committee—e. g., one on Christian Relations—or a committee specially named that a report be made each year in regard to the general subject of Christian relations, Christian social order, or social and moral welfare. Once a year a committee of the Presbytery should call attention to needed emphasis in this realm.

There was no report from the Forward with Christ Committee.

There was no report from the Committee on Home for the Aged.

COMMITTEE TO EDIT AND PRINT MANUAL

The Moderator was authorized by Presbytery to appoint a committee of three to edit manual and study cost of printing the manual and to report to next meeting of Presbytery.

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL THE REV. SAMUEL ROCHESTER

The Commission for the ordination and installation of Samuel L. Rochester at Bryson City Church met at the church at 7 o'clock Sunday evening, May 12, 1957 prior to service.

All members of the committee were present, namely: R. E. McClure, chairman, J. Bruce Frye, D. P. McGeachy, and Robert A. Potter, ministers; and Holland McSwain and L. B. Nichols, ruling elders. Dr. McClure called the meeting to order and led in prayer. On motion Ruling Elder J. W. Rochester, father of the minister, was invited to sit as visiting brother. Mr. Rochester is an elder in Winter Haven, Florida. Mr. Potter was named clerk.

The call for the minister was found in order, the provisions calling for an annual salary of $3600—with understanding of raises the first two years—manse and participation in minister's annuity. It was subsequently placed in the hand of Mr. Rochester. The clerk was

authorized to prepare minutes of the meeting, and the adjournment of the commission provided for with the benediction at the close of the service of ordination.

The service was held as arranged, and Mr. Rochester duly ordained and installed by prayer and laying on of hands of the Presbytery's commission.

Robert A. Potter

Clerk

Mr. Forrest Gardner was elected to represent Presbytery before Synod's Commission on Complaint from our Presbytery.

No report from Committee on Bills and Overtures.

No report from Judiciary Committee.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, the members of Asheville Presbytery, meeting in the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, Waynesville, N. C., July 23, 1957, warmly and deeply thank the pastor, officers, and members of the church for their gracious and generous hospitality; our material and physical needs and comforts were well cared for; we thank the women particularly for the appetizing and bountiful dinner and the efficient and courteous way in which it was served.

We pray God's blessing on the Church in it's building program and its numerical and spiritual growth.

Robert L. Torrence,

Chairman

THE REV. PAUL F. WARREN ELECTED MODERATOR-NOMINEE

The Rev. Paul Warren was elected Moderator-nominee of the fall meeting.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Presbytery accepted the invitation to hold its stated fall meeting at the Weaverville Church, Tuesday, October 22nd, 1957 at 10 A. M.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of Presbytery were read by the permanent clerk and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Rev. W. H. Marquis.

FORREST B. GARDNER, *Moderator*

W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

W. C. COOPER, *Permanent Clerk*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956 Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
Summer	—Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule
1957 Winter	—Grace Covenant	Rev. Thomas Sproule
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	F. B. Gardner
Summer	—Waynesville	F. B. Gardner

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DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Moderator: Rev. Paul F. Warren, Asheville, N. C.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. W. G. Thomas, 690 Haywood Road, Asheville, N. C.—1959.
Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. C. Cooper, Arden, N. C.—1960.
Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church Street, Asheville—1959.
Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1958—J. J. Stone, Kenilworth; 1959—George H. Wright, Asheville First; 1960—Roy P. Booth, Asheville First.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1959—Joe L. Hunter; 1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Church Extension

1958—Rev. S. L. Bennett, Rev. Robert L. Torrence, John M. Carroll, W. G. Lingo.
1959—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Frank Wade, Cameron W. Lee, George H. Wright.
1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman; Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. P. N. Gresham, F. B. Gardner.

Orphanage Work

1958—Carle Welte, E. G. Roberts, Bernard R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Stephen Shepherd.
1959—Rev. P. N. Gresham, J. Paul Teal, Jr., C. E. Worley, Mrs. J. C. Spooner.
1960—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman; Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Charles Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Christian Education

1958—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. J. C. Lime, Rev. Calvin Thielman, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Joe E. Rose, Quinn Constantz.
1959—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Potter; Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, George Stockton, L. B. Ordway.
1960—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Philip L. Brintnall.

And the following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; O. E. Starnes, Jr., President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. J. Rupert McGregor, Chairman of Christian Education for Presbyterial; James Davis, Moderator of Senior High Fellowship; Mr. Sproule, Mrs. Joe Sursavage and Mrs. W. L. Ray, Adult Advisors of Youth Work; Mr. Sproule, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Directors of the Senior Conference, Pioneer Camp and Junior Camp, respectively.

Presbytery's Council

1958—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman; Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Kelley E. Bennett.
1959—Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, Rev. J. B. Frye, F. A. Plummer.
1960—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, J. O. Williams, Mark Sumner.

And the following, by virtue of their office: The Moderator of the Presbytery, the Stated Clerk, and the Executive Secretary.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1958—Rev. G. B. Talbot, (Chairman); L. Nelson Bell.
1959—Rev. J. R McGregor; Hugh E. Lamb.
1960—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. H. B. Dendy.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations—Rev. J. C. Lime, 1958; F. A. Plummer, 1958; Rev. S. L. Bennett, Chairman, 1959; J. Paul Teal, Jr., 1959; Rev. C. Grier Davis, 1960; Kelley E. Bennett, 1960.

World Missions—Rev. W. J. Gammon, 1958; R. T. Reed, 1959; Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman. 1960.

Church Extension (Assembly)—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, 1958; L. B. Nichols, 1958; Rev. W. F. Thuston, Chairman, 1959; Rev. W. C. Cooper, 1959; Rev. L. T. Newland, 1960; Rev. Wm. R. Klein, 1960.

Christian Education (Assembly)—Rev. J. H. Skelton, 1958; J. R. Lewis, 1959; Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman, 1960.

Annuities and Relief—J. H. Flanagan, 1958; Rev. C. R. Stegall, 1959; Rev. Paul N. Gresham, Chairman, 1960.

General Fund Agencies—Rev. J. H. Gruver, 1958; Rev. Calvin Thielman, Chairman, 1959; C. G. Worley, 1960.

Examining Committee—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1958.

Experimental Religion—The Moderator, or Ex-Moderator.
Theology—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman, 1959; Rev. C. R. Stegall, 1960.
Sacraments—Rev. O. F. Yates, 1958; Rev. J. B. Frye, Chm., 1960.
Church Government—Rev. S L. Rochester, 1958; Rev. W. J. Gammon, Chairman, 1959.
English Bible—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1959; Rev. J. H. Gruver, 1960.
Academic and Seminary Studies—Rev. J. V. N. Talmadge, 1958; Rev. Thomas Sproule, Chairman, 1960.

Women's Work—S. J. McCarty, 1958; Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman, 1959; Rev. W. C. Cooper, 1960.

Sessional Records—E. H. Brumby, 1958; Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman, 1959; Rev. Thomas Sproule, 1960. (to be supplemented at the annual meeting by appointments by the Moderator).

Minutes of Church Courts—Rev. Jas. H. Skelton, 1958; Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman, 1959; Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, 1960.

Program—Moderator, Ruling Elder F. B. Gardner; Stated Clerk, Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host Pastor, Rev. H. B. Dendy; Ruling Elder from Host Church, R. T. Reed.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. A. C. Holt, 1960; Kelley E. Bennett, 1960.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Forward With Christ—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. W. F. Thuston, Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. Stanley L. Bennett, J. J. Stone, Cameron W. Lee.

Home for the Aged—Forrest B. Gardner, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. W. F. Thuston, Joseph L. Hunter, O. E. Starnes, Mrs. R. E. McClure, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Office of Executive Secretary—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Rev. C. Grier Davis, Forrest B. Gardner, Rev. H. B. Dendy, J. Paul Teal, Jr., Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. J. C. Lime.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Clayton Bell, Montreat, N. C.
Austin Blake Brinkeroff, Montreat, N. C.
William E. Leaman, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
William A. Lofquist, Asheville, N. C.
Owen L. Norment, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
George Edward Scott, Asheville, N. C.
John Trotti, Asheville, N. C.
Holland McSwain, Franklin, N. C.
Fred W. Streetman, Jr., Hendersonville, N. C.
Alfred Douglas Reed, Asheville, N. C.
William English, Asheville, N. C.

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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

The 150th Stated Meeting of Asheville Presbytery met at the Weaverville Presbyterian Church at 10 A. M. on October 22, 1957. Presbytery was constituted by prayer by Ruling Elder P. B. Ray. The Retiring Moderator Ruling Elder Forrest B. Gardner read the Scripture from Rev. 3:14-22 and delivered an address on the topic, "Which Way, Are Laymen?".

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. Paul N. Gresham and the Rev. D. E. Carlton, assisted by Ruling Elders, Ben H. Evans, L. C. Penland, P. B. Ray, and R. T. Reed.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Roll of Ministers was called by the Stated Clerk and the following were present:

Stanley L. Bennett, Dan Carlton, W. C. Cooper, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. Bruce Frye, P. N. Gresham, Albert C. Holt, William R. Klein, Donn Langfitt, J. C. Lime, W. H. Marquis, Carl R. McCain, R. E. McClure, D. P. McGeachy III, J. R. McGregor, Ben F. Ormand, W. W. Pharr, Robert A. Potter, S. L. Rochester, Wade C. Smith, Richard L. Sommers, Thomas Sproule, George Bird Talbot, Calvin Theilman, W. G. Thomas, Warren F. Thuston, Robert L. Torrence, Paul F. Warren, Eugene Witherspoon, Jr. (30)

The Roll of Churches was called and the following Churches were represented:

Arden, C. G. Worley; Asheville First, Clyde Blair and Arthur E. Eve, Jr.; Black Mountain, J. O. Williams; Brevard-Davidson, Eugene A. Bishop; Brittain's Cove, Harold Sluder; Dillingham, A. D. Dillingham; Franklin, J. S. Gray; Friendship, W. E. Norwood; Grace Covenant, Harvey Morgan; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerrow; Hendersonville First, George C. Klick; Ivy Park, T. G. Penland; Kenilworth, O. L. Norment; Malvern Hills, J. Z. Russell; Mills River, Albert Holden; Montreat, C. A. Stubbs; Murphy, Charles W. Barrett; Oak Forest, H. Vaughan Morris; Swannanoa, W. H. McMurray; Sylva, J. F. Dunn; Waynesville, Frank W. Sampson; Weaverville, Ben H. Evans; West Asheville, J. T. Mastin. (23)

VISITORS

The following visitors were introduced: Miss Bessie Mae Stribling, Walter Beaty, Jr., William Burgess, G. L. Donnelly, F. B. Gardner, P. Greer Johnson, Fred M. Jordan, Jerry C. Lunsford, S. A. Mann, Lawrence C. Penland, P. B. Ray, R. T. Reed, J. J. Stone, Alan Chapman, Student Supply of Brittain's Cove, and Guy C. Henry, representative of the Louisville Seminary Campaign.

ORDINATION CERTIFICATES

The Stated Clerk, the Rev. W. G. Thomas, presented certificates of Ordination to the Revs. R. L. Sommers, D. R. Langfitt, and E. D. Witherspoon, Jr.

THE REV. PAUL F. WARREN, MODERATOR

The Rev. Paul F. Warren, nominee, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The report of the Program Committee was presented by the Rev. H. B. Dendy, which was adopted as amended. We recommend that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess at 12:20, lunch at 12:30, and reconvene at 1:30.

2. That the report of the Committee on Annuities and Relief be the first order after lunch.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

BILLS AND OVERTURES: the Revs. Robert L. Torrence, chairman; W. W. Pharr, and Ruling Elder J. O. Williams.

JUDICIAL: the Revs. Ben Ormand, Chairman; D. P. McGeachy III, and Ruling Elder Arthur Eve.

RESOLUTIONS: the Rev. A. C. Holt, chairman, and Ruling Elder G. C. Klick.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following ministers were excused from attendance: C. R. Stegall, W. J. Gammon, J. H. Gruver, L. T. Newland and O. F. Yates.

COMMUNICATIONS

The letter from G. H. Wright was received as information.

The communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly was received and Presbytery's Stated Clerk was authorized to pay the increased Presbytery Tax.

The communication from the Board of Ministerial Annuities and Relief was referred to the Committee on Annuities and Relief.

The complaint by J. J. Stone was referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

An invitation from the Kenilworth Session and Pastor was referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

The invitation from the Franklin Church for Presbytery to hold the 1958 Winter Meeting at Franklin was deferred for consideration at the regular place on the docket.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

The Moderator, the Rev. Paul Warren, led the Presbytery in prayer prior to recess for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery re-convened at 1:30 P. M. with prayer by the Rev. W. R. Klein.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

The Rev. Paul N. Gresham, chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Annuities and Relief which was received as information and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. We urge a generous Joy Gift offering on the part of all church organizations, since it is a major source of income with which the Board provides for the retired servants of the church.

2. That the applications for appropriations for widows and orphans be the same as last years with supplements from the Joy Gift offering.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

The Proposed Amendment to the Book of Church Order was disapproved.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev. Warren Thuston and Ruling Elder C. A. Stubbs made reports as Commissioners to the 1957 General Assembly and they were commended for their faithfulness.

COMMISSION TO INSTALL MR. CARLTON

Dr. R. E. McClure presented the report of the Commission to install Mr. Carlton as Pastor of the Dillingham and Ivy Park Churches, and the report is as follows:

The Commission to install Rev. Daniel E. Carlton as pastor of the Dillingham and Ivy Park Presbyterian Churches did not meet as scheduled for two reasons.

The Chairman was informed that the first date set was not satisfactory to the Churches and the second date proposed was such that it would have been impossible to secure a quorum.

The Chairman, therefore, joined others in requesting the Moderator to call a special meeting of the Presbytery to perform the duties assigned to the Commission, and the minutes of that meeting will record the action taken with reference to these assignments.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. MCCLURE, *Chairman*

CALLED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

The Rev. Thomas Sproule read the Minutes of the called meeting of Presbytery and they were admitted to record:

The Presbytery of Asheville met in a called meeting in the Ivy Park Church, Democrat, N. C., Sunday, August 25, 1957. The Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., Past-Moderator, called Presbytery to order and requested the Rev. Thomas Sproule to offer the prayer. The Rev. Mr. Sproule was appointed to serve as clerk, pro tem.

The Clerk read the following call for the meeting, which was found in order:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery, to convene at the Ivy Park Presbyterian Church at 3 P.M., Sunday, August 25th, said meeting to adjourn and continue its sessions at the Dillingham Presbyterian Church at 7:30 P.M., on the same day, and to transact the following business:

1) To examine the call of the Dillingham Presbyterian Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Daniel E. Carlton and, if found in order, to place same in his hands.

2) To install Rev. Daniel E. Carlton as pastor at Ivy Park and at Dillingham, if the way be clear.

3) To transact any other business growing out of either of the above items.

F. B. GARDNER, *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*

August 14, 1957

The Clerk called the Roll of Ministers and Churches and the following were present:

Ministers: H. B. Dendy, C. R. Stegall, Thomas Sproule, Daniel E. Carlton.

Churches represented:
Dillingham: Alfred D. Dillingham
Weaverville: R. T. Reed

Mr. Ben Evans, an elder of the Weaverville Church, was introduced.

As Presbytery had met for the purpose of installing the Rev. Daniel E. Carlton as pastor of the Ivy Park Church, the Moderator explained the nature of the installation service and invited the congregation assembled to share in a service of worship. After the singing of a hymn, the Moderator read for the Scripture lesson Philippians, chapter 3, verses 1-7. The Rev. C. R. Stegall preached an inspiring sermon on the subject, "Fellowship of the Children of God".

The constitutional questions, listed in the Book of Church Order, were propounded to the Rev. Daniel E. Carlton and to the members

of the congregation, and both parties answered affirmatively. After the declaration of the installation, the Rev. Thomas Sproule delivered a charge to the pastor and the Rev. H. B. Dendy delivered a charge to the congregation.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Presbytery was in recess until 7:30 to meet at the Dillingham Church, Barnardsville, N. C.

Presbytery re-convened at 7:30 p.m., at the Dillingham Church, Barnardsville, N. C., and prayer was offered by the Rev. Thomas Sproule. The call of the Dillingham Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Daniel E. Carlton was examined and found to be in order and was placed in his hands and was accepted by him. The Moderator explained the nature of the installation service to the congregation of the Dillingham church and invited the congregation to share in a service of worship. After the singing of a hymn, the Moderator read for the scripture lesson Philippians, chapter 1, verses 1-7. The Rev. C. R. Stegall preached an inspiring sermon on the theme, "Fellowship of the Children of God". The constitutional questions, according to the Book of Church Order, were propounded to the Rev. Daniel E. Carlton and to the members of the Dillingham congregation, and were answered affirmatively by both parties.

After the declaration of installation, the Rev. Thomas Sproule delivered a charge to the Pastor, and the Rev. H. B. Dendy delivered a charge to the congregation.

After the singing of a hymn, the Rev. H. B. Dendy pronounced the benediction.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

H. B. DENDY, *Moderator*
THOMAS SPROULE, *Clerk pro tem*

The minutes of the Commission to Install the Rev. Carl R. McCain as pastor of the Highlands Church were read by the Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, and the minutes were admitted to record:

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL
THE REV. CARL R. McCAIN AS PASTOR OF
THE HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Commission met at 8:00 P.M., at the Highlands Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 11, 1957. Present were the Reverend R. E. McClure, D.D., Chairman, the Reverend Samuel L. Rochester, the Reverend D. P. McGeachy, III, and Ruling Elder S. J. McCarty. A quorum being present, the chairman opened the meeting with prayer, and Mr. McGeachy was elected clerk.

The Commission having been organized, the service was held as arranged. Mr. McGeachy preached the sermon, Mr. Rochester charged the minister, and Dr. McClure charged the congregation. The constitutional questions were propounded by the chairman and answered in the affirmative by the minister and the congregation, and he was declared duly installed.

The Minutes were read and approved. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Carl R. McCain.

Respectfully submitted,
D. P. MCGEACHY, III
Clerk of the Commission

The minutes of the Commission to Ordain and Install the Rev. Richard L. Sommers as pastor of the Oak Forest Church were read by the Rev. Thomas Sproule and were admitted to record:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL
THE REV. RICHARD L. SOMMERS

The Commission for the ordination and installation of Richard L. Sommers at the Oak Forest Church met at the church at 10:45 o'clock on Sunday, August 4, 1957, for the purpose of constituting the commission. Prayer was offered by Dr. R. E. McClure, Chairman. Members present were: Dr. R. E. McClure, Dr. W. G. Thomas, the Rev. Thomas Sproule, and Ruling Elders G. H. Wright and E. D. Duckworth. Dr. M. O. Sommers, of Holston Presbytery and father of Mr. Richard L. Sommers, appointed by Presbytery to preach the sermon, was invited to sit with the Commission. The Rev. Thomas Sproule was elected Clerk of the Commission. The assignment of parts was announced by the chairman.

The Commission met with the congregation in a service of worship at 11:00 o'clock, with the chairman presiding. Dr. McClure explained the purpose and authority of the commission. Dr. M. O. Sommers preached the sermon, "Working Models of Christianity", using as his text Titus 2:7. The constitutional questions were propounded by the Chairman to Richard L. Sommers and to the congregation and both parties answered affirmatively. Richard L. Sommers was duly ordained as a minister of the Gospel of Christ and installed as pastor of the Oak Forest Church. Dr. W. G. Thomas delivered the charge to the pastor, and ruling elder G. H. Wright delivered the

charge to the congregation. The duties of the Commission were completed in accordance with the Book of Church Order.

The Minutes were read and approved. The benediction was offered by the Rev. Richard L. Summers.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS SPROULE,
Secretary of the Commission

The Rev. R. E. McClure read the minutes of the Commission to Ordain and Install the Rev. Donald K. Langfitt as pastor of the Franklin Church, and the minutes were admitted to record:

COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL CANDIDATE DONN K. LANGFITT

The Commission to Ordain and Install Candidate Donn K. Langfitt as pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian Church, met at the church at 3:10 P.M., Sunday, July 28th.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer.

Present: Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Rev. J. Bruce Frye, and Ruling Elders Holland McSwain and C. Bryant McClure.

Mr. Rochester was elected clerk, and Rev. William S. Smythe, of Wilmington Presbytery was invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The work of the Commission was concluded in the presence of the congregation, and the Clerk was authorized to record same as the minutes of the Commission.

Mr. McGeachy preached the sermon on the subject, "The Holy Spirit", after which the Chairman stated the authority and purpose of the Commission, and propounded the constitutional questions to the Candidate and to the Congregation.

These questions being answered in the affirmative by both parties, the Commission proceeded to the ordination by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery and prayer led by Mr. Frye.

After Candidate Donn K. Langfitt was declared Ordained and Installed according to the Book of Church Order, a charge was given the minister by Mr. Smythe and the congregation by Mr. McSwain.

The service was concluded with the Benediction pronounced by Rev. Donn K. Langfitt, and the meeting of the Commission adjourned.

REV. R. E. MCCLURE, *Chairman*

Attest: Rev. Sam L. Rochester

The Rev. D. K. Langfitt read the minutes of the Commission to Ordain and Install the Rev. Eugene D. Witherspoon, Jr., as pastor of the Andrews Church, and the minutes were admitted to record:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL CANDIDATE EUGENE DANIEL WITHERSPOON, JR.

The Commission to ordain and install candidate Eugene Daniel Witherspoon, Jr., as pastor of the Andrews Presbyterian Church met at the church at 7:30 P.M., Sunday, September 8, 1957.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer. Present: the Rev. R. E. McClure, chairman, the Rev. Don K. Langfitt, the Rev. James Bruce Frye, and Ruling Elder Holland McSwain. Dr. E. D. Witherspoon of Wilmington Presbytery, and father of the candidate, and appointed to preach the sermon, was invited to sit with the Commission. The Rev. Donn K. Langfitt was elected Secretary of the Commission.

The Commission met with the congregation in a service of worship, with the chairman presiding. Dr. McClure explained the purpose and authority of the Commission. Dr. Witherspoon preached the sermon on the subject, "The Church of Our Dreams". The constitutional questions according to the Book of Church Order were propounded to the candidate and to the congregation, and both parties answered affirmatively. The Commission proceeded to ordination by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery and to the installation of the Rev. Eugene Daniel Witherspoon as pastor of the Andrews Presbyterian Church. The Rev. James Bruce Frye delivered the charge to the Pastor, and the Rev. Dr. R. E. McClure delivered the charge to the Congregation. The duties of the Commission were completed in accordance with the Book of Church Order.

The Minutes were read and approved. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Eugene Daniel Witherspoon, Jr., and the Commission adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
DONN K. LANGFITT,
Secretary of the Commission.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO EDIT AND PRINT MANUAL

The Rev. W. G. Thomas presented the report of the Committee to Edit and Print the Manual, which was adopted.

COMMITTEE TO EDIT AND PRINT THE MANUAL

As authorized by Presbytery during the Summer Adjourned Meeting held at Waynesville, July 23, 1957, the Moderator, Forrest B. Gardner, appointed the following committee to edit the *Manual* and to study the cost of printing same:

W. G. Thomas, *Chairman*
R. E. McClure
H. B. Dendy
W. C. Cooper

The Committee presents the following report:

The mimeographed copy of the *Manual* previously distributed is being edited. The following recommendations are presented for your consideration:

1. That the *Manual* be printed as an Appendix to the Minutes of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Stated Meeting of Presbytery, 325 copies; and that an additional 250 copies of the *Manual* separate from the Minutes be printed.

2. That the cost of approximately $75.00 for printing the Appendix, as well as the separate copies, be paid from the funds of Presbytery's treasury.

THE PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY

The Rev. Warren Thuston, chairman of the Presbyterian Survey Committee, made an oral report which was received as information.

REPORT OF THE FORWARD WITH CHRIST COMMITTEE

The Forward with Christ Committee's report was made by the chairman, the Rev. Ben F. Ormand, which was received as information.

COMMISSION ON MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. G. B. Talbot read the minutes of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, which were admitted to record:

The Commission has accepted the resignation of Dr. J. Rupert McGregor as Chairman. The following officers have been named:

Chairman, G. B. Talbot
Vice-Chairman, Dr. H. B. Dendy
Secretary, Dr. W. G. Thomas

The Commission approved the request of Dr. J. R. McGregor that he be allowed to retire from the active pastorate.

The Commission has given Dr. McGregor permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery.

The Commission is keeping in touch with the following pastorless churches in their effort to secure a pastor: Malvern Hills and Bethel Churches.

Respectfully submitted,
G. B. TALBOT, *Chairman*
W. G. THOMAS, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE TO EDIT AND PRINT THE MANUAL

The Rev. H. B. Dendy moved for a reconsideration of the report of the Committee to Edit and Print the Manual, which carried. Dr. Dendy then moved that the printing of the Manual be postponed until after the 1958 Winter meeting of Presbytery. The motion carried.

MANUAL AMENDMENT

The Rev. C. Grier Davis called attention to the fact that according to custom Presbytery has named the chairmen of the commissions and committees. Dr. Davis therefore moved that Presbytery approve the appointment of the Rev. G. B. Talbot as chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work; and that the Manual be amended to read that the Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His work shall be elected by Presbytery, and that this change of the Manual be placed on the docket at the 1958 Winter Meeting. The motion carried.

The Rev. Thomas Sproule moved that the Committee to Edit and Print the Manual be requested to bring to the 1958 Winter Meeting a recommendation concerning the election of the Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work; and a recommendation concerning the election of commissioners to the General Assembly; and a recommendation concerning any other matters in the Manual which need the attention of Presbytery. The motion was adopted.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

The Rev. Paul Warren presented the report of Presbytery's Council which was received as information and the following recommendation was adopted:

"That a letter be sent out to each of the churches in Asheville Presbytery at the end of October giving the amount that each church has pledged; the amount given; and the difference needed to fulfill the obligation incurred."

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The chairman of the Mountain Orphanage, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, presented the report on the work of the Orphanage, which was received as information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The report of the Christian Education Committee was presented by the Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman. The Rev. I. M. Ellis, Knoxville Presbytery, Director of Christian Education of the Synod, was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother. The report was received as information and the recommendations were adopted, as amended:

The Christian Education Committee presents the following recommendations:

1. That Pastors, Church School Superintendents and Children's Work Counselors be urged to obtain and study materials offered by our Board of Christian Education in "Teaching and Program Plans for Children's Workers 1957-58", and particular emphasis be given to the publications relating to the 1958 theme, "The Church", such as the bulletin, "Children of the Congregation".
2. That 2 Junior Camps (of one week duration) be conducted during the Summer of 1958 so that an increasing number of Junior age children may have the opportunity to attend; and that the Rev. James Bruce Frye and the Rev. D. P. McGeachy III be appointed co-directors of the camps.
3. That a Pioneer Camp be conducted at Camp Hope during the Summer of 1958; and that the Rev. William R. Klein be appointed director.
4. That a Senior Conference be conducted at Montreat during the Summer of 1958; and that the Rev. Thomas Sproule be appointed director.

5. That the Sessions urge the Young People to attend the Sixth Quadrennial Youth Convention to be held at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, December 28-31, 1957. (The Christian Education Committee will charter a bus, if the demand justifies it; and the Young People will pay 60% of the cost of the bus and the committee will absorb the balance. The committee will also underwrite the expenses of an Adult Adviser to accompany the Young People to the Convention.)
6. That a sub-committee of Leadership Education be authorized to promote:
   a. A Second Series Leadership School, September 7, 8, 9, 10, 1958, beginning Sunday afternoon, with a two hour class, and another two hour class after supper, and classes Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.
   b. That the following committee be approved and instructed to begin at once to make plans for the school and to secure the teachers:

      Malcom Arthur
      Arthur Eve
      Thomas Sproule
      R. E. McClure
      G. B. Talbot

   c. That the 1958 appropriation for the School be not less than $400.00 to enable the Committee to offer an honorarium of $50.00 plus expenses to as many as four out-of-the-Presbytery teachers.
   d. That the Asheville area churches be asked to arrange for room and breakfast for as many delegates from the churches in the Western area of Presbytery as might desire to attend the 1958 Leadership School.
7. That Presbytery approve the recommendations to be presented by the sub-committee on Candidates for the Ministry, the Rev. W. C. Cooper chairman.
   a. That Mr. Robert E. McClure, Jr., at his own request, be dropped as a Candidate.
   b. That Miss Pearle L. Buchanan of First Church Hendersonville, now a second year student in the General Assembly's Training School be approved as a Candidate for Lay Service, and for a loan of $200.
8. That Presbytery's Council place in Presbytery's Budget for an indefinite time, $10,000 a year, if Council finds feasible, but not less than $5,000 to be used to purchase a camp site whenever one can be found.

SAFETY FILM

9. That Mr. Guy C. Hendry, representative of the office of Synod's Campaign for raising $250,000 for Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, be heard for a few minutes in connection with this report.

10. That we hear Dr. I. M. Ellis, Director of Synod's Christian Education.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S CHURCH EXTENSION

The Rev. Warren Thuston, chairman of the Committee on the General Assembly's Church Extension presented report, which was received as information.

PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

The Rev. C. Grier Davis, chairman of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, presented a report, which was received as information.

MINUTES OF CHURCH COURTS

The report on the Minutes of Church Courts presented by the Rev. W. W. Pharr, chairman, was received as information and the recommendation that Presbytery's Printed Minutes be the Official Records was adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no business had come into their hands.

The Judiciary Committee reported no business.

The Rev. A. C. Holt presented the Report of the Resolutions Committee, which was adopted:

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was given by Dr. A. C. Holt. It was adopted by a rising vote and is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Asheville has been so graciously entertained with Christian hospitality by the Weaverville Presbyterian Church;

WHEREAS, the beloved Pastor, Dr. H. B. Dendy and members of the Session have so efficiently arranged for our every need and comfort;

WHEREAS, the Women of the Church provided us with an excellent meal;

AND WHEREAS, Mr. W. B. Ferguson enriched our worship with sacred organ music; the Presbytery of Asheville desires to express our heartfelt thanks and prays God's richest blessing upon the pastor and people of the Weaverville Church.

PURCHASE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT

The Rev. R. E. McClure moved that our Stated Clerk be authorized to purchase suitable cabinet for filing records. The motion was adopted.

APPRECIATION OF STATED CLERK

The Rev. C. Grier Davis moved that Presbytery go on record as extending appreciation for the services being rendered by the Stated Clerk, the Rev. W. G. Thomas. The motion was adopted by a standing vote.

PLACE OF WINTER MEETING

The invitation of the Franklin Church to hold our Adjourned Winter Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 1958, was accepted.

LETTER TO THE REV. R. T. L. LISTON

The Stated Clerk was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to the Rev. R. T. L. Liston, President of Kings College.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the moderator, the Rev. Paul F. Warren.

PAUL WARREN, *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*
W. C. COOPER, *Permanent Clerk*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Starley L. Bennett
1956 Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
Summer	—Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule
1957 Winter	—Grace Covenant	Rev. Thomas Sproule
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	F. B. Gardner
Summer	—Waynesville	F. B. Gardner
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. Paul F. Warren

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FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

(Incorporating action of Asheville Presbytery, January 21, 1958.)
(Term of office, where applicable, expires in January of year shown.)

Moderator: Rev. Paul F. Warren, Grace Covenant.

Moderator Nominate: Ruling Elder James S. Howell, Asheville First.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. W. G. Thomas, 690 Haywood Road, Asheville,—1960.

Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. C. Cooper, Arden,—1960.

Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church Street, Asheville,—1960.

Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1960—George H. Wright, Asheville 1st; 1960—Roy P. Booth, Asheville 1st; 1961—Carl M. Sawyer, Kenilworth.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1960—Joe L. Hunter; 1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Church Extension

1960—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Joe L. Hunter, Ben F. McGlamery, George H. Wright.

1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. P. N. Gresham, F. B. Gardner.

1961—Rev. Stanley L. Bennett, Rev. Robert L. Torrence, C. A. Stubbs, Duncan C. Hunter.

Orphanage Work

1960—Rev. P. N. Gresham, J. Paul Teal, Jr., C. E. Worley, Mrs. J. C. Spooner.

1960—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Chas. A. Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

1961—Carl R. Welte, Edward G. Roberts, Bernard R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. F. A. Plummer.

Christian Education

1960—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Jr., Rev. R. A. Potter, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, George Stockton, L. B. Ordway.

1960—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Chairman, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Philip L. Brintnall.

1961—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. Calvin Thielman, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. R. L. Sommers, Joe E. Rose, A. H. Bryson.
And the following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; Holland McSwain, President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. Geo. A. Anderson, Chairman of Senior High Fellowship; Mr. Sproule, Mrs. Joe Sursavage, Mrs. W. L. Ray, Adult Advisors of Youth Work; Mr. Sproule, Mr. Klein, Mr. Frye, Directors of Senior Conference, Pioneer Camp and Junior Camps, respectively.

Presbytery's Council

1960—Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, Rev. J. Bruce Frye, F. A. Plummer.

1960—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Mark Sumner, Sam Patton.

1961—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Kelley E. Bennett.

And the following by virtue of the office held:
The Moderator; Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; and Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1960—Rev. J. C. Lime, Hugh E. Lamb.

1960—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. H. B. Dendy.

1961—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, George H. Wright.

DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations: 1959—Rev. S. L. Bennett, Chairman, J. Paul Teal, Jr.; 1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Kelley E. Bennett; 1961—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Holland McSwain.

World Missions: 1959—R. T. Reed; 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman; 1961—Rev. W. J. Gammon.

Church Extension (Assembly): 1959—Rev. W. F. Thuston, Chairman; Rev. W. C. Cooper; 1960—Rev. L. T. Newland, Rev. Wm. R. Klein; 1961—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, W. H. McMurray.

Christian Education (Assembly): 1959—J. R. Lewis; 1960—Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman; 1961—Rev. J. H. Skelton.

Annuities and Relief: 1959—Rev. C. R. Stegall; 1960—Rev. Paul N. Gresham, Chairman; 1961—R. A. Porter.

General Fund Agencies: 1960—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Chairman; 1960—C. G Worley; 1961—Rev. Daniel E. Carlton.

Examining Committee—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1961. Experimental Religion—The Moderator.

Theology; 1959—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman; 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall.

Sacraments; 1960—Rev. J. B. Frye, Chairman; 1961—Rev. O. F. Yates.

Church Government: 1959—Rev. W. J. Gammon, Chairman; 1961—Rev. Samuel L. Rochester.

English Bible: 1959—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; 1960—Rev. J. H. Gruver.

Academic and Seminary Studies: 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—Rev. Donn K. Langfitt.

Women's Work: 1959—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; 1960—Rev. W. C. Cooper; 1961—C. J. McCarty.

Sessional Records: 1959—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman; 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—W. A. Singleton, with appointment by the Moderator.

Minutes of Church Courts: 1959—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman; 1960—Rev. Wm. H. Marquis; 1961—Rev. Carl R. McCain.

Program—Moderator, Rev. Paul F. Warren; Stated Clerk, Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host Pastor, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III; Ruling Elder from Host Church, J. F. Dunn.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. A. C. Holt, 1960; Kelley E. Bennett, 1960.

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DOCKET SCHEDULE

WINTER MEETING

Devotional by Moderator
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly
Reports of Presbytery Officers
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Education
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Women's Work
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Minister and His Work
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A. Executive Committees
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Report on Audits
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Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissioners to General Assembly
Report of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Report of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Education, Presbytery
Home Missions, Presbytery
B. Permanent Committees
Church Extension, Assembly
Christian Education, Assembly
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FALL MEETING

Sermon by Moderator
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Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
The Mountain Orphanage
Education
Home Missions
B. Permanent Committees
Annuities and Relief
Minutes of Church Courts
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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

ADJOURNED WINTER MEETING

FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA

JANUARY 21, 1958

The Adjourned Meeting of Asheville Presbytery met in the Franklin Presbyterian Church, Franklin, N. C. at 10 A. M. on January 21, 1958. The Devotional Service was led by the moderator, the Rev. Paul F. Warren. The Scripture lesson was Roman 14: 1-11, and the message was based on this Scripture passage. The Rev. Paul F. Warren constituted Presbytery with prayer.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk, Dr. W. G. Thomas, called the Roll of Ministers and the following were present:

Stanley L. Bennett, Dan Carlton, W. C. Cooper, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. Bruce Frye, William J. Gammon, Paul N. Gresham, Albert C. Holt, William R. Klein, Donn Langfitt, J. Clayton Lime, W. H. Marquis, Carl R. McCain, R. E. McClure, D. P. McGeachy, III, W. W. Pharr, Robert A. Potter, S. L. Rochester, James H. Skelton, Jr., Richard L. Sommers, Tom Sproule, C. R. Stegall, George Bird Talbot, Calvin Theilman, W. G. Thomas, Robert L. Torrence, Warren F. Thuston, Paul F. Warren, E. D. Witherspoon, Jr., (30).

The Roll of Churches was called by the Permanent Clerk, W. C. Cooper, and the following Churches were represented:

Arden, Joe Tandy; Asheville First, Loyd B. Leonard, James Howell; Bethel-H., John Hardin; Black Mountain, S. S. Cooley; Brevard-Davidson Rivet, Robert R. Bolt; Brittain's Cove, Charlie P. Hensley; Bryson City, J. V. McHan; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Dillingham, Alfred D. Dillingham; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Franklin, J. R. Bulgin; Friendship, W. E. Norwood; Grace Covenant, Mark Sumner, Sr.; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerrow; Ivy Park, Thomas G. Penland; Kenilworth, O. L. Norment; Malvern Hills, Jack H. Duckett; Mills River, H. N. Clark; Montreat, L. Nelson Bell; Murphy, Holland McSwain; Oak Forest, S. A. Mann; Swannanoa, S. Fred Davidson; Sylva, J. F. Dunn; Waynesville, James L. Elwood; Weaverville, P. B. Ray; West Asheville, L. R. Orders. (27)

VISITORS

The Rev. J. McWilliams of the Synod of New Jersey, and the Rev. C. W. Soloman of Union Presbytery, U. S. A. were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brothers. The following visitors were introduced: Walter K. Beaty, Jr. Supt. of the Mountain Orphanage; Elders: Jack Alexander, H. E. Lamb, B. L. McGamery, Lee B. Nichols, Ben R. Pless, Dr. R. E. Porter, J. B. Ray, Joe Story; and Deacons, Ross E. Taylor, and Louis Smith; and Mr. Guy Hendry, Director of the Louisville Seminary Campaign.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following ministers were excused from attendance: Ben F. Ormand, J. Rupert McGregor, Wade C. Smith, J. H. Gruver, L. T. Newland, O. F. Yates, and Alan Chapman, Student Supply.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The report of the Program Committee was presented by the Rev. Donn K. Langfitt, which was adopted as amended. We recommend that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess at 12:30 and reconvene at 1:30.
2. That the Report of the Committee on the Change of the Manual be the first order after communications.
3. That New and Unfinished Business be "F", coming after the Report of Standing Committees.
4. That the Report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work be the first order after lunch.
5. That Louisville Seminary Campaign be the second order after the reading of the communications.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures: The Revs. R. L. Torrence, Chrm., W. W. Pharr, and Ruling Elder, Loyd B. Leonard.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEE ON SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Revs. Richard L. Sommers and E. D. Witherspoon, Jr. were appointed to the Committee on Sessional Records to serve during this meeting of Presbytery.

COMMUNICATIONS

The request from Clayton Bell for transfer as Candidate to Mobile Presbytery was granted and the Stated Clerk was instructed to telegraph the transfer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHANGE OF MANUAL

Dr. R. E. McClure presented the report of the Committee on the Change of the Manual. It was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to edit the Manual of Presbytery met on January 13 in the office of the Executive Secretary. Present: Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. C. Cooper, and Rev. R. E. McClure.

The Action of Presbytery authorized this Committee to edit the Manual and "a recommendation concerning any other matters in the Manual which need the attention of Presbytery". The Committee makes the following recommendations:

Page One

That the last three lines of the paragraph beginning "These meetings shall ordinarily convene" be omitted and the paragraph be made to read as follows: "These meetings shall ordinarily convene at 10:00 A. M., and each Stated Session shall be opened with a Sermon, and the Communion Service shall be celebrated in April and October."

That the words at the bottom of the page "he or they shall preach their sermon" be amended to read "the sermon or sermons shall be preached at a time arranged in advance through the Program Committee."

Page Two

That the next to the last paragraph beginning "The Program Committee" be omitted entirely.

Judicial: The Revs. Warren F. Thuston, Chrm., J. Bruce Frye, and Ruling Elder, H. N. Clark.

Resolutions: The Rev. Richard L. Summers, Chrm., and Ruling Elder Joe Tandy.

Under Officers of the Presbytery, the last part of the second paragraph be omitted so that the entire paragraph shall read "The Moderator shall ordinarily be nominated at the preceding Stated Meeting."

Page Three

The first paragraph shall be amended to read "The Stated Clerk shall be elected for a term of three years at a salary to be fixed by the Presbytery," and a similar statement shall be inserted with reference to the salary of the Permanent Clerk.

Page Four

Line four of paragraph two shall be amended to read "or the functional operation of any Commission or Committee of the Presbytery".

That the words "or may not" be deleted from paragraph four.

That the paragraph relating to the Treasurer of Benevolences be amended to read, "He shall serve at all times under the Committee appointed to supervise the work of the Executive Secretary" and that subsequent reference to Council be made to read Committee.

Pag Five

The word "but" be deleted from the second paragraph and the last part of the paragraph be made a separate sentence. "The time of election by the Presbytery shall be in January."

Instead of three Executive Committees, the paragraph shall read, "There shall be Four Executive Committees of the Presbytery."

Page Six

In the paragraph with reference to the Executive Committee of Christian Education there shall be twenty-one members instead of fifteen, and seven members whose term of office shall expire each January instead of five.

Page Eight

With reference to Presbytery's Council, the first paragraph shall be amended to read "There shall be a Presbytery's Council which shall be considered an Executive Committee of the Presbytery."

The second paragraph under Presbytery's Council shall be amended by adding the sentence "The Chairman shall be designated by the Presbytery."

The words "to be bonded" be inserted in the line near the bottom of the page to make it read "To be bonded in such amounts as the Council determines."

Page Nine

Under Executive Secretary, the Manual shall read "The Executive Secretary shall serve under the immediate supervision of a Permanent Committee on the Office and Work of The Executive Secretary. This Committee shall nominate him to the Presbytery, and he shall be called by the Presbytery on the same basis as the pastor of a local Church. This Committee shall be composed of one representative elected by each of the following Committees: Church Extension, Mountain Orphanage, Christian Education, Presbytery's Council, and The Commission on The Minister and His Work, together with one woman to be named by the Presbyterial, and she shall serve in an ex-officio capacity. The representative of the Church Extension Committee shall serve as Chairman of this Committee."

The duties of the Executive Secretary shall be those outlined in the mimeographed copy of the Manual except that the words "Church Extension Committee" in item three shall be amended to read "The Committee on The Office and Work of The Executive Secretary".

Under Permanent Committees, the second paragraph shall read, "Each Committee shall be composed of three members, at least one third of whom shall be laymen", and the following sentence shall be added "The Chairman of each permanent Committee shall be named by the Presbytery."

Page Ten

Under Program Committee, that the second paragraph be amended by the addition of the items 1 through 3 and 5 through 8 as adopted in the July 1957 Minutes of the Presbytery and printed therein. Paragraph four is covered by other sections of the Manual.

Under Commissions, add "The Chairman of the Commission shall be elected by the Presbytery."

Page Twelve

The words "Visiting Brother" at the bottom of the page shall be made to read "Visitor".

Page Fourteen

All references to any Adjourned Meetings of the Presbytery on Page fourteen shall be stricken out.

Commissioners to the General Assembly shall be elected as the first order of business in the afternoon session of the January meeting of each year.

The Stated Clerk shall furnish the Presbytery with the names of all Ministers on its roll and the last date at which any minister attended the General Assembly as a Commissioner, from either this or any other Presbytery. The Stated Clerk shall furnish a list of all of the Churches that have been represented at any meeting of the General Assembly by a Ruling Elder within the past ten years. This statement shall be received as information only, and recommendations shall proceed from the floor at the will of the Presbytery.

These lists shall be presented to the Presbytery in typed form, and full opportunity shall be given from the floor for any nominations that may be desired by members present.

In the case of both Ministers and Ruling Elders the vote shall be by ballot, voting for the number to be elected, and no ballot is to be counted unless it has the requisite number of names.

All those receiving a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot shall be declared elected, and the names of those receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped after each ballot, in number equal to the vacancies to be filled, and the balloting continued until the required number shall have been declared elected, except that the list of those being voted on shall always be sufficient to provide for the Principal and Alternate for each vacancy.

The names of those elected shall be listed in the order of the number of votes each has received, and an equal number of the next highest nominees shall become the Alternate Commissioners, each to each in the order of the number of votes received, except that in the case where there is a tied vote for the lowest position, the vote shall be broken by a final ballot by the Presbytery.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following Ministers and Ruling Elders were elected Commissioners to the next meeting of the General Assembly to be held in the First Church, Charlotte, N. C., April 24-29, 1958:

MINISTERS:

The Rev. James Bruce Frye, the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, and the Rev. W. G. Thomas; with alternates, the Rev. W. H. Marguis for James Bruce Frye, the Rev. J. R. McGregor for D. P. McGeachy, III, and the Rev. Geo. Bird Talbot for W. G. Thomas.

RULING ELDERS:

Mr. Holland McSwain, of the Murphy Church, Mr. J. F. Dunn of the Sylva Church, and Mr. J. Paul Teal, Jr., of the Grace Covenant Church; with alternates Mr. Wiley S. Norwood from the Friendship Church for Mr. McSwain, L. B. Nichols from the Andrews Church for Mr. Dunn, and Mr. Fred S. Davidson for Mr. Teal.

REPORT ON SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Sessional Records, which is as follows:

1. That the following churches be reprimanded for not presenting their Sessional Records at this meeting of Presbytery: Grace Covenant, Hayesville, Morrision, Robbinsville, and White Oak; and that these churches be requested to bring the records to the Spring meeting of Presbytery.
2. That the Sessional records from all of the other churches be approved and that these churches be commended for their excellent records. Attention is called to the fact that many churches have secured new sessional books.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Dr. L. Nelson Bell led the Presbytery in prayer and grace prior to recess for lunch, 12:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Moderator, the Rev. Paul F. Warren, re-convened the Presbytery with prayer at 1:30 P. M.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. George Bird Talbot, Chairman, presented the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work. The first part of the report concerned recommendations which were adopted, excepting the first one, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The recommendations were as follows:

1. That Dr. L. Nelson Bell, whose term expired at this meeting of Presbytery, be reappointed for another term of three years. (Referred to the Committee on Nominations.)
2. That the Rev. William J. Gammon be granted the privilege of laboring outside the bounds of Asheville Presbytery for a period of one year.

3. That the Rev. Robert L. Torrence be granted the privilege of serving as Stated Supply at Etowah for a period of one year.
4. That Mr. Alan Chapman be granted the privilege of serving a clinical year at the Brittain Cove Church.
5. That Dr. Thomas Spence, who is a member of Concord Presbytery, be granted the privilege of serving inside the bounds of Asheville Presbytery as Temporary supply of the Bethel-H Church, Canton, N. C.
6. That the following Churches be granted the privilege of changing the terms of the calls to increase pastor's salary: West Asheville $500, Grace Covenant $600, Hazelwood $600, Black Mountain $100, Bryson City $400, Swannanoa $120, Asheville First — Ass't pastor $600, effective January 1, 1958; and Oak Forest $240, effective July 1, 1958.

The second part of the report concerned the answer of the commission to the complaint of Mr. J. J. Stone, and the efforts to solve the problems existing in the Kenilworth Church.

Presbytery went into an executive session to hear this part of the report. All those present who were not members of the Presbytery were excused; and the Secretary of the Commission, the Rev. W. G. Thomas, read the report. After hearing the report, the executive session was adjourned.

Dr. L. Nelson Bell presented the following motion which was adopted:

That the report of the Commission concerning the answer to the complaint of Mr. J. J. Stone and the efforts to solve the problems in the Kenilworth Church be turned over to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery to be preserved with the permanent records of Presbytery; and, due to the fact that the terms of two members of the Commission expire at this Presbytery meeting, that a special commission, composed of the same members, namely, George Bird Talbot, chairman; L. Nelson Bell; J. R. McGregor; Hugh E. Lamb; W. G. Thomas, secretary; and H. B. Dendy, be appointed to conclude the entire matter with reference to the Kenilworth Church with power to act; and that this Presbytery goes on record as commending the Commission on its report, and assures the special commission of its full confidence in their further effort to conclude the problems in the way best calculated to preserve and further the work of God's Kingdom.

The report as a whole was adopted by Presbytery.

OMISSION IN MINUTES OF FALL MEETING 1957

Due to an omission in the minutes of the 1957 Fall Stated Meeting of Presbytery held at Weaverville, N. C., October 22, 1957, Dr. C. Grier Davis moved that the substitute motion made by the Rev. Paul Gresham and adopted by Presbytery be printed in the minutes of this Presbytery meeting. The motion was as follows:

That this whole matter be turned over to the Commission of the Minister and His Work. This is in line with the following invitation from the pastor and the Session of the Kenilworth Church.

"I respectfully request that this complaint be referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work, which may be empowered to visit the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church soon for the purpose of hearing this complaint and to investigate any other difficulties in the Church which have arisen in the Church during the past few months.

We ask that Presbytery grant this Commission this power specifically to help with this complaint and any others that may be investigated, according to paragraph 4, page 63, of the function of the Commission on the Minister and His Work as found in the Book of Church Order."

LOUISVILLE SEMINARY CAMPAIGN

The Report on the Louisville Seminary Campaign was presented by the Rev. G. B. Talbot, and was received as information. Mr. Guy Hendry, Director of the Campaign, spoke to Presbytery in behalf of the Seminary.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

On motion of the Rev. R. A. Potter, the Report of the Committee on Women of the Church was made the next item of business. Pending the presentation of the Report of the Women of the Church, the Rev. R. A. Potter presented Mrs. J. W. Long, who represented Mrs. L. H. McKay, President of the Women of the Church of Asheville Presbytery. The report was received as information and the recommendations were adopted, and are as follows:

(1) That the Presbytery be led in an expression of gratitude to God for His blessings upon the work of the Women of the Church

within our Presbytery, and supplication for His continuing benison.

(2) That our churches be reminded of the recommendation of the General Assembly that sessions and diaconates name women on committees dealing with the program of the church, including committees on finances and budget.

(3) That Presbytery's committee on nominations take heed to the recommendation of the General Assembly that women be included on such committees as evangelism, stewardship and Christian relations.

Robert A. Potter, chairman

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PRESBYTERY'S FUNDS

The Rev. W. G. Thomas presented the report of the Treasurer of Presbytery's Funds which was referred to Presbytery's Council for auditing. Later, the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, reported that the records of W. G. Thomas, Treasurer of Presbytery's Funds, had been audited and found in order. The report was received and admitted to record.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S FUNDS JANUARY 21, 1958

RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES:

Murphy (1956)	$ 49.64
Hayesville (1956)	6.12
Andrews	13.94
Arden	54.40
Asheville, First	558.96
Bethel	26.18
Black Mountain	106.42
Brevard	139.06
Brittain's Cove	13.26
Brysoh City	32.64
Canton	89.42
Dillingham	49.98
Etowah	23.46
Franklin	49.98
Friendship	39.10
Grace Covenant	78.54
Hayesville	6.12
Hazelwood	51.34

Hendersonville	282.88
Highlands	29.58
Ivy Park	7.14
Kenilworth	185.64
Malvern Hills	72.08
Mills River	48.96
Montreat	47.26
Morrison	5.44
Murphy	47.94
Oak Forest	75.48
Swannanoa	71.06
Sylva	33.66
Waynesville	111.18
Weaverville	134.98
West Asheville	181.90
Lakey Gap	12.24
TOTAL RECEIVED	$2,735.98

DISBURSEMENTS:

Synod's Assessment	$ 197.73
Printing	590.38
W. W. Preston (Salary)	50.00
W. C. Cooper (Salary)	40.00
W. G. Thomas (Salary)	400.00
Office Expense	54.01
Stated Clerk's Travel Pool	39.55
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$1,381.67

Balance on Hand January 14, 1957	$2,203.17
Receipts from Churches	$2,735.98
Total Receipts for year	$4,939.15
Total Disbursements	$1,381.67
Balance on Hand January 15, 1958	$3,557.48

PRESBYTERY'S STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1957

The Stated Clerk, Dr. W. G. Thomas, presented the Presbytery's Statistical Report and he was authorized to complete the report and forward it to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

REPORT OF CENTRAL TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCE

Dr. R. E. McClure presented the Report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolence which was received as information.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Th Rev. J. Bruce Frye presented the Report of Presbytery's Council which was received as information and the recommendation was adopted. "The Council recommends that the Central Treasurer distribute the undesignated monies for 1958 under the plan being used for 1957, with the total figure for distribution being $110,788."

REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

The Church Extension Committee's report was presented by Dr. C. Grier Davis and the recommendation was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Church Extension Committee of Asheville Presbytery, meeting on January 17, 1958, voted to increase the salary of each minister serving as an installed pastor, and receiving any part of his salary from this committee by the amount of $12.50 per month, with Ministers' Annuity Fund Payments, effective January 1, 1958, provided the local congregation agrees thereto.

The effect of this action will be to make the basic salary of Ministers serving churches on the above basis will be $4,050.00 per year, with the exception of those ministers in their first pastorate.

In the case of ministers in their first pastorate, the salary will be $3,750.00 per year for the period from their beginning work after graduation from a theological seminary to December 31st of that year, then $3,900.00 per year for the next full calendar year, and then the maximum $4,050.00 beginning on the second January 1st, following the beginning of their pastorate.

The Committee asks the approval of the Presbytery for this increase in salaries, and asks Presbytery to request each local church to take favorable action on this increase.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The chairman of the Committee, Dr. W. G. Thomas, presented the Report of The Christian Education Committee and

the recommendation was adopted. "The Christian Education Committee recommends that the pastors and Sessions of the Presbytery refer to the Minutes of the Fall Stated Session of 1957 and study carefully the recommendations of the Christian Education Committee and to implement the goals and programs into the life of the Sunday Schools and your organizations."

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE REPORT

Dr. W. B. Dendy presented the Report of the Mountain Orphanage which was received as information.

REPORT OF WORLD MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Rev. C. R. Stegall presented the report of the World Missions Committee and the recommendations were adopted by standing and with prayer for Presbytery's four active and four retired foreign missionaries and their families!

1) That all churches of Presbytery make special emphases on World Missions during the month of February, but that they also keep missions before all organizations of the local church during the year as the ongoing task of the Church of Christ.

2) That every Pastor be urged to preach on missions as the prime objective of the Church of Christ; to frequently refer to missions from the pulpit; to remember missions and missionaries in every pastoral prayer.

3) That the Session of every self-supporting church consider favorably the possibility of taking full or partial support of a missionary of their own.

4) That every church try to have a missionary speaker during the Season (Feb. 2 - March 2) and if possible have the missionary stay a few days with the congregation, visiting in the homes, especially in the homes where there are children.

5) That the Committee on Youth Work be urged to have a missionary present at all Camps and Conferences in Presbytery, to speak, to teach and to counsel.

6) That Pastors seek out young people who are or who may be interested in missions and send their names to Rev. Eugene Daniel, Box 330, Nashville, Tenn., so that they may receive literature on mission service and letters from missionaries on the Fields.

7) That every church make an effort to send young people to the World Missions Conference at Montreat in August of this year.

8) That every church observe Feb. 2 to March 2, 1958 as World Missions Season through preaching, with visiting missionaries, prayers for missions, and with supplemental offerings; the last week of this Season to be set aside as a week of Prayer and Self-denial for World Missions.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee Report was presented by the chairman, the Rev. Stanley Bennett, and the recommendations were adopted.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

PART I:

The Nominating Committee recommends that Presbytery authorize the Executive Secretary to secure each year a list of elders from each church, whom the Session would recommend to serve on Presbytery committees, if elected, and make this list available to the Nominating Committee.

PART II:

The Nominating Committee recommends the following:

A. TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1961—Carl Sawyer, Kenilworth, to replace J. J. Stone, Kenilworth

B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

1. *The Church Extension Committee*
   1961—Rev. S. L. Bennett, to succeed himself.
   Rev. Robert L. Torrence, to succeed himself.
   Duncan C. Hunter, to succeed W. G. Lingo.
   C. A. Stubbs, to succeed John M. Carroll.
   1959—Joe Hunter, to succeed Frank Wade.
   Ben McGlamnary, to succeed Cameron W. Lee.
2. *Mountain Orphanage*
   1961—Carle Welte, E. G. Roberts, Bernard R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. F. A. Plummer, to succeed themselves.
3. *Christian Education Committee*
   1961—Rev. J. Bruce Brye, to succeed himself.
   Rev. J. H. Skelton, to succeed himself.
   Rev. Calvin Thielman, to succeed himself.
   Rev. W. C. Cooper, to succeed himself.
   Rev. R. L. Sommers, to succeed Rev. J. C. Lime.
   Joe E. Rose, to succeed himself.
   A. H. Bryson, to succeed Quinn Constanz.

   1959—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, to fill the unexpired term of W. G. Thomas.
   1960—Rev. Wm. R. Klein, to become chairman.
4. *Presbytery's Council*
   1961—Rev. Paul F. Warren, chairman; Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Kelley E. Bennett, to succeed themselves.
   1960—Sam Patton, to fill the unexpired term of J. O. Williams.

C. THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1961—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, to succeed Rev. G. B. Talbot.
George Wright, to succeed L. Nelson Bell.

Due to the fact that the Presbytery has granted Dr. J. Rupert McGregor permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery, and due to the fact that such serious duties are assigned to the Commission on the Minister and His Work, requiring active participation of all its members, the Nominating Committee recommends that Presbytery consider retiring Dr. J. Rupert McGregor from the said commission, in order that there may be placed on this commission someone who may be able to take an active part.

1. *Nominations*
   1961—Rev. W. F. Thuston, to succeed Rev. J. C. Lime.
   Holland McSwain, to succeed F. A. Plummer.
2. *World Missions*
   1961—Rev. W. J. Gammon, to succeed himself.
3. *Church Extension* (Assembly)
   1961—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, to succeed himself.
   W. H. McMurray, to succeed L. B. Nichols.
4. *Christian Education* (Assembly)
   1961—Rev. J. H. Skelton, to succeed himself.
5. *Annuities and Relief*
   1961—R. A. Porter, to succeed J. H. Flanagan.
6. *General Fund Agencies*
   1961—Rev. Daniel Carlton, to succeed J. H. Gruver.
7. *Examining Committee*
   1961—Rev. W. F. Thuston, chairman, to succeed himself.
   a. *The Sacraments*
      1961—Rev. O. F. Yates, to succeed himself.
   b. *Church Government*
      1961—Rev. S. L. Rochester, to succeed himself.
   c. *Academic and Seminary Studies*
      1961—Rev. Dann K. Langfitt, to succeed Rev. J. V. N. Talmadge.

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8. *Women's Work*
   1961—S. J. McCarty, to succeed himself.
9. *Sessional Records*
   1961—W. A. Singleton to Succeed E. H. Brumby.
10. *Minutes of Church Courts*
    1961—Rev. Carl McCain to succeed Rev. J. H. Skelton.
11. That Rev. J. C. Lime replace Rev. J. R. McGregor on Commission of the Minister and His Work — 1959.

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley L. Bennett, Chairman

The Bills and Overture Committee reported no business.

The Judiciary Committee reported nothing had been placed in their hands.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Rev. Richard L. Sommers presented the Report of the Resolutions Committee which was adopted by rising vote:

We the members of Asheville Presbytery sincerely thank the Minister, officers, and members of the Franklin Presbyterian Church for their hospitality. Particularly, we express our appreciation to the women for the delicious meal and their courteous service.

JAMES HOWELL, MODERATOR-NOMINEE

James Howell was elected by acclamation as nominee for moderator of the 151st Stated Meeting of Asheville Presbytery.

SPRING MEETING TO BE AT SYLVA

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Sylva Presbyterian Church to meet at Sylva for the 151st Stated Spring Meeting on Tuesday, April 21st, 1958 at 10:00 A. M.

MINUTES APPROVED

The Permanent Clerk read the Minutes which were approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, especially remembering Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Donn Langfitt who are ill, and the Apostolic Benediction by the Rev. R. E. McClure, D.D.

Paul F. Warren, Moderator
W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk
W. C. Cooper, Permanent Clerk

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956 Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
Summer	—Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule
1957 Winter	—Grace Covenant	Rev. Thomas Sproule
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	F. B. Gardner
Summer	—Waynesville	F. B. Gardner
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. Paul F. Warren
1958 Winter	—Franklin	Rev. Paul F. Warren

MANUAL

ASHEVILLE

PRESBYTERY

Adopted September 5, 1955.

Revised and Amended and

Ordered Printed January 17, 1958.

A MANUAL FOR ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Adopted by the Presbytery on September 5, 1955, amended at subsequent meetings and ordered printed at the meeting January 17, 1958.

Asheville Presbytery is a court of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and is a constituent part of the Synod of Appalachia.

Asheville Presbytery embraces eleven counties of Western North Carolina west of the eastern boundaries of Henderson, Buncombe and Madison Counties, namely: these three and Jackson, Macon, Haywood, Transylvania, Swain, Cherokee, Graham and Clay Counties.

MEETINGS

Asheville Presbytery shall hold TWO stated meetings each year on the Tuesday after the Third Sunday in April and October.

Asheville Presbytery shall ordinarily adjourn the April meeting to meet in "Adjourned Session" on the Tuesday after the Third Sunday in July, and the October meeting to meet in "Adjourned Session" on the Third Sunday in January.

The January meeting shall be known as the "Annual Meeting" at which time the annual reports of the churches shall be presented and the annual election of officers and Committee Members shall be held.

These meetings shall ordinarily convene at 10:00 A. M., and each Stated Session shall be opened with a Sermon, followed by a Communion Service, and each Adjourned Session shall be opened by a Sermon or Inspirational Message arranged by the Program Committee.

January Meeting

The Annual Meeting in January shall be the time to review the Sessional Records of all local churches, receive annual reports from the churches, receive tentative financial reports from all committees and agencies of the Presbytery, approve spending budgets for each agency for the current year, receive the annual report of the Women of the Presbytery, and act on the report of the Nominating Committee touching all vacancies in the Presbytery.

April Meeting

The Church Extension Committee shall present a complete report of all activities at each April meeting, with evidence of a proper audit of all accounts for the preceding year.

The Board of Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage shall present a report to each April meeting, including the number of children received and cared for during the year, and the progress of these, outlining the work and program of the Orphanage and furnishing evidence of the proper audit of all accounts for the year.

July Meeting

The July Meeting shall ordinarily be the time for the examination of Candidates for the Gospel Ministry with a view to Licensure and/or Ordination, and Candidates shall be encouraged to seek examination at this time. At such time as there may be one or more Candidates seeking examination the sermon or sermons shall be preached at a time arranged in advance through the Program Committee.

The Committee on Christian Education shall report at the July meeting surveying the work done and plans for the remainder of the year, except that evidence of a proper audit of all accounts for the preceding year shall be presented to the April meeting.

The Council of the Presbytery shall present a complete report to the July meeting of each year, which report shall include: the Recommended Budget for Benevolences for the coming year, with the recommended amount for each separate cause, a specific plan for apportioning same to the churches and for promoting the Every Member Canvass. This report shall be received as information, acted upon tentatively as the Presbytery may desire, and be docketed for final adoption at the October meeting of the same year, except that evidence of a proper audit of all funds of the Council shall be presented to the April meeting.

October Meeting

The Committee on Annuities and Relief shall report at each October meeting, giving the Presbytery the names of those receiving aid and recommendations in behalf of those who receive such aid through the Board of Annuities and Relief during the coming year.

The Sub-Committee on Candidates, of the Committee of Christian Education, shall report to the October meeting, giving the names of all Candidates for the Gospel Ministry under the care of the Presbytery, their progress in education, the institution each is attending, or

the reason any Candidate is not in some school, college, university or seminary, together with recommendations that may seem wise touching one or more of the Candidates.

A period of at least one half hour shall be fixed on the Docket, and proper announcement made of same, to present the cause of World Missions at each January Meeting and Church Extension at each October Meeting.

The Program Committee shall arrange for an Inspirational Message at each "Adjourned Session", and shall set the time for the sermon of any Candidate asking examination of the Presbytery with a view to Licensure and/or Ordination.

Other matters may be docketed from time to time.

OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY

Moderator

The Presbytery shall elect a Moderator at each Stated Meeting, to serve until his successor is elected.

The Moderator shall ordinarily be nominated at the preceding "Adjourned Meeting" and shall preach the opening sermon at the next "Stated Meeting" following his election.

The Moderator shall serve in all particulars as directed by the Book of Church Order, and shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order in administering the affairs of the Presbytery.

Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk shall be elected for a term of three years, at an annual salary to be set by the Presbytery, together with all necessary expenses of the office, and it shall be his duty to:

1) Keep and preserve an accurate account of the proceedings of each meeting of the Presbytery, and cause same to be published as provided herein.

2) Prepare and distribute at least two weeks before each scheduled Stated or Adjourned Meeting a complete docket for same, working with the Program Committee at all times.

3) Notify all Committee Chairmen and other individuals involved with matters to be before the Presbytery of the time and place of the meeting which they are expected to attend.

4) Notify all persons appointed or elected to any committee immediately after such appointment or election, together

with any who may be removed from previous committee membership, and to notify all principals involved in actions taken by the Presbytery at any meeting.

5) Receive the annual reports of the Churches to the General Assembly, tabulate same, report same to Presbytery, and with the Presbytery's adoption thereof, to forward same to such agencies or persons as the Assembly may direct.

6) Receive and preserve in a safe and secure place all documents, minutes and other records that the Presbytery may approve or order from time to time, placing a certified copy of the Minutes (corrected if necessary) in the Historical Foundation at Montreat.

7) Keep and preserve a book for the signature of all ministers received into the Presbytery over the obligations required of such ministers, and record therein the Date of Admission to the Presbytery, Date of Ordination, if Ordained by the Presbytery, Name of former Presbytery, if received by Certificate, Date membership ceased in the Presbytery and the reason therefor, and in the case of dismissal to another Presbytery, or Communion, the name thereof.

8) Make such additional reports in behalf of the Presbytery as may be ordered by the Synod of Appalachia or the General Assembly, and receive and transmit to the Presbytery all communications addressed to this body during the interim between meetings.

Permanent Clerk

The Permanent Clerk shall be elected for a period of three years and shall receive an annual salary to be set by the Presbytery.

He shall assist the Stated Clerk in any practical way in taking and transcribing the minutes of each meeting of the Presbytery and in administering the business during any meeting of the Presbytery.

He shall furnish the Stated Clerk, in duplicate, a transcription of the Minutes of each meeting, typed in suitable form for having same printed, and at as early date as may be practical.

Treasurer

The Treasurer of the Presbytery shall receive and disburse all funds paid by or for any Church of the Presbytery as a part of any Contingent Fee, or other assessment, for the support of the overhead administration of the Presbytery, or the functional operation of any Commission or Committee of the Presbytery, or the holding of any

meeting of the Presbytery, when so approved by the Council of the Presbytery and/or included in any Budget previously approved by the Presbytery.

The Treasurer shall submit a summary report to each January meeting and an audited copy of his annual report to the April meeting of each year.

The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of three years and shall serve at an annual salary to be set by the Presbytery, and this office may be combined with that of the Stated Clerk at the discretion of the Presbytery at the beginning of any three year term.

Benevolence Treasurer

The Treasurer of Benevolences for the Presbytery shall receive and disburse all funds contributed by the Churches, any local organization in any church, or individuals thereof, for transmission to any approved benevolences of the Presbytery, Synod or General Assembly.

He shall serve at all times under the supervision of the Council of the Presbytery, serving under a fiduciary bond in such amount as the Council shall approve, the cost of which shall be paid by the Presbytery, and he shall be responsible for forwarding all funds so collected to the agency or cause for which given, or according to the directive of the Presbytery if not designated to some specific cause or causes.

The Treasurer of Benevolences shall be elected for a term of three years, he shall serve at an annual salary to be approved by the Presbytery, and he shall be provided with adequate clerical aid in keeping the records, together with necessary work in handling of all funds and necessary expenses approved by the Council to promote the work of the office.

He shall make such reports as the Council of the Presbytery may direct, and carry on the duties of the office in a business-like manner.

He shall submit a summary statement to each January meeting of the Presbytery, of receipts and disbursements, and an audited copy of such statement at the April meeting in each year.

Executive Secretary

The duties of the Executive Secretary shall include:

1) To serve as the Administrative officer of each of the three

Executive Committees and of Presbytery's Council, except that his duties shall in no way interfere with the duties of the Superintendent of The Mountain Orphanage.

2) Edit and publish OUR MOUNTAIN WORK.

3) Maintain an office for Asheville Presbytery with such secretarial and other help as may be approved by the Committee on the Office and Work of the Executive Secretary.

4) Promote any specific cause from time to time as may be directed by the Presbytery, and particularly the Every Member Canvass, together with such Supplementary and/or Special Offerings that may be ordered or approved by the Presbytery.

5) Serve as Treasurer of one or more of the Executive Committees, or the Presbytery's Council, if elected thereto, and he may serve as Central Treasurer of Benevolences, at the will of the Presbytery.

6) Perform, as far as possible, any other specific duties that may be assigned by the Presbytery.

Trustees

The Presbytery shall elect three trustees who shall serve in its behalf in receiving, holding and disposing of property according to the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Each Trustee shall serve for a term of three years, shall be elected at the January meeting of the Presbytery, and ordinarily shall not serve for more than six consecutive years, and on such a schedule whereby the term of office of one trustee shall expire each January.

The Presbytery shall elect two trustees of Davidson College who shall serve for the terms and under the conditions specified by the By-Laws of the Trustees of the College. The time of election by the Presbytery shall be in January.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

There shall be FOUR Executive Committees of the Presbytery.

Church Extension

The Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery, Inc., a corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, shall function to all intents and purposes of the Presbytery as *the Executive*

Committee of Church Extension.

The Membership of this Committee shall be composed of Six Ministers and Six Ruling Elders or Deacons of the Presbytery, elected for terms of three years each, and ordinarily shall not serve for more than six consecutive years, and on such a schedule whereby the term of office of FOUR members shall expire at each January meeting.

The Chairman of the Committee shall be designated by the Presbytery and when the body functions as "The Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery, Inc.", he shall act as the President thereof, according to the By-Laws of the Corporation.

This Committee shall endeavor to see that every Church in the Presbytery has the services of a Minister as they are able, shall supplement this local support as far as possible with contributions available through the Benevolence Gifts of the Churches, and shall seek to extend the work of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in this area.

This Committee shall meet at least quarterly, shall make a summary report of its work at the April Meeting of the Presbytery, shall propose a "tentative budget" for the next ensuing year to the Council of the Presbytery at least two weeks prior to the July Meeting of the Presbytery, a "spending budget" for the current year as soon as possible after January 1st, for submission to the January meeting of the Presbytery, a summary financial statement to the January meeting of the Presbytery, and a fully audited report of the previous year to the April meeting.

The Committee may bring any other matters before the Presbytery as may seem wise from time to time.

Orphanage Work

The Trustees of "The Mountain Orphanage, Inc.", a corporation under the laws of North Carolina, as elected by Asheville Presbytery shall be the Executive Committee on Orphanage Work of the Presbytery.

The membership of this Committee shall be NINE men, Ministers, or Ruling Elders, or Deacons, and THREE women, all of whom shall be members of Asheville Presbytery, or some constituent church thereof, elected for terms of three years each, and ordinarily shall not

serve for more than six consecutive years, and on such a schedule whereby the term of office of FOUR trustees shall expire at each January meeting.

The Chairman of the Committee shall be the President of the Trustees elected by the Corporation, and the Corporation shall elect its own officers as provided in their Charter of incorporation.

The Committee shall perform the duties outlined in the Charter with reference to the management of The Mountain Orphanage, shall propose to the Presbytery from time to time matters pertaining to orphanage work and shall report to the Presbytery as follows:

At the January meeting — A summary financial report for the preceding year, and through the Council of the Presbytery, a proposed "spending budget" for the current year.

At the April meeting — A full report of the work of The Mountain Orphanage, and an audited financial statement for the preceding year for admission to record.

At the July meeting — A "tentative budget" for the coming year, through the Council of the Presbytery, as a basis for building a total Benevolence Budget to be submitted to the churches.

Christian Education

The Executive Committee on Christian Education shall be composed of twenty-one members, elected for terms of three years each, and ordinarily shall not serve for more than six consecutive years, and on such a schedule whereby the term of office of SEVEN members shall expire at each January meeting, together with the following, who by reason of their office, shall be ex-officio members: The Executive Secretary of the Presbytery, the President of the Men of the Presbytery, the Chairman of Christian Education of the Women of Asheville Presbyterial, the Moderator of the Senior High Council and the Adult Advisors of the youth groups of the Presbytery.

The Chairman of this Committee shall be named by the Presbytery, and otherwise the Committee shall organize itself in accordance with the outline of duties of the various Sub-Committees.

Sub-Committee on Christian Education

There shall be a Sub-Committee on Christian Education, of which the General Chairman shall ordinarily serve as Chairman, and whose duties shall include:

A) Planning and promoting the annual Conferences and Camps, specifically by nominating to the Presbytery at the October meeting, or before, a Director and a Business Manager of each to serve for the following year, who when approved by the Presbytery shall be members of the Committee on Christian Education for the period of their continuing in these capacities.

In conference with the Director and Business Manager of each Camp or Conference, to appoint committees of not less than Five persons to plan and promote each such Camp or Conference, and to review the proposed plans for both Camps and Conferences not later than January, if possible, and in every other way assist in these programs.

B) Promoting the work of Christian Education as proposed and approved by the General Assembly and Synod as it applies to all phases of the work of Asheville Presbytery, and to work in harmony with the Director of Christian Education of the Synod in accomplishing these aims.

Sub-Committee on Christian Education in Institutions

There shall be a Sub-Committee on Christian Education in Institutions of Higher Learning which shall co-operate as far as possible with like work in the Synod and General Assembly, and shall render any service possible in connection with the educational institutions within the bounds of Asheville Presbytery.

Sub-Committee on Candidates for the Ministry

There shall be a Sub-Committee on Candidates for the Gospel Ministry which shall serve in accordance with the Book of Church Order, and in addition thereto shall:

A) Report to the October meeting of the Presbytery, the names and status of all Candidates under the Care of Asheville Presbytery, giving the names of institutions attended, or the reasons therefor in the case of those not in some college, university or theological seminary.

B) Assign required parts for examination of Candidates and report such assignments to the Chairman of the Examining Committee of the Presbytery at least six weeks prior to the time when such Candidate desires to be examined for Licensure and/or Ordination by the Presbytery.

Treasurer

The Committee on Christian Education shall elect its own Treasurer, shall submit a tentative financial report to each January meeting of the Presbytery, together with an audited Financial Statement to the April meeting, for permanent record, and, through the Council of the Presbytery, a proposed "Spending Budget" for the current year at the January meeting of the Presbytery, and a "Tentative Budget" for the next ensuing year at the July meeting of the Presbytery.

The Committee shall make a full report to each April meeting of the Presbytery.

Presbytery's Council

There shall be a Presbytery's Council, composed of nine members, at least four of whom shall be Ruling Elders or Deacons, together with the Stated Clerk and the Executive Secretary and the Moderator, who shall be ex-Officio members, which shall be considered an Executive Committee of the Presbytery.

Each of the nine elected members shall serve for a term of three years each, and ordinarily shall not serve for more than six consecutive years, and on such a schedule whereby the term of office of THREE members shall expire at each January meeting. The Chairman shall be designated by the Presbytery.

The Council shall receive tentative budgets from each of the Executive Committees and from the Treasurer of the Presbytery for the next ensuing year in time to formulate same into a budget and to present same to the July meeting of each year.

The Council shall receive from the Synod the proposed amounts for Synod's and Assembly's causes, being asked of Asheville Presbytery, shall estimate their own needs for "Promotion and Administration" and shall add to the same the total needs of all the causes of the Presbytery, and present these total needs to the July meeting on a 100% dollar basis.

The Council shall propose to the Presbytery at the July meeting a Benevolence Budget to be submitted to the Churches for inclusion in the Every Member Canvass the following November, in such amount as to care for the 100% needs of all causes of the Assembly, Synod and Presbytery, just as far as possible.

The Council shall propose the method of raising the total, whether through budget giving to "Undesignated Benevolences" or through Supplemental or Special Offerings, or any combination of these.

The Council shall propose a method of alloting to each Church in the Presbytery a proportionate share of this responsibility, and shall be the agency of the Presbytery to promote the Every Member Canvass throughout the Presbytery.

The Council shall recommend to the July meeting of the Presbytery a proposed budget for the Treasurer of the Presbytery, and shall recommend an amount to be assessed, per capita, on each church to provide such funds.

The Council shall require all Treasurers of any funds handled in behalf of the Presbytery, or any of its Committees, to be bonded in such amounts as the Council may determine, the cost of same to be paid proportionately from the various funds involved.

The Council shall estimate its own budget needs and shall include these in the annual Benevolence Askings of the Presbytery.

The Council shall present a tentative financial statement to each January meeting, for the preceding year, and a fully audited statement to the April meeting for purpose of record.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

There shall be a Permanent Committee for each of the Four Major Boards of the General Assembly and one for the General Fund Agencies.

Each Committee shall be composed of at least three members, at least one third of whom shall be laymen, elected for terms of three years, on such a schedule that the terms of one third shall expire each January, and no member shall be eligible to succeed himself. The Chairman of each Committee shall be designated by the Presbytery.

Each of these Permanent Committees shall ordinarily be docketed for a report, at least once each year, at the discretion of the Program Committee, except that the appropriate committee shall have charge of any "Popular Meeting" arranged to present any phase of the work of the agency represented, and any committee may present any matters pertaining to their causes at any appropriate time.

Examining Committee

There shall be a Committee on Examinations, composed of a Chairman, to be named by the Presbytery, together with an examiner

and his alternate in each of the following fields: Experimental Religion, Theology, Sacraments, Church Government, English Bible, Thesis and Exegesis, Academic Studies and Seminary Studies.

The term of office of each shall be for three years, subject to re-election for not more than two terms consecutively, and in the same field.

The Chairman shall require all Candidates and/or Licentiates desiring to appear before the Presbytery for examination for Licensure and/or Ordination to make this desire known at least one month in advance, and shall urge that July shall ordinarily be the time for the examination.

The Chairman shall see that the written parts of the Candidate's examination shall be placed in the hands of the proper examiner or examiners at least two weeks before the oral examinations before the Presbytery.

The Chairman shall notify each examiner of any oral part at least one week before the examination is to take place, and in case it is impossible for the principal or alternate examiner in any field to be present shall appoint some other member of the Presbytery as far in advance as is possible.

The Examiner in any particular oral part shall prepare in advance such questions for the examination that will assure a reasonable and comprehensive examination in each case.

The Chairman shall confer with the Program Committee and arrange the most appropriate time for such sermon(s) as may be involved in the examination(s), and the time of preaching of such sermon(s) shall be set for a particular hour on the docket, all necessary arrangements shall be made to give the Candidate(s) an opportunity to preach in an atmosphere of worship and dignity, and public announcement of the time and place shall be made in the church where the sermon(s) are to be preached.

Program Committee

There shall be a Program Committee composed of the Moderator, Stated Clerk, Host Pastor and One Ruling Elder from the host church.

This committee shall arrange a tentative docket for adoption by the Presbytery, and shall make advance arrangements for all matters pertaining to any meeting of the Presbytery.

Program of Presbytery

This Committee shall be guided by the following:

1) The Moderator and the Stated Clerk shall be authorized to refer directly to a committee or a commission the items of communications which necessitate consideration by a committee or commission before being acted upon by Presbytery. The communications which do not require consideration by a committee or commission shall be read to Presbytery by the Stated Clerk.

2) Except when the Presbytery shall order otherwise, a time limit of ten minutes shall be allowed each speaker, and a time limit of one hour shall be set for each side in debate.

3) The Docket shall include an order for "unfinished" and "new business" and members of Presbytery are urged to adhere to same.

4) Two copies of all committee reports must be mimeographed and mailed to each church at least one week in advance of Presbytery's meeting, if possible. Only the recommendations are to be read to Presbytery.

5) The printed minutes of the Stated Meetings of Presbytery shall contain four tentative dockets, two stated and two adjourned dockets.

6) Persons having a report to make to Presbytery shall write to the Stated Clerk, stating the purpose and length of the report and request a specific place on the docket, if such is desired. The Program Committee shall consider such requests, in the order received, and arrange the Docket of Presbytery accordingly. Requests made on the floor of the Presbytery shall be included after the business of the printed docket has been completed.

Nominating Committee

There shall be a Nominating Committee of the Presbytery composed of six members, at least three of whom shall be laymen, elected for a term of three years each, so that a minister and a layman shall be elected at each January meeting of the Presbytery, and no member

shall be eligible to succeed himself until the expiration of at least three years.

This Committee shall meet prior to the January meeting, providing there be a quorum of at least two ministers and one layman, and shall nominate persons to fill vacancies, in accordance with the requirements of this Manual or the direction of the Presbytery, and shall make nominations at other meetings to fill vacancies only, unless directed otherwise by the Presbytery.

The Nominating Committee shall secure from each of the Executive Committees of the Presbytery a record of attendance at each regular meeting of said committee during the year and shall note the names of all committee members who have not attended at least half of these meetings.

The Nominating Committee shall nominate a successor for each such person, to fill the unexpired term, unless the Committee involved shall specifically request that the person be retained as a member.

The Nominating Committee shall observe the general rule that no Minister or Ruling Elder shall serve on more than two Executive Committees at any one time, except in the case of ex-officio members thereof unless there be some special reason therefor, stated to the Presbytery and approved at the time of his nomination.

Commissions

There shall be a Commission on the Minister and His Work, composed of six members, at least two of whom shall be laymen, and who shall be elected for terms of three years each, subject to re-election for not more than two complete terms, without an interval of at least one year.

This Commission shall function as directed by the Book of Church Order, and shall submit its minutes to the Presbytery at each Stated Meeting.

MINISTERS

Ministers who are members of Asheville Presbytery shall subscribe to the obligations of the Presbytery at the first opportunity after being admitted to membership. The obligations shall be those required in Paragraph 75 of the Book of Church Order.

In the case of those Ordained by the Presbytery, or any Commission thereof, the Presbytery shall provide a *Certificate of Ordination*, bearing the name of Asheville Presbytery, specially printed on a substantial grade of paper, and signed by the Moderator and Stated Clerk, and presented immediately to any Candidate ordained by the full Presbytery, or by the Moderator and the Chairman of the Commission, when ordained by a Commission, and presented in a suitable way as the first order of business after the Roll Call, at the first meeting of the Presbytery following such ordination.

Ministers who shall absent themselves from more than four consecutive stated meetings of the Presbytery, without submitting an excuse therefor, shall be required by the Commission on the Minister and His Work to show cause why their names should not be dropped from the roll of the Presbytery, and the Commission shall make appropriate recommendation to the Presbytery, except that nothing in this requirement shall apply to any minister known to the Presbytery to be retired, infirm or serving in a foreign land.

LICENTIATES

Licentiates shall be governed by the Rules of the Book of Church Order, provided that if any Licentiate shall fail to ask for Ordination by this Presbytery, or request a transfer to another Presbytery, with a view to a call therein, within two years after the date of his licensure, he shall be required to appear before the Commission on the Minister and His Work and show cause why his licensure shall not be revoked, and whether with or without censure.

CANDIDATES

Candidates for the Gospel Ministry who have submitted themselves to the oversight of this Presbytery shall be required to report in writing to the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Candidates of the Executive Committee of Christian Education not later than the first day of October of each year.

Candidates, who for any reason, prior to graduation from an approved Seminary, plan to discontinue their studies for the Gospel Ministry shall state the reasons therefor in their annual report, and if their decision is to give up preparation for the Gospel Ministry, shall ask that their names be dropped from the roll of Candidates without censure.

Candidates who fail or refuse to comply with the above requirement shall be required to appear before the Sub-Committee on Candidates and show cause why their names shall not be dropped from the roll, and the Sub-Committee shall make appropriate recommendations to the next meeting of Presbytery following such failure or refusal.

Candidates who desire to be examined for Licensure and/or Ordination shall notify the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Candidates not less than two months in advance of the time he proposes to ask for such examination and must submit such written parts of said examination not less than three weeks in advance of appearing for the oral parts of such examination.

In the event that any Candidate shall fail to give this advance notice, as required above, the Presbytery reserves the right to postpone such examination.

Candidates shall be furnished a copy of this section of the Manual and are urged to arrange for their examinations at the July meeting of the Presbytery each year.

Candidates under the care of Asheville Presbytery are commended to the Executive Committee of Church Extension of the Presbytery and to local churches to the end that each such Candidate may be offered at least one summer's work within the bounds of the Presbytery while he is attending any approved Seminary.

CHURCHES

The Churches of Asheville Presbytery are those affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in the United States and situated within the geographical limits of the Presbytery, unless otherwise connected with some other Presbytery.

Each Church is expected to be represented at the Meetings of the Presbytery in accordance with the provisions of the Book of Church Order, and every certified representative is entitled to vote and hold any office in the Presbytery.

Churches shall be encouraged to elect a Deacon to attend each meeting of the Presbytery, who will be invited to sit as a "Visitor", and each church shall be urged to elect such Deacon to attend the July meeting when the tentative Budgets for the Presbytery are to be presented.

The Session of each local church shall submit their Sessional Records to the January meeting of the Presbytery for review and approval.

Such records must show evidence of:

1) Being kept in a neat and legible way, in a book that will give proper protection to the same as a permanent record.

2) The meetings of the Session shall be held at least quarterly, and shall ordinarily be opened and closed with prayer.

3) The minutes shall show that they have been read to and approved by the Session.

4) All records shall be kept with a view to being understandable as to names, intent and nature of business transacted, and shall include only those matters that are concluded, after discussion, by the body. All names shall be sufficiently and completely written so as to identify the individual fully, and in no case shall initials for the last name be sufficient.

5) The minutes of the Board of Deacons shall be kept as provided by the Book of Church Order, and evidence of their having been reviewed at regular intervals, together with a record of all joint meetings.

6) The election of representatives to each stated meeting of the Presbytery, and to the stated meeting of the Synod, with the names of alternates to each, together with a report of attendance or non-attendance upon the meeting or meetings to which elected shall appear therein.

7) The minutes shall incorporate a copy of the annual statistical report of the Church to the Presbytery, and any other reports required by the Presbytery from time to time.

8) A Record in the same book, or evidence of such record in a supplemental book equally as permanent as the Minutes themselves, shall include:

A) A roll of Communing Members, with date and method of reception, and if no longer members, the date and method of dismissal, in the case of those dismissed by Certificate, the church to which dismissed, and in the case of death, the date thereof.

B) A Roll of Non-Communing Baptized Members, with date of Birth, names of Parents, date of Baptism, and date of uniting with the Church on Profession of Faith, or dismissal with their parents to some other church.

C) A record of Marriages performed by the Pastor, during his pastorate, with the names of all contracting parties, the date and place of each ceremony, and the names of witnesses to each wedding.

D) Minutes of all Congregational Meetings held, with the name of the Moderator, Clerk, Date, and Place of Meeting, purpose for which called and all final actions taken therein.

In the event that any Church shall not be represented at a meeting of the Presbytery for a period of two years or more, the Presbytery shall require the Session of such church to give a reason for such failure.

In the event that any Church shall fail for two or more years to file with the Stated Clerk a Statistical Report of the preceding year, the Presbytery shall appoint a special Commission and instruct it as follows:

"Whereas the..... Church has failed for .....years to submit a Statistical Report to Asheville Presbytery, therefore you are empowered and directed to take such action as may be necessary to meet with the Session of said church, or in the absence of the Session, or their failure to act, to call a Congregational Meeting of said Church, to meet with such congregation and to determine whether or not this church should be dissolved.

"Having reached a decision in the matter you are to make such recommendations to the Presbytery as you may deem wise."

In the event such a Commission should recommend the dissolution of any church, the Presbytery shall hear the recommendations, but shall take no final action without giving the Church adequate and proper opportunity to present any objections thereto.

A copy of this section of the Manual shall be furnished every Session in the Presbytery.

MINUTES

The Minutes of Asheville Presbytery shall be published quarterly, following each Stated Meeting, and the adjourned meetings provided for in this Manual, and shall include all interim Minutes of all other Adjourned or Called Meetings.

Beginning with the Minutes of January 1956, the Stated Clerk shall print the names of all Clerks of Sessions, Chairmen of Boards

PRESBYTERY'S STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR YEAR 1957

POST OFFICES	CHURCHES	PASTORS OR SUPPLIES	Ruling Elders	Deacons	Added on Profession	Total Membership	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Sunday School Enrollment	Budgeted Benevolences: Assembly	Budgeted Benevolences: Synod	Budgeted Benevolences: Presbytery	Budgeted Benevolences: Total Budget	Non-Budgeted: Assembly	Non-Budgeted: Synod	Non-Budgeted: Presbytery	Congregational	Miscellaneous	Total All Benevolences	Current Expense	Building Funds	Grand Total All Contributions
Andrews, Andrews		E. D. Witherspoon, Jr., P.	3	7	—	50	—	—	61	178	28	291	498	9	—	134	—	28	675	4595	300	5660
Arden, Arden		W. C. Cooper, P.	10	12	19	187	3	2	157	514	131	826	1473	38	—	21	—	11	1535	9190	4200	14925
Asheville First		C. Grier Davis, P.	33	30	24	1643	6	32	662	11896	8196	27449	47521	546	5000	666	35	1022	55590	56306	26950	138846
	Grace Covenant	Thomas Sproule, Assoc. P.	11	11	12	278	6	6	323	3469	789	4577	7996	198	—	—	—	—	7993	29422	5426	42841
	Kenilworth	Paul F. Warren, P.	22	26	26	544	15	15	364	2632	575	3929	6936	25	—	297	—	428	6686	19159	9160	35005
	Malvern Hills	Paul N. Gresham, P.	9	12	6	217	6	7	124	631	98	806	1615	224	—	21	—	24	1884	6548	4285	12717
	Oak Forest	Vacant	7	11	6	236	5	3	174	1755	248	1727	3740	139	—	96	—	32	4047	7472	2150	13669
	West Asheville	R. L. Sommers, P.	13	20	16	531	6	5	427	1625	436	2522	4582	70	—	—	—	61	5013	16589	13725	35297
Barnardsville, Dillingham		W. G. Thomas, P. SC.	5	5	14	131	7	—	113	213	29	283	524	32	400	17	—	17	996	2502	—	3498
Black Mountain, Black Mountain		Daniel E. Carlton (2) P.	12	18	15	324	11	2	173	1483	272	2476	4232	133	—	134	213	20	4732	10068	21438	36238
	Friendship	Wm. R. Klein (2) P.	6	6	10	131	10	2	88	541	156	947	1644	46	—	81	—	141	1910	5462	2646	10018
	Lakey Gap	C. R. Stegall, P.	2	2	4	39	4	—	56	26	1	35	62	—	—	31	—	10	103	526	731	1360
Brevard, Brevard-Davidson River		Wm. R. Klein (2) TS	11	11	20	446	4	12	305	2077	256	2898	5235	60	44	90	—	213	6041	18020	12183	33244
Bryson City, Bryson City		Ben F. Ormand, P.	6	6	3	109	0	3	84	1080	249	1724	3053	90	—	118	—	—	3211	5410	1986	10767
Canton, Canton		Sam L. Rochester, P.	12	15	7	259	2	7	179	573	126	854	1553	—	—	—	701	5	2258	10619	12829	25706
	Bethel	J. Clayton Lime, P.	4	6	—	74	—	—	46	114	45	170	329	14	—	16	—	—	359	2099	—	2458
Etowah, Etowah		Vacant	8	8	2	72	2	2	35	259	71	456	786	4	—	54	—	—	844	2536	—	3384
Franklin, Franklin		Robt. L. Torrence, SS	6	10	—	122	—	—	103	519	53	512	1084	67	—	—	95	—	1243	5758	879	7879
	Morrison	Don K. Langfitt (2) P.	2	1	—	9	—	—	27	19	6	35	60	—	—	—	—	—	60	607	2294	2961
Hayesville, Hayesville		Don K. Langfitt (2) SS	1	—	—	18	0	2	20	60	5	90	164	—	—	10	—	—	174	700	—	874
Hazelwood, Hazelwood		Student Supply	7	9	14	192	14	3	170	853	222	1435	2512	27	5	82	—	—	2627	19146	—	12773
Hendersonville, First		Wm. H. Marquis, P.	18	15	11	839	3	9	564	11933	1445	12127	25505	662	—	457	—	—	26624	26450	56220	108194
Highlands, Highlands		Warren F. Thuston, P.	6	6	1	87	—	2	47	244	53	540	882	—	—	28	—	196	936	10436	—	11422
Horse Shoe, Mills River		Carl R. McCain, P.	7	6	5	150	5	3	112	308	126	963	1396	115	—	119	—	16	2156	4782	1531	8469
Montreat, Montreat		J. Bruce Frye, P.	7	5	3	102	2	1	265	2613	474	3199	6286	203	—	665	—	—	7044	6251	1068	14283
Murphy, Murphy		S. L. Bennett, P.	6	10	7	150	5	6	115	907	215	1564	2686	183	80	164	30	126	3089	7099	—	10098
Robbinsville, Robbinsville		R. A. Potter (2) P.	1	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swannanoa, Swannanoa		Vacant	8	13	3	200	1	5	167	1723	415	2823	4961	87	407	95	31	53	5634	9632	3758	19044
Sylva, Sylva		G. B. Talbot, P.	4	6	7	93	2	3	192	387	112	720	1219	43	—	8	—	91	1364	4735	3964	10063
Unaka, Bethel		D. P. McCoachy, III, P.	—	1	1	19	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Waynesville, Waynesville		R. A. Potter (2) SS	11	12	12	323	1	7	150	1180	344	2696	4000	—	—	—	—	129	4129	16154	1000	21274
	White Oak	Calvin Thielman, P.	1	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weaverville, Weaverville		Vacant	7	9	2	408	2	2	282	4456	516	3627	8601	154	400	417	—	2400	12041	9679	4037	25748
	Ivy Park	H. B. Dendy, P.	2	1	—	21	—	—	38	107	2	73	182	—	—	17	—	—	199	581	—	781
	Brittains Cove	Daniel Carlton (2), P.	4	3	1	40	1	—	46	188	81	217	486	—	—	17	—	—	573	334	—	907
		Student Supply																				
1957 Number of Churches 35		Totals	271	312	243	8116	121	144	5370	53079	15943	82414	152436	3297	6336	3799	1106	5802	172575	222268	186711	681544
1956 Number of Churches 34		Totals	262	297	244	7909	134	150	5422	46536	13522	74099	132157	5179	7184	5896	1057	7957	159466	268855	283752	752073

OTHER MINISTERS ON ROLL

W. H. Armistead, H.R., Ormond Beach, Fla.
Walter P. Baldwin, Jr., F.M., Japan
Wm. J. Gammon, H.R., Montreat, N. C.
J. H. Grover, H.R., Black Mountain, N. C.
A. C. Holt, Dean, Montreat, N. C.
R. E. McClure, F.Ex.R., Asheville, N. C.
J. R. McGregor, Fayetteville, N. C.
L. T. Newland, H.R., Black Mountain, N. C.
W. W. Pharr, H.R., Black Mountain, N. C.
James H. Skelton, Chap., Black Mountain, N. C.
Wade C. Smith, H.R., Weaverville, N. C.

OTHER MINISTERS ON ROLL (Continued)

John N. Somerville, F.M., Korea
Chas F. Stabe, H.R., Hendersonville, N. C.
J. V. N. Talmage, F.M., Belhaire, Texas
P. C. Tourville, F.M., Congo Belge
W. H. Wakefield, Lewisburg, Tenn.
J. Q. Wallace, H.R., Franklin, N. C.
Don E. Williams, F.M., Brazil
O. F. Yates, H.R., Montreat, N. C.

Number of Ministers—45
Candidates—16

of Deacons and Treasurers, indicating the church served and the correct Post Office address of each, and their term of office, if any.

One Copy of the Minutes shall be mailed directly to each Ruling Elder at the address furnished, together with two copies to each installed pastor and each Clerk of Session, and one copy to every other Minister on the roll of the Presbytery.

A corrected and certified copy of the Minutes shall be filed annually at the Historical Foundation at Montreat.

AMENDMENTS

This Manual may be amended at any Stated or Adjourned Meeting, as provided herein, if the specific changes that are proposed are submitted to the Stated or Adjourned Meeting immediately preceding the action taken.

Any provison of this Manual may be suspended at any Stated or Adjourned meeting, provided herein, upon the consent of three fourths of those present and voting, but such suspension shall apply only to that meeting.

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STATED SESSION

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SYLVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sylva, North Carolina
April 15, 1958

SUMMER MEETING
Tuesday, July 22, 1958 — 10:00 A. M.
BLACK MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black Mountain, North Carolina

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator: Ruling Elder James S. Howell, Asheville First.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. W. G. Thomas, 600 Haywood Road, Asheville,—1959.

Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. C. Cooper, Arden,—1960.

Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 36 Church Street, Asheville,—1959.

Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1959—George H. Wright, Asheville 1st; 1960—Roy P. Booth, Asheville 1st; 1961—Carl M. Sawyer, Kenilworth.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1959—Joe L. Hunter; 1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Church Extension

1959—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Joe L. Hunter, Ben F. McGlamery, George H. Wright.

1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. P. N. Gresham, F. B. Gardner.

1961—Rev. Stanley L. Bennett, Rev. Robert L. Torrence, C. A. Stubbs, Duncan C. Hunter.

Orphanage Work

1959—Rev. P. N. Gresham, J. Paul Teal, Jr., C. E. Worley, Mrs. J. C. Spooner.

1960—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Chas. A. Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

1961—Carl R. Welte, Edward G. Roberts, Bernard R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. F. A. Plummer.

Christian Education

1959—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Jr., Rev. R. A. Potter, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, George Stockton, L. B. Ordway.

1960—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Chairman, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Philip L. Brintnall.

1961—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. Calvin Thielman, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. R. L. Sommers, Joe E. Rose, A. H. Bryson.
And the following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; Holland McSwain, President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. Geo. A. Anderson, Chairman of Senior High Fellowship; Mr. Sproule, Mrs. Joe Sursavage, Mrs. W. L. Ray, Adult Advisors of Youth Work; Mr. Sproule, Mr. Klein, Mr. Frye, Directors of Senior Conference, Pioneer Camp and Junior Camps, respectively.

Presbytery's Council

1959—Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, Rev. J. Bruce Frye, F. A. Plummer.

1960—Rev D. P. McGeachy, III, Mark Sumner, Sam Patton.

1961—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Kelley E. Bennett.

And the following by virtue of the office held:
The Moderator; Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; and Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1959—Rev. J. C. Lime, Hugh E. Lamb.

1960—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. H. B. Dendy.

1961—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, George H. Wright.

DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations: 1960—Rev. S. L. Bennett, Chairman, J. Paul Teal, Jr.; 1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Kelley E. Bennett; 1961—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Holland McSwain.

World Missions: 1960—R. T. Reed; 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman; 1961—Rev. W. J. Gammon.

Church Extension (Assembly): 1960—Rev. W. F. Thuston, Chairman; Rev. W. C. Cooper; 1960—Rev. L. T. Newland, Rev. Wm. R. Klein; 1961—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, W. H. McMurray.

Christian Education (Assembly): 1960—J. R. Lewis; 1960—Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman; 1961—Rev. J. H. Skelton.

Annuities and Relief: 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall; 1960—Rev. Paul N. Gresham, Chairman; 1961—R. A. Porter.

General Fund Agencies: 1960—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Chairman; 1960—C. G Worley; 1961—Rev. Daniel E. Carlton.

Examining Committee—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1961. Experimental Religion—The Moderator.

Theology: 1960—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman; 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall.

Sacraments: 1960—Rev. J. B. Frye, Chairman; 1961—Rev. O. F. Yates.

Church Government: 1960—Rev. W. J. Gammon, Chairman; 1961—Rev. Samuel L. Rochester.

English Bible: 1960—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; 1960—Rev. J. H. Gruver.

Academic and Seminary Studies: 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—Rev. Donn K. Langfitt.

Women's Work: 1960—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; 1960—Rev. W. C. Cooper; 1961—C. J. McCarty.

Sessional Records: 1960—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman; 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—W. A. Singleton, with appointment by the Moderator.

Minutes of Church Courts: 1960—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman; 1960—Rev. Wm. H. Marquis; 1961—Rev. Carl R. McCain.

Program—Moderator, Rev. Paul F. Warren; Stated Clerk, Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host Pastor, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III; Ruling Elder from Host Church, J. F. Dunn.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. A. C. Holt, 1960; Kelley E. Bennett, 1960.

Office of Executive Secretary—To be named.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Home for the Aged—Forrest B. Gardner, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. W. F. Thuston, Joseph L. Hunter, O. E. Starnes, Mrs. R. E. McClure, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Edit and Print the Manual—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. C. Cooper.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Austin Blake Brinkerhoff, Montreat, N. C.
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William A. Lofquist, Asheville, N. C.
Owen L. Norment, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
George Edward Scott, Asheville, N. C.
John Trotti, Asheville, N. C.
Holland McSwain, Franklin, N. C.
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Yates, Rev. O. F.
Montreat, N. C.

ROLL OF CHURCHES

Churches	Clerk of Session	Treasurer
Andrews	L. B. Nichols Andrews, N. C.	Mr. Charles Delaney Box 562, Andrews, N. C.
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Franklin	John A. Bulgin Franklin, N. C.	J. Ward Long Franklin, N. C.
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Weaverville	R. T. Reed Weaverville, N. C.	J. L. Parks Weaverville, N. C.
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DOCKET SCHEDULE

WINTER MEETING

Devotional by Moderator
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly
Reports of Presbytery Officers
Reports of Commissions — Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
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Presbytery's Council
Home Missions
Mountain Orphanage
Education
B. Permanent Committees
Office of Executive Secretary
World Missions
Nominations
Women's Work
Sessional Records
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Presbytery's Council
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Presbytery's Council
Education, Presbytery
Home Missions, Presbytery
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Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
The Mountain Orphanage
Education
Home Missions
B. Permanent Committees
Annuities and Relief
Minutes of Church Courts
C. Standing and Special Committees
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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

SPRING MEETING 1958

Asheville Presbytery met for its Spring Meeting in the Sylva Presbyterian Church, Sylva, N. C., on Tuesday, April 15, 1958, at 10 A. M. Presbytery was constituted by prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Paul Warren. Mr. Warren read the Scripture from Matthew 4:12 - 22, and delivered a sermon on the subject, "The Call of Christ". The text was taken from Matthew 4:19.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. D. P. McGeachy, III, and the Rev. Mr. W. H. Marquis, with ruling elders, James A. Gray, Vernon McHan, J. E. Thompson, and E. A. Williamson.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The roll of Ministers was called by the Stated Clerk, Dr. W. G. Thomas, and the following were present:

Dan E. Carlton, W. C. Cooper, H. B. Dendy, C. Grier Davis, J. Bruce Frye, William J. Gammon, P. N. Gresham, A. C. Holt, William R. Klein, Donn K. Langfitt, J. C. Lime, William H. Marquis, D. P. McGeachy, III, J. R. McGregor, LeRoy T. Newland, Ben F. Ormand, Robert A. Potter, Thomas Sproule, C. R. Stegall, George Bird Talbot, Calvin Thielman, W. G. Thomas, Robert L. Torrence, Paul F. Warren, and E. D. Witherspoon, Jr. (25)

The roll of Churches was called and the following Churches were represented:

Arden, J. C. Spooner; Asheville First, James S. Howell and W. F. Lewis; Black Mountain, S. L. Cooley; Brevard-Davidson River, Robert R. Bolt; Brittain's Cove, Harold Sluder; Bryson City, J. V. McHan; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Franklin, George E. Brown; Friendship, W. E. Norwood; Grace Covenant, Graham Price; Hazelwood, E. A. Williamson; Hendersonville, F. B. Gardner; Ivy Park, Jerry C. Lunsford; Kenilworth, G. L. Lowery; Malvern Hills, C. W. Dixon; Murphy, W. A. Singleton; Oak Forest, Hugh Lamb; Swannanoa, J. H. Davidson; Sylva, J. A. Gray, Sr.; Waynesville, W. A. Abel; Weaverville, Lawrence C. Penland; West Asheville, H. P. Mitchell. (23)

VISITORS

Dr. Hilton Seals of Orange Presbytery, and Dr. Fred F. Schell of Newton Presbytery, Synod of N. J., of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A., were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Mr. C. G. Rawls, Mr. H. D. Shillinglaw, Mr. Leon Walker, and Mr. Allen Chapman, Student Minister, were introduced as visitors.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Mr. James S. Howell, the Moderator-Elect of the First Church Asheville, was unanimously elected Moderator.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. Mr. D. P. McGeachy, III, presented the following report of the Program Committee which was adopted. We recommend that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:45 P. M., and reconvene at 2:00 P. M.
2. That the request of the Rev. Paul N. Gresham for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Kenilworth Church be the First Order after the reading of the Communications.

SERMON

On motion by Dr. H. B. Dendy, Presbytery expressed appreciation to the Rev. Mr. Paul Warren for his splendid sermon.

COMMUNICATIONS

The letter from the Rev. Mr. Paul Gresham requesting the dissolution of pastoral relationship was referred to the Special Commission.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. R. A. Potter was referred to him with the request that it be presented for consideration after the first order of the day.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. David Smith of Edinburgh, Scotland, was received as information.

A request from Mr. Alfred D. Reed, a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, that his name be removed from the roll of Candidates under the care of our Presbytery was granted.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following ministers were excused from attendance: The Rev. Mr. Sam Rochester, The Rev. Mr. Richard L. Sommers, Dr. R. E. McClure, the Rev. Mr. James Skelton, the Rev. Mr. Wade C. Smith, the Rev. Mr. W. W. Pharr, and the Rev. Mr. Stanley Bennett.

Dr. R. E. McClure

Dr. H. B. Dendy led Presbytery in prayer in behalf of Dr. R. E. McClure, who was injured in an automobile accident recently.

THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION

The Rev. Mr. G. B. Talbot, chairman, presented the report of the Special Commission which was received. The Minutes of the Commission were admitted to record; and the recommendations were adopted:

1. That Presbytery accept the resignation of the Rev. Paul N. Gresham as Pastor of the Kenilworth Church and that dissolution of the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Kenilworth Church become effective June 1, 1958.
2. That Presbytery approve the action of the congregation April 1st, 1958, in designating the Rev. Paul N. Gresham as Pastor Emeritus.
3. That Presbytery grant the request of Mr. Gresham that he be honorably retired from the Active Ministry, effective June 1, 1958.

THE MINISTRY OF THE REV. MR. GRESHAM COMMENDED

Mr. G. L. Lowery, representative of the Kenilworth Church, spoke of the fine ministry of Mr. Gresham.

Dr. H. B. Dendy moved that Presbytery express its high appreciation of Mr. Gresham's ministry, which was done unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

BILLS AND OVERTURES: Rev. Mr. Thomas Sproule, Rev. Mr. J. C. Lime, and ruling elder, Mr. H. P. Mitchell.

JUDICIAL: Dr. J. R. McGregor, Rev. Mr. W. H. Marquis, and ruling elder, Mr. R. R. Bolt.

RESOLUTIONS: The Rev. Mr. Eugene Witherspoon, the Rev. Mr. R. A. Potter, and ruling elder, Mr. W. A. Abel.

INVITATION TO MODERATOR OF 1958 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The communication from the Rev. Mr. R. A. Potter was read by him. Mr. Potter made a motion that the Moderator of the 1958 General Assembly be invited to address Presbytery at an Adjourned or Stated meeting. The motion carried.

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

On motion by the Rev. Mr. R. A. Potter, Presbytery approved the amendment to the Manual to place on the Docket a place for the Report of the Committee on North Carolina Council of Churches, and tabled for final action at the next meeting of Presbytery.

LOUISVILLE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CAMPAIGN

The Rev. Mr. G. B. Talbot, chairman of the Louisville Theological Seminary, presented the report of the Campaign, which was received as information.

THE MANUAL

Dr. W. G. Thomas, chairman, presented the following report of the Committee to Edit and Print the Manual, which was adopted: The Manual adopted September 5, 1955, revised and amended January 17, 1958, has been printed and distributed to the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery. Due to certain omissions and errors in the printed Manual, Presbytery is requested to continue this committee until a new edition of the Manual is printed and distributed.

SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Sessional Records of the Grace Covenant Church was referred to the Committee on Sessional Records.

PRESBYTERY'S CHURCH EXTENSION

Dr. C. Grier Davis, chairman of Presbytery's Church Extension Committee, presented an oral report which was received as information.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The report of the Christian Education Committee was presented by the Rev. Mr. W. R. Klein, chairman, which was received as information.

REPORT OF MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The Report of the Mountain Orphanage was presented by Dr. H. B. Dendy, chairman, which was received as information, and the Financial Report was admitted to record. (*See Audited Report*)

SESSIONAL REPORTS

The Rev. Mr. D. P. McGeachy, III, chairman of the Committee on Sessional Records reported that Grace Covenant's Sessional Records were found in order and recommended that the Records be approved, which was done.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

After announcements were made, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:45 P. M.

Presbytery reconvened at 2 P. M., with prayer by the Rev. Mr. W. R. Klein.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was made by the Chairman, the Rev. Mr. Ben F. Ormand, and the report was admitted to record and the recommendations adopted:

1. That Mr. John Herbert Law, student at Columbia Theological

Seminary, Decatur, Ga., be approved for a clinical year at the Hayesville Church.

2. That the Rev. W. W. Pharr be approved as a temporary supply for the Malvern Hills Church until the Church secures a regular pastor.
3. That Dr. Rupert McGregor be restored to the active pastorate roll.
4. That Dr. R. McGregor be granted a Letter of Transfer to Fayetteville Presbytery in order that he may accept a call to the First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville.
5. That Presbytery's Council purchase the film strip entitled, "So Your Church Needs A Minister" from Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work, at a cost of $15.00.

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dr. C. Grier Davis moved that the Rev. Mr. G. B. Talbot, alternate commissioner to principal commissioner, the Rev. Mr. W. G. Thomas, become alternate also to the Rev. Mr. D. P. McGeachy, III, and that the Rev. Mr. W. H. Marquis, alternate to the Rev. Mr. J. B. Frye, also become alternate to the Rev. Mr. G. B. Talbot. The motion carried.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

The Rev. Mr. Paul Warren, Chairman of Presbytery's Council, presented the Council's report. Pending action on the report, the Rev. Mr. D. P. McGeachy, III, was heard. The report was received as information.

GENERAL FUND AGENCIES

The Committee on General Fund Agencies' report was made by the chairman, the Rev. Mr. Calvin Thielman, which was received as information.

AUDITED REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In the absence of Dr. R. E. McClure, the Stated Clerk, Dr. W. G. Thomas presented the Audited Reports and they were ordered printed in the minutes. (See Audited Reports.)

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Bills and Overtures Committee reported that nothing came into their hands.

Judiciary Committee reported that nothing came into their hands.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Rev. Mr. E. D. Witherspoon, Jr. reported for the Resolutions Committee and the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the Rev. Mr. D. P. McGeachy, III, be thanked for the preparation made under his direction for this meeting of Presbytery.
2. That appreciation be expressed to the Women of the Sylva Presbyterian Church for the delicious dinner enjoyed by Asheville Presbytery.

LOAN TO ARDEN CHURCH

Dr. H. B. Dendy moved that the Mountain Orphanage be allowed to make a loan to the Arden Church for the erection of a new manse, which was approved.

MEN OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Mr. R. A. Potter reported on the Men of the Church which was received as information.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Forrest B. Gardner moved that the Moderator and the Stated Clerk appoint a Committee to study the feasibility of allocating sufficient time on the Docket of the Spring Meeting for reports on the pros and cons of the most pertinent questions coming before the General Assembly by individuals appointed by the Moderator and Stated Clerk. Further that Presbytery request that the Commissioners elected to the General Assembly be present at this meeting of Presbytery, that they may be informed on these questions.

NEXT MEETING

The invitation of the Black Mountain Church to meet with them on Tuesday, July 22, 1958, was unanimously accepted.

MINUTES APPROVED

The Minutes of this meeting were read and approved as corrected after which Presbytery was adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Rev. Mr. J. Bruce Frye.

JAMES HOWELL, *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*
W. C. COOPER, *Permanent Clerk*

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Annual report is prepared from a general audit of the treasurer's accounts of the ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY for the year ended December 31, 1957. Report consists of statements shown in the index.

Cash balances reconcile and/or agree with statements rendered by the banks and saving passbooks in the treasurer's possession. Funded accounts are summarized in the following tabulation:

Account	Balance per Passbook or Bank	Deposits In Transit	Checks Out	Balance
MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE:				
Administration	$ 1,113.05	$ 7,987.86	$ 925.88	$ 8,175.03
Investment:				
Demand	6,506.32		25.00	6,481.32
Savings	4,316.57			4,316.57
HOME MISSIONS:				
Demand	6,277.94	9,041.44	785.15	14,534.23
Savings	5,000.00			5,000.00
Religious Education	1,840.37	383.73	15.68	2,208.42
Promotion Council	1,170.30	139.27	45.59	1,263.98
Central Treasury	18,687.91	15,692.23	33,470.35	909.79
Totals	$44,912.46	$33,244.53	$35,267.65	$42,889.34

Receipts were compared with deposits recorded monthly by the banks. All cancelled checks were examined. Deposits in transit and outstanding checks were followed into January, 1958 statements of the banks.

Mortgage loans are carried forward from prior year's report less collections in 1957 of $1,008.89 shown in this report. Loans, stocks and bonds were not examined.

The accompanying statements of receipts and disbursements, in my opinion, present fairly the cash transactions of the Asheville Presbytery, R. E. McClure, Treasurer for the year ended December 31, 1957 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with the prior year.

James E. Ashe
Certified Public Accountant

Asheville, North Carolina
April 5, 1958

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE — ADMINISTRATION
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 1957

CASH BALANCE, January 1, 1957			$ 5,623.91
RECEIPTS:			
Churches—Budget Gifts	$23,257.46		
Designated Gifts	17,951.69	$41,209.15	
Duke Endowment		4,709.43	
Legacies		2,674.89	
Parents and Relatives		1,886.70	
Other		3,729.05	
Endowments		655.17	
Special Funds:			

In Lieu of Flowers for Improvements	$ 1,261.66		
Other	181.85	1,443.51	
Farm Sales		810.75	
Cattle Sales		1,688.50	
Miscellaneous:			
Remitted by H. E. Barkley	$ 223.91		
Adjustments—W. K. Beaty and Insurance	52.40		
Walter K. Beaty—Error in Check	350.00	626.31	59,433.46
Loan from Investment Account			2,000.00
Total Balance and Receipts			$67,057.37
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Administration Expense		$11,242.99	
Household Care of Children		24,087.18	
Plant Operation and Maintenance		13,401.03	
Farm Operation and Maintenance		6,287.58	
Extra Institutional Care		28.25	
New Building		1,835.31	
Sub-Total		$56,882.34	
Investment Account—Repay Loan		2,000.00	58,882.34
CASH BALANCE, December 31, 1957			$ 8,175.03

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE — ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT
DISBURSEMENTS DETAILED
For the Year Ended December 31, 1957

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE:		
Salaries	$ 6,152.25	
Office Supplies	360.05	
Telephone and Telegraph	543.50	
Insurance	2,083.28	
Conference Expense, Membership Dues	11.50	
Financing and Publicity	1,265.76	
Other Items	826.65	$11,242.99
HOUSEHOLD CARE OF CHILDREN:		
Salaries	$ 8,215.49	
Food	7,758.53	
Clothing	2,469.15	
Laundry	752.19	
Household Supplies	1,697.30	
Recreation	230.70	
Travel	943.14	
Health	862.61	
Education	1,158.07	24,087.18
PLANT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:		
Salaries	$ 3,494.12	
Fuel, Water, Lights, Supplies	4,247.75	
Repairs and Replacements	5,659.16	13,401.03

FARM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:			
Salaries	$ 2,457.82		
Supplies	3,079.38		
Repair and Replacement	486.48		
Replacement of Livestock	127.27		
Other Items	136.63		6,287.58
EXTRA INSTITUTIONAL CARE			28.25
LOAN REPAID			2,000.00
NEW BUILDING			1,835.31
Total Disbursements			$58,882.34

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE — INVESTMENT ACCOUNT
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 1957

CASH BALANCE, January 1, 1957:			
Checking Account		$ 3,998.33	
Savings		4,461.98	$ 8,460.31
RECEIPTS:			
Mortgage Loans:			
Principal Collections	$ 1,008.89		
Interest	368.11		
		$ 1,377.00	
Bequests — Interest		454.00	
In Lieu of Flowers Contributions		2,823.30	
Special—For L. T. Wild Savings		25.00	
Principal—R. P. Smith		55.00	
Bequest—H. E. Barkley		500.00	
Social Security Tax Refund		18.12	
Interest from Savings		134.79	5,387.21
Administration Account— Repay Loan			2,000.00
Total Balance and Receipts			$15,847.52
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Mountain Orphanage— Administration:			
Bequests—Interest	$ 454.00		
L. Terry—Interest	65.17	$ 519.17	
Annuities Paid:			
Miss M. O. Dunham	$ 151.00		
J. C. Kinlock	150.00		
Mrs. Foster Lewis	4.20	305.20	
In Lieu of Flowers:			
Study Tables	$ 132.00		
New Boiler	401.95		
Printing and Cards	87.65		
Administration Account	1,261.66	1,883.26	
H. E. Barkley for College Dues of			

Nancy Wilson and Valean Cooper		342.00	
Sub-Total		$ 3,049.63	
Loan to Administration Account		2,000.00	
Total Disbursements			5,049.63
CASH BALANCE, December 31, 1957			$10,797.89
DEPOSITED AS FOLLOWS:			
Checking Account		$ 6,481.32	
Savings		4,316.57	10,797.89

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE — INVESTMENT ACCOUNT
ASSETS OWNED — DECEMBER 31, 1957

CASH IN BANK:			
First National Bank and Trust Company		$ 6,481.32	
Asheville Federal Savings and Loan		4,316.57	$10,797.89
MORTGAGE LOANS:			
Arden Manse, 1st Mortgage		$ 5,640.78	
T. W. Bremmer, 1st Mortgage		2,362.78	
Malvern Hills, 2nd Mortgage		6,350.00	
Brevard-Davidson River, 2nd Mortgage		5,000.00	$19,353.56
STOCKS AND BONDS:			
Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co. 93 Shares $5.00 par Common Stock on Books at		$ 465.00	
Farmers Federation, 8 Shares at par		80.00	
U. S. Savings Bond $100.00, Cost		74.00	619.00
Total Assets			$30,770.45
ASSETS FUNDED AS FOLLOWS:			
Bequests		$ 3,002.95	
Lillian Terry Fund		6,404.46	
R. P. Smith Fund		14,202.41	
In Lieu of Flowers		2,844.06	
Annuities:			
M. O. Dunham	$ 1,182.97		
J. C. Kinlock	1,577.06		
Foster Lewis	211.72		
Special Funds:			
Lawrence	192.40		
L. T. Wilds	1,117.03		
Baby Cottage	35.39	4,316.57	30,770.45

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS — OPERATING ACCOUNT
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 1957

CASH BALANCE, January 1, 1957			$15,136.81
RECEIPTS:			
Churches, Budget	$26,644.57		
Designated	3,859.25	$30,503.82	
Board of Church Extension:			
Regular		8,255.51	
Morrison Church		500.00	
Mountain Orphanage		1,878.09	
Our Mountain Work		77.97	
Trust Estate		225.81	
Refunds		86.94	
Mills River Church		20.00	
Church Extension Suppers		28.50	41,576.64
Total Balance and Receipts			$56,713.45
DISBURSEMENTS			37,179.22
CASH BALANCE, December 31, 1957			$19,534.23
DEPOSITED AS FOLLOWS:			
Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.		$14,534.23	
Asheville Savings & Loan		5,000.00	19,534.23

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS — OPERATING ACCOUNT
DISBURSEMENTS DETAILED
For the Year Ended December 31, 1957

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:		
Salary and House	$ 5,700.00	
Annuity, Insurance, Social Security	906.82	
Travel Expense	632.38	$ 7,239.20
OFFICE COSTS:		
Secretary's Salary	$ 2,816.62	
Insurance and Social Security	307.71	
Regular Operating Cost	1,074.08	
Audit	110.00	
Office Repairs and Upkeep	87.80	
Permanent Equipment	165.20	4,561.41
MINISTERS:		
Salary Supplements	$ 8,711.42	
Annuities and Insurance	891.63	
Supplies—Students and Others	3,357.35	
Moving—Pastors	316.59	13,276.99
OUR MOUNTAIN WORK		2,779.91
APPROPRIATIONS:		
Student House—Sylva	$ 172.99	
Morrison Church	1,668.17	
Lakey Gap Church	1,000.00	
Bethel Work	150.00	
Beverly Hills Survey	116.10	
Grace Covenant (½) Debt Retirement	2,497.75	5,605.01

FUNDS INVESTED:		
Lot Purchased in Sylva		2,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Commission Expense and Mileage	131.68	
Expenses to Richmond—DeBose, McDonich	25.00	
Travel Pool	55.00	
Rugby Insurance	15.21	
Church Extension Expenses	676.10	
Travel to Robbinsville—Waberspoon	5.88	
Insurance—Robbinsville Church	7.83	
Loan—Dillingham Church	800.00	1,716.70
Total Disbursements		$37,179.22

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 1957

CASH BALANCE, January 1, 1957		$ 1,825.75
RECEIPTS:		
Benevolences (From General Treasury)	$ 1,753.05	
Junior Camp	993.90	
Area Leadership School	226.05	
Senior Hi Conference	151.50	
Senior Hi Council	54.00	
Asheville Presbytery Council to Reimburse for Checks Written in Error	45.59	3,224.09
TOTAL BALANCE AND RECEIPTS		$ 5,049.84
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Senior Hi Conference	$ 354.80	
Pioneer Camp	189.38	
Junior Camp	1,201.46	
Senior Hi Council	454.86	
Leadership Training	362.10	
Men's Work	100.00	
Commission Expense	72.43	
Conference Schedules	8.40	
Equipment	3.85	
Youth Convention—Lexington, Ky.	48.55	
Mileage—Pre-Budget Canvass	45.59	2,841.42
CASH BALANCE, December 31, 1957		$ 2 208.42

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
PROMOTION COUNCIL
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 1957

CASH BALANCE, January 1, 1957		$ 1,120.48
RECEIPTS:		
Benevolence Funds (General Treasury)	$ 835.39	
World Missions Workshops	46.00	881.39
TOTAL BALANCE AND RECEIPTS		$ 2,001.87

DISBURSEMENTS:		
Expenses to Brazil—Warren and Sproule	$ 200.00	
Council Meetings	21.22	
Every Member Canvass Expenses	342.16	
World Missions Workshops	174.51	737.89
CASH BALANCE, December 31, 1957		$ 1,263.98

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
CENTRAL TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 1957

	Balance 1-1-57	Receipts	Disbursed	Balance 12-31-57
ASSEMBLY BUDGET:				
World Missions		$ 28,078.33	$ 28,078.33	
Church Extension	$ 10.00*	9,344.84	9,334.84	
Christian Education		3,262.67	3,262.67	
Annuities and Relief		4,250.21	4,250.21	
General Fund Agencies		6,192.72	6,192.72	
Inter Church Agencies		185.43	185.43	
SYNOD BUDGET:				
King College		6,148.23	6,148.23	
Union Theological Seminary		1,301.90	1,301.90	
Louisville Theological Seminary		658.80	658.80	
Christian Education		2,690.60	2,690.60	
PRESBYTERY BUDGET:				
Mountain Orphanage		41,209.15	41,209.15	
Church Extension		26,644.57	26,644.57	
Christian Education		1,753.05	1,753.05	
Promotion	86.83	748.56	835.39	
Montreat College		6,290.37	6,290.37	
Davidson College		499.45	499.45	
NON BUDGET:				
Assembly (Easter Offering)		2,196.41	2,196.41	
Synod (King Campaign and Youth)		405.00	405.00	
Presbytery (80% Church Extension Offering)		3,859.25	3,859.25	
MISCELLANEOUS		75.00	75.00	
OPERATING FUND	997.23		87.44	$909.79
Totals	$1,074.06	$145,794.54	$145,958.81	$909.79

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956 Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
Summer	—Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule
1957 Winter	—Grace Covenant	Rev. Thomas Sproule
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	F. B. Gardner
Summer	—Waynesville	F. B. Gardner
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. Paul F. Warren
1958 Winter	—Franklin	Rev. Paul F. Warren

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MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY of ASHEVILLE

OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN THE UNITED STATES

ADJOURNED MEETING
JULY 22, 1958

SUMMER, 1958

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black Mountain, North Carolina

FALL STATED MEETING
Tuesday, October 21, 1958 — 10:00 A. M.
MURPHY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Murphy, North Carolina

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator: Ruling Elder James S. Howell, Asheville First.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. W. G. Thomas, 600 Haywood Road, Asheville,—1960.

Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. C. Cooper, Arden,—1960.

Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church Street, Asheville,—1959.

Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1959—George H. Wright, Asheville 1st; 1960—Roy P. Booth, Asheville 1st; 1961—Carl M. Sawyer, Kenilworth.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1959—Joe L. Hunter; 1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Church Extension

1959—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Joe L. Hunter, Ben F. McGlamery, George H. Wright.

1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. G. B. Talbot, F. B. Gardner.

1961—Rev. Stanley L. Bennett, Rev. Robert L. Torrence, C. A. Stubbs, Duncan C. Hunter.

Orphanage Work

1959—Rev. R. A. Potter, J. Paul Teal, Jr., C. E. Worley, Mrs. J. C. Spooner.

1960—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Chas. A. Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

1961—Carl R. Welte, Edward G. Roberts, Bernard R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. F. A. Plummer.

Christian Education

1959—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Jr., Rev. R. A. Potter, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, George Stockton, L. B. Ordway.

1960—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Chairman, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Philip L. Brintnall.

1961—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. Calvin Thielman, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. R. L. Sommers, Joe E. Rose, A. H. Bryson.
And the following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; Holland McSwain, President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. Geo. A. Anderson, Chairman of Senior High Fellowship; Mr. Sproule, Mrs. Joe Bursavage, Mrs. W. L. Ray, Adult Advisors of Youth Work; Mr. Sproule, Mr. Klein, Mr. Frye, Directors of Senior Conference, Pioneer Camp and Junior Camps, respectively.

Presbytery's Council

1959—Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, Rev. J. Bruce Frye, F. A. Plummer.

1960—Rev D. P. McGeachy, III, Mark Sumner, Sam Patton.

1961—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Kelley E. Bennett.

And the following by virtue of the office held:
The Moderator; Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; and Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1959—Rev. J. C. Lime, Hugh E. Lamb.

1960—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. H. B. Dendy.

1961—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, George H. Wright.

DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations: 1959—Rev. S. L. Bennett, Chairman, J. Paul Teal, Jr.; 1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Kelley E. Bennett; 1961—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Holland McSwain.

World Missions: 1959—R. T. Reed; 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman; 1961—Rev. W. J. Gammon.

Church Extension (Assembly): 1959—Rev. W. F. Thuston, Chairman; Rev. W. C. Cooper; 1960—Rev. L. T. Newland, Rev. Wm. R. Klein; 1961—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, W. H. McMurray.

Christian Education (Assembly): 1959—J. R. Lewis; 1960—Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman; 1961—Rev. J. H. Skelton.

Annuities and Relief: 1959—Rev. C. R. Stegall; 1960—Rev. Paul N. Gresham, Chairman; 1961—R. A. Porter.

General Fund Agencies: 1959—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Chairman; 1960—C. G Worley; 1961—Rev. Daniel E. Carlton.

Examining Committee—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1961. Experimental Religion—The Moderator.

Theology: 1959—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman; 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall.

Sacraments: 1960—Rev. J. B. Frye, Chairman; 1961—Rev. O. F. Yates.

Church Government: 1959—Rev. W. J. Gammon, Chairman; 1961—Rev. Samuel L. Rochester.

English Bible: 1959—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; 1960—Rev. J. H. Gruver.

Academic and Seminary Studies: 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—Rev. Donn K. Langfitt.

Women's Work: 1959—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; 1960—Rev. W. C. Cooper; 1961—C. J. McCarty.

Sessional Records: 1959—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman; 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—W. A. Singleton, with appointment by the Moderator.

Minutes of Church Courts: 1959—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman; 1960—Rev. Wm. H. Marquis; 1961—Rev. Carl R. McCain.

Program—Moderator, Rev. Paul F. Warren; Stated Clerk, Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host Pastor, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III; Ruling Elder from Host Church, J. F. Dunn.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. A. C. Holt, 1960; Kelley E. Bennett, 1960.

Office of Executive Secretary—To be named.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Home for the Aged—Forrest B. Gardner, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. W. F. Thuston, Joseph L. Hunter, O. E. Starnes, Mrs. R. E. McClure, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Study Committee—Forrest Gardner, Chairman, Warren Thuston, G. B. Talbot, D. P. McGeachy, Holland McSwain, J. Paul Teal, Jr., J. Bruce Frye.

Edit and Print the Manual—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. C. Cooper.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Austin Blake Brinkerhoff, Montreat, N. C.
William E. Leaman, Jr., Asheville, N. C.
William A. Lofquist, Asheville, N. C.
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Yates, Rev. O. F.
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Franklin	John A. Bulgin Franklin, N. C.	J. Ward Long Franklin, N. C.
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DOCKET SCHEDULE

WINTER MEETING

Devotional by Moderator
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly
Reports of Presbytery Officers
Reports of Commissions — Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Home Missions
Mountain Orphanage
Education
B. Permanent Committees
Office of Executive Secretary
World Missions
Nominations
Women's Work
Sessional Records
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Nomination of a Moderator
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

SPRING MEETING

Sermon by Moderator
Communion Service
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Education
Mountain Orphanage
B. Permanent Committees
General Fund Agencies
N. C. Council of Churches
C. Standing and Special Committees
Report on Audits
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
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Adjournment

SUMMER MEETING

Devotional by Moderator or Sermons by Candidates
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissioners to General Assembly
Report of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Report of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Education, Presbytery
Home Missions, Presbytery
B. Permanent Committees
Church Extension, Assembly
Christian Education, Assembly
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Nomination of a Moderator
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

FALL MEETING

Sermon by Moderator
Communion Service
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
The Mountain Orphanage
Education
Home Missions
B. Permanent Committees
Annuities and Relief
Minutes of Church Courts
C. Standing and Special Committees
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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
ADJOURNED SUMMER MEETING
BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA
JULY 22, 1958

Asheville Presbytery met in adjourned meeting in the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, Black Mountain, North Carolina, Tuesday, July 22, 1958, at 10 A. M. The meeting was called to order and was led in prayer by the Moderator, Mr. James Howell. Presbytery engaged in worship under the direction of Mr. William A. Lofquist, Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. The Scripture lesson was Matthew 18:1-6,10-14, and the sermon was based on this Scripture passage, on the subject, "True Greatness".

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Roll of Ministers was called by the Stated Clerk, Dr. W. G. Thomas, and the following were present:

Stanley L. Bennett, Dan E. Carlton, W. C. Cooper, H. B. Dendy, J. Bruce Frye, William J. Gammon, Paul N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, A. C. Holt, William R. Klein, Donn K. Langfitt, J. C. Lime, W. H. Marquis, R. E. McClure, D. P. McGeachy III, L. T. Newland, W. W. Pharr, Robert A. Potter, S. L. Rochester, James H. Skelton, John N. Somerville, Richard L. Sommers, Thomas Sproule, C. R. Stegall, Geo. Bird Talbot, J. V. N. Talmage, Robert L. Torrence, W. G. Thomas, Warren F. Thuston, Paul F. Warren, E. D. Witherspoon, Jr. (31)

The Permanent Clerk, the Rev. W. C. Cooper, called the Roll of Churches and the following Churches were represented:

Arden, Joe L. Tandy; Asheville First, James S. Howell, Allen T. Morrison; Black Mountain, J. O. Williams; Brevard, Harvey L. Cavender; Brittain's Cove, Chas. P. Hensley; Bryson City, S. W. Black; Canton, Sidney Stone; Dillingham, Vestal Dillingham; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Friendship, W. E. Norwood; Grace Covenant, T. W. Pritchard, Jr.; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerrow; Hendersonville, L. H. McKay; Ivy Park, T. G. Penland; Kenilworth, Crawford Pearson; Malvern Hills, Jack H. Duckett; Mills River, H. N. Clark; Montreat, L. Nelson Bell; Murphy, Holland McSwain; Oak Forest, S. A. Mann; Swannanoa, W. H. McMurray; Sylva, Jackson F. Dunn; Waynesville, R. L. Prevart; Weaverville, R. T. Reed; West Asheville, G. O. Shillinglaw. (25)

Dr. H. B. Dendy led Presbytery in prayer in behalf of the Rev. Calvin C. Thielman, who is seriously ill.

VISITORS

The following ministers were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Dr. Joseph Dunglinson of Tuscaloosa Presbytery; Dr. William B. Kennedy of Enoree Presbytery and Professor at Union Theological Seminary; the Rev. C. W. Solomon of Union Presbytery, U. S. A. Church; and the Rev. David Smith, Warrender Church, Edinburgh, Scotland, who brought greetings from the Presbyterians of Edinburgh and Scotland.

The following Student Ministers were introduced: William A. Lofquist, candidate; Roger K. Elliott, Summer Supply at Franklin and Morrison Churches; John H. Law, Clinical Year at Hayesville Church; and John B. Trotti, Summer Supply at Lakey Gap Church.

Gen. John C. Arrowsmith, Ray R. Clark, F. B. Gardner, L. A. Gossett, P. Greer Johnson, Henry A. Johnson, J. W. Lanning, A. A. Mitchell of Mexico, Mo., J. T. Morrison, Lee B. Nichols, L. B. Ordway, A. G. Randolph, Jr., Frank W. Sampson, Lawson Summerrow, H. B. Turner, E. E. White, Fred M. Wix, Jr., and T. H. Rankin were introduced as visitors.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The report of the Program Committee was presented by the Rev. William R. Klein, which was adopted. We recommend that the printed docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be followed with the following amendments:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 P. M. and reconvene at 1:30 P. M.
2. That the report of the Camp Site Committee be received as a part of the Christian Education Committee's report.
3. That a season of prayer in behalf of World Affairs follow the report of the Commissioners to the General Assembly.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

BILLS AND OVERTURES: the Rev. Thomas Sproule, Rev. W. H. Marquis, and ruling elder, Mr. Crawford Pearson.

JUDICIAL: Dr. J. V. N. Talmadge, Rev. Daniel E. Carlton, and ruling elder, Mr. T. W. Pritchard, Jr.

RESOLUTIONS: the Rev. Richard L. Sommers, Rev. J. C. Lime, and ruling elder, Mr. George Shillinglaw.

COMMUNICATIONS

A statement from Mr. J. Paul Teal, Jr., was read, requesting that his report as a Commissioner to the General Assembly be received during the Fall meeting. Granted.

A letter from the Rev. Carl R. McCain, requesting that his pastoral relationship with the Highland Church be dissolved, effective September 1, 1958, and that he be granted a letter of transfer to King's Mountain Presbytery, was read.

A letter from the Highland Church and Session concurring with Mr. McCain's request for dissolution of relationship as pastor and people was read.

Presbytery dissolved the relationship between the Rev. Carl R. McCain and the Highland Church as pastor and people effective September 1, 1958 and granted Mr. McCain a certificate of dismission to King's Mountain Presbytery.

A communication from the Murphy Church was referred to time on the docket for Place of Next Meeting.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly was referred to time on docket for unfinished business.

A communication from Dr. H. B. Dendy, chairman of Special Committee on Resolutions on the Rev. Paul Gresham, was adopted.

"In accepting the resignation of the Rev. Paul Nesbit Gresham as Pastor of the Kenilworth Church, our Presbytery expresses its love for Brother Gresham and its deep appreciation for the wonderful service that he and Mrs. Gresham have rendered to the Presbytery, the City of Asheville, the Kenilworth community and the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church."

"His twenty-four years of devoted service in connection with that Church is almost without parallel in our Church, starting with services in their own home and directing a program of gradual expansion and building development. The Kenilworth Presbyterian Church today stands as a monument for all to see. The beautiful church plant, now

completely paid for, is an edifice which should make any church happy."

"During the twenty-three years of its existence the members of the church have contributed a total of over $352,000 to all causes of the Church. During that time there have been 495 members added on Profession of Faith and 924 received by letter or Restatement of their Faith. The present membership is 576. Most impressive of all is the quality and character of the members themselves. There is a wealth of officers and officer material, particularly young men of standing in the city and community in the thirty to forty-five age bracket, men who are anxious and willing to serve Christ and their Church."

"There are many fine women in this congregation and a large number of young people and children. Most of these have been brought into the Church through the fine personal work and efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Gresham."

"We would also express our appreciation for the fine work that the Greshams have done in getting the Arden Presbyterian Church started. Of course we all remember the excellent work done by Mr. Gresham in West Asheville."

"We pray for God's continued blessings upon Mr. and Mrs. Gresham, that He will continue to use them in a large way to His Name's Honor and Glory."

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY B. DENDY

Mr. A. T. Morrison and Mr. James S. Howell, Moderator, spoke highly of the services of the Rev. Paul Gresham.

The certificate of dismission for the Rev. William B. Kennedy, Ph. D., from Enoree Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery was read and referred to time on docket for Reception of Ministers.

A communication from the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School was referred to the Christian Education Committee.

A communication from John Knox Press requesting pictures of Churches within the Presbytery existing before 1861 was read and received as information.

A communication from the Commission on The Minister and His Work announcing that the film "So Your Church Needs A Minister" has been purchased, is available for use, and may be secured from the Stated Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The Stated Clerk announced the following action as authorized during the Spring meeting of Presbytery:

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Moderator and the Stated Clerk have appointed the following committee to study the feasibility of making a place on the docket of the Spring Meeting of Presbytery for the purpose of discussing the most pertinent questions to come before the General Assembly Meeting:

FORREST GARDNER, Chairman
WARREN THUSTON
G. B. TALBOT
J. BRUCE FRYE
D. P. MCGEACHY
HOLLAND MCSWAIN
J. PAUL TEAL, JR.

The following ministers were excused from attendance: C. Grier Davis, Ben F. Ormand, Calvin C. Thielman, and Wade C. Smith.

Dr. R. E. McClure expressed his sincerest thanks to all who manifested their interest and concern at the time of his injury and period of recovery.

EXAMINATION OF THE REV. WILLIAM B. KENNEDY, Ph. D.

The Moderator, Mr. James S. Howell, examined Dr. William B. Kennedy on experimental religion, and the examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, led the examination on views in Theology, which was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. J. Bruce Frye examined Dr. Kennedy on his views of the Sacraments. This part of the examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. W. J. Gammon conducted the examination on Church Government, which was sustained as satisfactory.

On motion by the Rev. Warren Thuston the examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory.

Dr. Kennedy was to be enrolled as a member of Presbytery after he signed the Ex Animo Statement.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

The Rev. Paul Warren, Chairman, presented the report of Presbytery's Council. Pending action on this report, Presbytery heard the Revs. D. P. McGeachy III, and J. Bruce Frye.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed at 12:30 P. M. for lunch, to reconvene at 1:30 P. M. While at the tables, the Rev. Richard L. Sommers, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, made a partial report which was adopted by a rising vote.

At 1:30 P. M., the Rev. A. C. Holt reconvened Presbytery with prayer.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

The report of Presbytery's Council and the recommendations as amended were adopted.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL TO THE MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY JULY 22, 1958

A. Presbytery's Council met on June 30th, and again on July 10th, to consider matters pertaining to the budget for 1959.

B. The members of the Council wish to thank the Churches and individual members throughout the Presbytery for their loyal support during the past year, and to give praise to God for the way in which He has blessed us materially over the years. There has been a wonderful spirit of cooperation among our participating churches, and for the most part, all of our churches have been very faithful in sending their benevolences regularly to the Central Treasurer.

C. The attention of the Council was arrested when we read in our Synod's report last month that the general conception of stewardship throughout our church was based on a false philosophy of giving. Dr. Ferguson Wood, Chairman of Synod's Council, included in his report a graphic statement from an address made at the recent meetings of our General Assembly, which effectively points up this error. The statement, made by the Chairman of the Assembly's Council, Dr. E. B. McGukin, is as follows:

> "We need to check the Smorgasbord approach to the benevolent giving in the Church . . . Indeed, we are not here to run a cafeteria of spiritual opportunities for ecclesiastical appetites. We are here to present a total program that demands a total response."

D. In the light of this need, the Synod made the following recommendations to the four presbyteries:

> "The four presbyteries of our Synod are urgently requested to work out a plan in which all causes participating in the budget on the Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery levels, receive their *full proportionate share.*"

The Presbytery was thus urged to see that our churches receive not only the total amount requested for benevolences, but the amount each cause needs *in terms of dollars and cents.*

E. This brings the responsibility squarely home to us. None of these causes will receive their full share, unless they do so *in the Presbytery.* As a part of the Body of Christ, we are intimately related to the total program of the Church, and it is our responsibility to see that it is provided for. We believe that the salary of the missionary on Formosa, the salary of the man who prints our stewardship bulletins in Atlanta, or the farm superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, are equally important.

F. As a Presbytery, have we been giving our full cooperation to our Church's program?

Last year, your Council was censured in a letter from the Associate Secretary of our Assembly's Council because of the action of Asheville Presbytery with regard to the 1958 budget: (From the Minutes of Asheville Presbytery, for the Summer meeting of 1957, page eleven, recommendation 7) "That the Council be instructed to compile a 'Realistic Budget' for the Presbytery whereby the anticipated income for 1958 will underwrite the agencies of the Presbytery and give the agencies of the Synod and General Assembly as nearly 100% of their asking as possible."

As a matter of fact, our Presbytery has long been in a poor light in our Assembly because of our apparent lack of concern for some of the causes of our Church. Our 1957 budget, as an example, indicates how we have shown partiality to some of our causes. To quote the letter from the Associate Secretary of the Assembly's Council, "We would not say to one child in the family, 'you may have all that you want to eat,' and to another, 'you may have what he leaves'."

In 1957 the support of our sixteen causes varied from 41% to 105% of their askings. Even within our own Presbytery, whose causes we have always underwritten first, there was not an equal

distribution of funds (Mountain Orphanage 92%, Church Extension 89%, Christian Education 63%). As a matter of fact, the cause receiving the highest percentage of our budget distribution was Montreat College, which is not really one of our official responsibilities at all.

G. The General Council of the Assembly has been concerned in recent years with the failure of Presbyteries to support wholeheartedly the askings of their various causes. Because they want to convince us that their budget is not padded, but represents the minimum needs of their agencies, and to prove the genuineness of their intention, the 1959 budget is some two million dollars smaller than the requests for budgeted items in the various agencies.

Our Synod's share of this budget of the Assembly is $568,739, of which Knoxville Presbytery has accepted $227,495.60; Holston Presbytery, $142,184.75; Abingdon $113,747.80; and Asheville Presbytery, $85,310.85.

In addition to this, Synod's own causes total $210,760, of which Knoxville has accepted $84,304; Holston $52,690; Abingdon, $42,152, and Asheville $31,614.

To this budget we must add our Presbyteries causes, whose askings amount to $100,342.

OUR TOTAL BUDGET FOR 1959 IS THUS $217,266.85

H. CAN WE MEET THIS BUDGET? A careful analysis of the giving record of Asheville Presbytery over the past five years shows that the anticipated income for 1959 will be approximately $165,000. This figure is over $52,000 short of what we will need.

J. In the light of this whole picture, your Council went on record as approving the principle of equalizing the distribution of benevolences so that each cause will share proportionately in the budget.

K. In view of these facts, your Council makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Presbytery approve the principle of a plan to equalize the distribution of benevolences, so that each cause will share proportionately in the budget on the basis of their askings, it being understood that all designated gifts for specific causes shall be transmitted in full to that specific cause.
2. That the Presbytery adopt an "askings budget" for 1959 of $217,266.85, and that the individual churches and members are challenged to increase their giving for the coming year by 30%.
3. That the Presbytery adopt the following plan of distribution for 1959: That Presbytery's causes receive an amount of money equal to 85% of their askings, with the causes of the Synod and General Assembly sharing an equal proportion of the remainder up to 85% of their askings. This would result in the following spending budget on the basis of anticipated receipts:

ASSEMBLY CAUSES (69.5%)	ASKINGS FOR 1959	RECOMMENDED DISBURSEMENTS
World Missions	$42,646.00	$29,640.00
Church Extension	$17,173.05	$11,935.00
Christian Education	$ 7,908.30	$ 5,496.00
Annuities and Relief	$ 4,785.00	$ 3,326.00
General Fund Agencies	$12,574.80	$ 8,740.00
Inter-Church Agencies	$ 221.85	$ 154.00
	$85,310.85	$59,291.00
SYNOD CAUSES (69.5%)		
King College	$21,285.00	$14,793.00
Union and Louisville	$ 4,290.00	$ 2,982.00
Christian Education	$ 6,039.00	$ 4,197.00
	$31,614.00	$21,972.00
PRESBYTERY CAUSES (85%)		
Mountain Orphanage	$49,000.00	$41,650.00
Church Extension	$36,242.00	$30,805.00
Christian Education	$ 2,600.00	$ 2,210.00
Promotion	$ 500.00	$ 345.00
Campsite	$ 5,000.00	$ 3,450.00
Montreat College (69.5%)	$ 6,000.00	$ 4,170.00
Davidson College (69.5%)	$ 1,000.00	$ 695.00
	$100,342.00	$83,325.00

4. That the Presbytery instruct the Central Treasurer to distribute the benevolent receipts in such a manner that each cause will receive its proportionate share in terms of dollars and cents.
5. That each local church adopt the Pre-Budget Canvass as an effectual way in promoting the stewardship of material possessions.
6. The Stewardship Emphasis begins October 1, 1958, and we recommend that November 9, 1958 be set aside as Every Member Canvass Day, using the theme, "Give . . . . As Unto Him."
7. That each local church submit to the Chairman of Presbytery's Council by January 10, 1959, a figure that will indicate an increase over past giving to Benevolences.
8. That the per capita tax for 1959 be increased 3c from 34c to 37c.

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL F. WARREN, Chairman

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE WILLIAM A. LOFQUIST FOR LICENSURE

Mr. James Howell, Moderator, examined Mr. William A. Lofquist on experimental religion, which examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, conducted the examination on Theology, which was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. J. Bruce Frye examined the candidate on Sacraments. This portion of the examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. J. W. Gammon examined Mr. Lofquist on Church Government, which examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. R. H. Potter led the examination on English Bible, which was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. Thomas Sproule reported on Mr. Lofquist's Thesis and Exegesis. These parts of examination were sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. Warren Thuston moved that the sermon be accepted as satisfactory, which motion carried.

Mr. Lofquist's Theological Education was accepted as satisfactory.

The Moderator, Mr. James S. Howell asked the Questions for Licensure of Mr. Lofquist, which he answered in the affirmative. Mr. Howell led the Presbytery in prayer in behalf of Mr. William A. Lofquist and declared him licensed to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Holland McSwain, Mr. J. F. Dunn, and the Revs. J. Bruce Frye, D. P. McGeachy III, and W. G. Thomas reported their attendance at the meeting of the General Assembly at Charlotte, N. C., and they were commended for their diligence.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The proposed changes to the Confession of Faith and Book of Church Order on Divorce and Remarriage were docketed for the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

SESSIONS TO ELECT REPRESENTATIVES IMMEDIATELY

By order of Presbytery Sessions were requested to elect immediately their representatives to the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

CHANGES IN PRESBYTERY'S MANUAL

Your committee on the Presbytery's Manual has made a corrected list of the errors appearing in the printed manual, and also prepared for insertion the items which were omitted from the manual; but due to expected changes to be made in the manual at this meeting of Presbytery, it has not been reprinted. It will be reprinted and distributed at an early date.

During the Spring Meeting (1958) of Presbytery, the following amendment to the manual was approved: "That a place on the Docket of the Spring Meeting of Presbytery be made for the report of the committee on North Carolina Council of Churches".

PRAYER FOR WORLD'S AFFAIRS

Presbytery had a season of Prayer for God's blessings and direction in World Affairs.

PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS

Mr. Forrest Gardner presented the report of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, which was received as information, and the Committee's three recommendations concerning Negro Work were approved:

1. The acquisition of property on the most favorable terms, and at such location as will best suit the proposed work.
2. The securing of a Negro Minister to direct this work, with a view to inaugurating same on or about July 1, 1959.
3. The ultimate organization of a Negro Presbyterian Church as a constituent part of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Rev. William R. Klein, chairman, presented the report of the Christian Education Committee. Pending action on the report Presbytery heard the Rev. Thomas Sproule concerning a camp site. The report was received as information.

The following recommendations were adopted:

1. Authorize the Camp Site Committee, Rev. Thomas Sproule, chairman, to purchase the recommended Sophia-Dotson property for $11,600.00.
2. Authorize the committee with the Presbytery's Council to work out the financial procedure in paying for this purchase.
3. Keep the same Camp Site Committee and enlarge its membership to ten, or appoint a camp development committee, and have the committee present their program of procedure at the fall meeting of Presbytery.

MISS JACQUELINE GRAY APPROVED AS CANDIDATE FOR LAY WORK

The Rev. W. C. Cooper, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Candidates for the Gospel Ministry, which recommended that Miss Jacqueline Elva Gray of the Friendship Church be approved as a candidate for Lay Work and for a loan from the Board of Christian Education. The recommendation was adopted.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Rev. Robert L. Torrence, Chairman, presented the report of Presbytery's Committee on the General Assembly's Christian Education which was adopted.

Your committee has no formal report other than to request that each church study the report of the Assembly's Standing Committee on Christian Education, (pages 71-76 of the General Assembly's Minutes), and to submit the following recommendations:

1. That our churches, ministers, and members recognize the increasing demands made upon institutions of higher education and be urged to increase their interest in and support of Presbyterian seminaries, colleges. Westminster Fellowships, and Guidance Centers in order that Presbyterians may do their part in having Christian faith undergird all education, and that our Church and nation may be supplied with Christian leaders prepared for these days of opportunity.
2. That the attention of all ministers, Sessions, and congregations be called to the mounting demand for more full-time church workers; and that the call to full-time church vocation as missionaries, ministers, directors of Christian education, and other forms of church service be presented to our young people at the worship hour, in Sunday School classes, at rallies and conferences, and through personal interviews.
3. That, because of the growing responsibilities assigned to the Board of Christian Education and the vast opportunities the Church faces in Christian Education, the churches of the Asheville Presbytery make every effort to provide the full benevolence apportionment for the Board of Christian Education as approved by the General Council and the General Assembly.
4. That the following days and seasons be observed during 1958 and 1959:
   Christian Teaching Season, September 1-28, 1958
   Rally Day, September 28, 1958
   *Christian Education Week, September 28-October 5, 1958
   *Laymen's Sunday, October 19, 1958
   Christian Student Sunday, December 28, 1958
   Church Officer Training Week, January 18-25, 1959
   Assembly's Youth Sunday, January 25, 1959
   *Community Youth Week, January 25-February 1, 1959
   *Day of Prayer for Students Around the World, February 15, 1959
   Christian Higher Education Season, April 1-30, 1959
   *National Christian College Day, April 12, 1959
   (Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges)
   *Christian Family Week, May 3-10, 1959
   *Interdenominational days

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S CHURCH EXTENSION

The Rev. Warren Thuston, Chairman of Presbytery's Committee on the General Assembly's Church Extension, presented the report which was received as information.

PROPOSED PLAN ON FEDERATED CHURCHES

A letter from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly was read. Dr. W. G. Thomas moved that the proposed plan on Federated Churches be placed on the docket of the Fall Meeting, which motion carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The following Committee was appointed to Study the Proposed Plan for United or Federated Churches: the Revs. Thomas Sproule, Chairman, H. B. Dendy, William R. Klein and Ruling Elders Holland McSwain and James Howell.

RESOLUTIONS

The Rev. Richard Sommers, chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted:

Be it resolved that: Asheville Presbytery thank the Black Mountain Church, Minister, Officers and Women of the Church for their gracious hospitality, and commend them for the completion of their beautiful new Church Sanctuary, and congratulate them on the effective worshipful furnishings.

The Bills and Overtures Committee reported no business.

The Judicial Committee reported no business.

DR. J. V. N. TALMADGE RETIRED

The Rev. H. B. Dendy presented the report of the Minister and His Work Commission, which recommended that Dr. J. V. N. Talmadge be placed on the retired list of ministers, which was approved.

RESIGNATION

The Rev. Paul Gresham's resignation from the Board of the Mountain Orphanage and the Church Extension Committee was accepted with regrets.

The Rev. Stanley L. Bennett, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following report, which was adopted: that the Rev. G. B. Talbot be elected to the Church Extension Committee (Class of 1960), and the Rev. R. A. Potter be placed on the Mountain Orphanage Board (Class 1959).

THE REV. D. P. McGEACHY III, MODERATOR-NOMINEE

The Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, was elected moderator-nominee of the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

FALL MEETING OF PRESBYTERY TO BE AT MURPHY

The invitation for Presbytery to hold the Fall Stated meeting at the Murphy Church, Murphy, N. C., Tuesday, October 21, 1958 at 10 A. M. was accepted.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

The Minutes of Presbytery were read and approved.

PRESBYTERY ADJOURNED

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the Murphy Church, Murphy, N. C., Tuesday, October 21, 1958.

The Prayer and apostolic benediction was offered by the Rev. Paul N. Gresham.

JAMES HOWELL, Moderator
W. G. THOMAS, Stated Clerk
W. C. COOPER, Permanent Clerk.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956 Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
Summer	—Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule
1957 Winter	—Grace Covenant	Rev. Thomas Sproule
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	F. B. Gardner
Summer	—Waynesville	F. B. Gardner
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. Paul F. Warren
1958 Winter	—Franklin	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Spring	—Sylva	James S. Howell
Summer	—Black Mountain	James S. Howell

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FALL, 1958

MURPHY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Murphy, North Carolina
October 21, 1958

WINTER MEETING
Tuesday, January 20, 1959 — 10:00 A. M.
FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black Mountain, North Carolina

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator: Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, Box 818, Sylva, N. C.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. W. G. Thomas, 690 Haywood Road, Asheville,—1960.

Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. C. Cooper, Arden,—1960.

Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church Street, Asheville,—1960.

Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1959—Mr. George Stockton, Montreat; 1960—Roy P. Booth, Asheville 1st; 1961—Carl M. Sawyer, Kenilworth.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1960—Joe L. Hunter; 1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Church Extension

1959—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Joe L. Hunter, Ben F. McGlamery, James S. Howell.

1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. G. B. Talbot, F. B. Gardner.

1961—Rev. Stanley L. Bennett, Rev. Robert L. Torrence, C. A. Stubbs, Duncan C. Hunter.

Orphanage Work

1959—Rev. R. A. Potter, J. Paul Teal, Jr., C. E. Worley, Mrs. J. C. Spooner.

1960—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Chas. A. Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

1961—Carl R. Welts, Edward G. Roberts, Bernard R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. F. A. Plummer.

Christian Education

1959—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Jr., Rev. R. A. Potter, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, George Stockton, L. B. Ordway.

1960—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Chairman, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Philip L. Brintnall.

1961—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. Calvin Thielman, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. R. L. Sommers, Joe E. Rose, A. H. Bryson.

And the following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; Holland McSwain, President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. Geo. A. Anderson, Chairman of Senior High Fellowship; Mr. Sproule, Mrs. Joe Sumavage, Mrs. W. L. Ray, Adult Advisors of Youth Work; Mr. Sproule, Mr. Klein, Mr. Frye, Directors of Senior Conference, Pioneer Camp and Junior Camps, respectively.

Presbytery's Council

1959—Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, Rev. J. Bruce Frye, F. A. Plummer.

1960—Rev D. P. McGeachy, III, Mark Sumner, Sam Patton.

1961—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Kelley E. Bennett.

And the following by virtue of the office held:

The Moderator; Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; and Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1959—Rev. J. C. Lime, Hugh E. Lamb.

1960—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. H. B. Dendy.

1961—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, Mr. L. H. McKay.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations: 1959—Rev. S. L. Bennett, Chairman, J. Paul Teal, Jr.; 1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Kelley E. Bennett; 1961—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Holland McSwain.

World Missions: 1959—R. T. Reed; 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman; 1961—Rev. W. J. Gammon.

Church Extension (Assembly): 1959—Rev. W. F. Thuston, Chairman; Rev. W. C. Cooper; 1960—Rev. L. T. Newland, Rev. Wm. R. Klein; 1961—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, W. H. McMurray.

Christian Education (Assembly): 1959—J. R. Lewis; 1960—Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman; 1961—Rev. J. H. Skelton.

Annuities and Relief: 1959—Rev. C. R. Stegall; 1960—Rev. Paul N. Gresham, Chairman; 1961—Rev. R. A. Potter.

General Fund Agencies: 1959—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Chairman; 1960—C. G Worley; 1961—Rev. Daniel E. Carlton.

Examining Committee—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1961. Experimental Religion—The Moderator.

Theology: 1959—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman; 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall.

Sacraments: 1959—Rev. J. B. Frye, Chairman; 1961—Rev. O. F. Yates.

Church Government: 1959—Rev. W. J. Gammon, Chairman; 1961—Rev. Samuel L. Rochester.

English Bible: 1959—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; 1960—Rev. J. H. Gruver.

Academic and Seminary Studies: 1959—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—Rev. Donn K. Langfitt.

DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Women's Work: 1959—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; 1960—Rev. W. C. Cooper, 1961—C. J. McCarty.

Sessional Records: 1959—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman; 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—W. A. Singleton, with appointment by the Moderator.

Minutes of Church Courts: 1959—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman; 1960—Rev. Wm. H. Marquis; 1961—Rev. Carl R. McCain.

Program—Moderator, Rev. Paul F. Warren; Stated Clerk, Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host Pastor, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III; Ruling Elder from Host Church, J. F. Dunn.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. A. C. Holt, 1960; Kelley E. Bennett, 1960.

Office of Executive Secretary—To be named.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Home for the Aged—Forrest B. Gardner, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. W. F. Thuston, Joseph L. Hunter, O. E. Starnes, Mrs. R. E. McClure, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Study Committee—Forrest Gardner, Chairman, Warren Thuston, G. B. Talbot, D. P. McGeachy, Holland McSwain, J. Paul Teal, Jr., J. Bruce Frye.

Church Extension Season, 1960—W. Stanford Webb, Asheville First; Lee Nichols, Jr., Andrews; C. Grier Randolph, Hendersonville; H. E. Johnson, Kenilworth; J. A. Anderson, West Asheville; W. E. Norwood, Friendship; Jack Alexander, Brevard-Davidson River; L. N. Davis, Hazelwood; Jackson F. Dunn, Sylva; Mrs. Edward G. Roberts, Malvern Hills; Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, Weaverville.

Study Committee of the Proposed Revision of the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S.—The Revs. R. E. McClure, Chairman, Richard L. Sommers, W. W. Pharr, C. R. Stegall, and Ruling Elders C. A. Stubbs and Leon Walker.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY, ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY OCTOBER, 1958

Name, Church, Institution and Class, Loan approved for 1958-59.

Walter K. Beaty, Jr., Grace Covenant Church, Asheville, N. C. Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., First Year.

A. Blake Brinkerhoff, Montreat Church, Montreat, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., Clinical Year, Westminster Church, Miami, Fla.

J. Carlton Burrell, Hazelwood Church, Hazelwood, N. C., High School, Fourth Year.

William R. English, Malvern Hills Church, Asheville, N. C., U. S. Armed Forces.

John E. Ellington, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C., Emory University, Decatur, Ga., Fourth Year.

William R. Johnson, First Church, Asheville, N. C. Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur Ga., Second Year.

William B. Leaman, Jr., Kenilworth Church, Asheville, N. C. King College, Bristol, Tenn., Fourth Year.

Holland McSwain, Jr., First Church, Murphy, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., First Year $200 Loan.

Owen L. Norment, Jr., Kenilworth Church, Asheville, N. C. Fellowship Student Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

George E. Scott, First Church, Asheville, N. C. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., teaching and graduate student.

Hubert Sneed, First Church, Murphy, N. C. King College, Bristol Tenn., Third Year.

Frederick W. Streetman, Jr., First Church, Hendersonville, N. C. Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., Fourth Year.

John B. Trotti, First Church, Asheville, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., Second Year.

LICENTIATE

William A. Lofquist, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

CANDIDATES FOR LAY SERVICE

Miss Pearle L. Buchanan, First Church, Hendersonville, N. C. Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va., Second Year, $200.00 Loan.

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Bethel C		
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Mills River	Mr. H. N. Clark R.F.D. 1, Horse Shoe, N. C.	Frank H. Burgin Fletcher, N. C.
Montreat	C. A. Stubbs Montreat, N. C.	George Stockton Montreat, N. C.
Morrison	C. Bryant McClure R.F.D. 2, Franklin, N. C.	Miss Winnie Bailes Rt. 2, Franklin, N. C.
Murphy	W. A. Singleton Murphy, N. C.	Robert M. White Murphy, N. C.
Oak Forest	S. A. Mann Rt. 3, Box 1454 Asheville, N. C.	T. H. Lamb Waverly Ct. Asheville, N. C.
Robbinsville	J. B. Cory Robbinsville, N. C.	Mrs. J. B. Cory Robbinsville, N. C.
Swannanoa	W. H. McMurray, Sr. Swannanoa, N. C.	Roy W. Alexander Swannanoa, N. C. Office-Tel. Asheville AL 3-1818
Sylva	J. F. Dunn Sylva, N. C.	M. C. Cunningham Box 123, Sylva, N. C.
Waynesville	R. L. Prevost Hazelwood, N. C.	C. R. Border Hazelwood, N. C.
Weaverville	R. T. Reed Weaverville, N. C.	J. L. Parks Weaverville, N. C.
West Asheville	J. T. Mastin 18 Winchester Place Asheville, N. C.	James W. Lanning 52 Virginia Ave. Asheville, N. C.
White Oak	M. V. Jenkins Rt. 4, Waynesville, N. C.	M. V. Jenkins Rt. 4, Waynesville, N. C.

DOCKET SCHEDULE

WINTER MEETING

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Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly
Reports of Presbytery Officers
Reports of Commissions — Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
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Presbytery's Council
Home Missions
Mountain Orphanage
Education
B. Permanent Committees
Office of Executive Secretary
World Missions
Nominations
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Sessional Records
C. Standing and Special Committees
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Adjournment

SPRING MEETING

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Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Education
Mountain Orphanage
B. Permanent Committees
General Fund Agencies
N. C. Council of Churches
C. Standing and Special Committees
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SUMMER MEETING

Devotional by Moderator or Sermons by Candidates
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissioners to General Assembly
Report of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Report of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Education, Presbytery
Home Missions, Presbytery
B. Permanent Committees
Church Extension, Assembly
Christian Education, Assembly
C. Standing and Special Committees
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FALL MEETING

Sermon by Moderator
Communion Service
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
The Mountain Orphanage
Education
Home Missions
B. Permanent Committees
Annuities and Relief
Minutes of Church Courts
C. Standing and Special Committees
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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND
STATED SESSION
FALL MEETING, 1958

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Fall meeting in the Murphy Presbyterian Church, Murphy, North Carolina, on Tuesday, October 21, 1958 at 10 A. M. Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by a former Moderator, the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

At the request of the Moderator, Mr. James S. Howell, the Rev. Tom Sproule read the Scripture, Ephesians 4:1-15, and preached the sermon from the Text; Ephesians 4:14-15.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The Rev. Eugene Witherspoon, Jr., and the Rev. Donn K. Langfitt, ministers, assisted by Ruling Elders, A. D. Dillingham, Holland McSwain, L. B. Nichols, and W. A. Singleton, conducted the Communion Service.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Rev. Paul Warren presided as Moderator in the absence of Mr. James S. Howell.

The Stated Clerk, W. G. Thomas, called the roll and the following ministers were present:

Stanley L. Bennett, Dan E. Carlton, W. C. Cooper, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. Bruce Frye, William J. Gammon, P. N. Gresham, William B. Kennedy, Donn Langfitt, J. C. Lime, W. H. Marquis, R. E. McClure, D. P. McGeachy III, Ben F. Ormand, Robert A. Potter, S. L. Rochester, James H. Skelton, Richard L. Sommers, Thomas Sproule, C. R. Stegall, W. G. Thomas, Geo. Bird Talbot, Warren F. Thuston, Robert L. Torrence, Paul F. Warren, and E. D. Witherspoon, Jr. (27)

The roll of Churches was called by the Permanent Clerk, W. C. Cooper, and the following Churches were represented:

Andrews, L. B. Nichols; Asheville First, Clyde Blair and D. B. Burns; Brevard-Davidson River, Harvey L. Cavender; Brittains Cove,

Harold Sluder; Bryson City, Phil Brintnall; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Dillingham, A. D. Dillingham; Franklin, John Ray; Grace Covenant, Graham Morrison; Hayesville, T. C. Gray; Hazelwood, M. R. Whisenhunt; Hendersonville First, F. B. Gardner; Ivy Park, Thos. G. Penland; Kenilworth, O. L. Norment; Mills River, U. R. Bell; Montreat, C. A. Stubbs; Murphy, W. A. Singleton; Oak Forest, S. A. Mann; Swannanoa, Paul E. Patton; Sylva, J. E. Thompson; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, Charles E. Smith; West Asheville, H. Lee Mastin. (23)

VISITORS

The Rev. R. D. Bedinger of Birmingham Presbytery, and the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt of Bluestone Presbytery were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

C. Sam Fox, Glenn D. Hunt, W. F. Manus, Holland McSwain, L. K. Singley, Mrs. Evelyn Sneed, Mrs. Charles Solomon, G. C. Summerrow, E. A. Williamson, John H. Law, student pastor of Hayesville, and candidates for the ministry, Walter K. Beaty, Jr., J. Carlton Burrell, John E. Ellington, William R. Johnson, and Hubert Sneed, were introduced.

The Ruling Elders representing their Churches for the first time were introduced.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, the Moderator-nominee was unanimously elected Moderator.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The report of the Program Committee was presented by the Rev. Robert A. Potter, and was adopted. We recommend that the printed docket be followed with the following exceptions:

1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:45 P. M. and reconvene at 2:00 P. M.
2. That the first order of the afternoon be a Season of Prayer for the World and its condition.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

BILLS AND OVERTURES: the Rev. W. B. Kennedy, the Rev. J. B. Frye, and ruling elder, R. L. Prevost.

JUDICIAL: the Rev. S. L. Rochester, the Rev. William H. Marquis, and ruling elder, L. B. Nichols.

RESOLUTIONS: the Rev. H. B. Dendy, the Rev. R. L. Torrence, and ruling elder, Clyde Blair.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were read by the Stated Clerk and handled as follows:

Appointment of Special Committees admitted to record.

The Moderator, Ruling Elder, James S. Howell, has appointed the following Committees:

1. To study the Proposed Plan for "United" or "Federated" Churches, and to report and bring recommendations to the Fall Meeting of Presbytery, October 21, to be held at the Murphy Presbyterian Church, Murphy, N. C. The Revs. Thomas Sproule, Chairman; H. B. Dendy; W. R. Klein; and Ruling Elders Holland McSwain and James Howell.
2. To study the Proposed Revision of the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church of the United States and to bring recommendations to the Fall Meeting of Presbytery: The Revs. R. E. McClure, Chairman; Richard L. Sommers; W. W. Pharr; C. R. Stegall; Ruling Elders C. A. Stubbs and Leon Walker.
3. To study the Proposed Amendments to the Confession of Faith and the Book of Church Order and Reasons Therefor and to bring recommendations to the Fall Meeting of Presbytery; The Revs. C. Grier Davis, Chairman; W. C. Cooper; Warren Thuston; G. B. Talbot; Ruling Elders Ed. Roberts, S. A. Mann, and O. L. Norment.

Invitation from Friendship Church referred to time on docket.

The following ministers were excused from attendance: The Rev. Albert C. Holt, the Rev. J. H. Gruver, the Rev. Wade C. Smith, and the Rev. Calvin C. Thielman.

From Bluestone Presbytery a certificate of transfer for the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt was referred to time on docket for reception of ministers.

From Birmingham Presbytery a certificate of transfer for the Rev. Robert D. Bedinger was referred to proper place on docket.

From Asheville Presbytery's Church Extension Committee a request which was granted as follows:

The Church Extension Committee of Asheville Presbytery respectfully requests Asheville Presbytery as follows:

That Asheville Presbytery recognize the new period for emphasis on Church Extension, namely, May 17-24, 1959, and make special preparation to observe this season in the light of existing needs in the Presbytery, and

That Presbytery appoint a special committee composed of Nine Men and Three Women, one of whom shall be the Chairman of Church Extension of the Presbyterial, and

That this Committee, in consultation with the Chairman of the Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery and the Executive Secretary be instructed to:

A — Plan for the recognition and observance of the Church Extension Season, May 17-24, 1959, with a view to challenging the churches to a generous response toward the needs of the Presbytery, and

B — Propose to the January Meeting of the Presbytery a definite plan for carrying out their proposals, and

C — Promote the final plans as approved at Presbytery in January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Eugene Witherspoon, minister of the Andrews Church, invited the members of Presbytery to visit their building under construction after Presbytery adjourned.

Mr. Holland McSwain announced the Men of the Church Fall meeting at the Mountain Orphanage on Wednesday, November 19th, at 7 P. M.

The Rev. Paul Warren announced the Ministers' Retreat at Montreat, October 27-29.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

The Rev. R. D. Bedinger and the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt were presented to Presbytery and the Moderator, the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, examined them on experimental religion, which examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination on views in Theology was conducted by the Moderator, and was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. Bruce Frye conducted the examination on views of the Sacraments. This portion was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. W. J. Gammon led the examination on Church Government, which was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination as a whole was sustained and Rev. R. D. Bedinger and Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt were to be enrolled as members of Presbytery upon signing the Ex Animo Statement.

STATED SUPPLY AT BRITTAINS COVE

At the request of the Session of the Brittains Cove Church and with the approval of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, Presbytery granted the Rev. R. D. Bedinger the privilege of serving as the Stated Supply of the Brittains Cove Church, effective November 1, 1958.

THE REV. B. B. BREITENHIRT

The Rev. Ben Ormand, Chairman of the Minister and His Work Commission, stated that the call from Presbytery's Church Extension Committee to the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt to serve under the direction of the Committee for the purpose of developing the plans for the organization of a new church in the Beverly Hills-Haw Creek area of Buncombe County was in order and recommended that it be placed in his hands. The terms of the call are as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Church Extension Committee of Asheville Presbytery does hereby call Rev. B. Blake Breitenhirt to serve as the agent of this Committee in effecting the organization of a Presbyterian Church in the Beverly Hills - Haw Creek area of Buncombe County.

RESOLVED, further that we request Mr. Breitenhirt to serve in a limited number of fields in Asheville Presbytery as a financial advisor, and if practical as the director of local campaigns to raise funds for building purposes. It being understood that such campaigns as may be undertaken in Asheville Presbytery will be limited to projects specifically approved by this Committee before they are undertaken.

It is further understood, that as the work in the new field at Beverly Hills - Haw Creek develops, that Mr. Breitenhirt will give his full time to that work except as indicated below.

The salary to be paid to Mr. Breitenhirt shall be $400.00 per month with an allowance of $100.00 per month for the rental of living quarters, together with the full ten per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund without any deduction of the usual minister's share of two and one-half per cent, and in addition thereto, the Committee will pay in his behalf for the individual group insurance offered through the Board of Annuities and Relief, and an employer's share of such social security payments as Mr. Breitenhirt may make in his own behalf.

It is further agreed, that the Church Extension Committee will meet the necessary expenses of moving the library and other household goods of Mr. Breitenhirt from his present residence to such residence as he may establish in Asheville, or immediate vicinity.

In view of the fact that Mr. Breitenhirt has for a number of years used a substantial part of the normal vacation period in his present pastorate to aid local churches in financial campaigns on a basis by which the churches served paid him in addition to the salary previously received, it is further agreed that Mr. Breitenhirt shall be free to arrange for such financial campaigns as he may desire, during the year, including his usual one month's vacation, and that such engagements do not take him out of the pulpit in excess of the Sundays involved in the one month of full vacation.

This call of the Church Extension Committee shall be in effect until a church is organized in the Beverly Hills - Haw Creek section, and a call is extended by said church to Mr. Breitenhirt and accepted by him.

The call was approved and placed in Mr. Breitenhirt's hands, and he accepted the call.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

The Rev. W. C. Cooper, chairman of the Committee on Candidates for the Gospel Ministry, presented Walter K. Beaty, Jr., of the Grace Covenant Church, Asheville; J. Carlton Burrell of Hazelwood Church; John E. Ellington of Waynesville Church; William R. Johnson of First Church, Asheville; and Hubert Sneed of Murphy Church, and recommended that they be examined to become Candidates for the Gospel Ministry under care of Asheville Presbytery.

The examination on experimental religion and motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry was conducted by the Moderator, which was approved as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the Constitutional Questions which were answered in the affirmative, then the Moderator gave a charge to them. The Rev. Warren Thuston led Presbytery in prayer for the Candidates' preparation for service in the Ministry of the Gospel, after which Presbytery sang the Doxology.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED PLAN FOR FEDERATED CHURCHES

The Rev. Thomas Sproule, Chairman of the Special Committee to study the Proposed Plan for "United" or "Federated" Churches, presented the report, which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assmbly's Special Committee. The adopted report is as follows:

The Committee feels that our General Assembly should establish a sinking fund, the money which may be needed to pay to the General Assembly of the United Church in the U.S.A. for churches that have or may transfer to our Assembly, the amount of this fund and the details to be determined by the Committee on the office of the General Assembly.

As to the proposal of the additional chapter to the Book of Church Order:

1. It was felt that the proposed program might benefit some churches in the border sections or in rural areas.
2. It is a church's privilege to join with another church if the court and congregation of that church so desires, and they are accepted by the other congregation.
3. Of concern to this committee is the idea of dual Presbytery responsibility. The feeling is that we would prefer a plan whereby the church would decide on one or the other of the Presbyteries.
4. It is also of concern to the Committee as to the involvement of dual Presbytery mandatory policies, and the time involved and court actions necessary in a decision.
5. All factors being considered, this committee, by majority, feels at this time that it would be unwise to adopt the proposed plan as it now is.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:45 P. M., with prayer by the Rev. William Kennedy.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the report, which was unanimously adopted.

1. Our thanks to the Pastor and Session of the Murphy Church for their invitation to meet with them.
2. Our thanks for the fine food and the lovely spirit in which it was served by the good Women of the Murphy Church.
3. We thank Mrs. R. H. Ford for her playing of the organ. We appreciate the beautiful arrangement of the flowers. The entire Church has made our stay here comfortable, pleasant, and profitable.
4. We praise God for His great blessings upon this meeting and particularly for the reception of the five Candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and entered into a season of prayer for world conditions.

ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

The Rev. Paul Gresham, chairman of the Committee on Annuities and Relief, presented the report which was adopted.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

We are delighted to report to you the following facts:

The total active membership of the Fund as of December 31, 1957, was 2,854. The total assets as of December 31, 1957, was $22,238,-253.94. The Ministers' Annuity Fund and the Employees' Annuity Fund are fine retirement plans and financially are very sound.

We feel that one of our greatest opportunities for service is our Ministerial Relief program. In our opinion, Ministerial Relief is CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION.

We recommend:

First. That we urge our young ministers and ministers received from other denominations to establish membership in the Fund immediately after their reception into the Presbytery.

Second. That we urge all churches and Church agencies to make available to their full-time salaried personnel the insurance coverage offered under the Group Life and Major Medical Insurance plan which was adopted by the General Assembly.

Third. That we urge again a generous Joy Gift offering on the part of all organizations of all Churches, since it is a major source of income with which the Board ministers to the aged servants of the Church.

The following are recipients of supplements to their annuities: the Rev. J. H. Gruver, H. L. Paisley, the Rev. J. Q. Wallace, and Mrs. J. W. Caldwell; to their relief: Mrs. E. L. Dupuy, Sr., Mrs. E. D. Lansing, Miss Ethel Ratchford, and Mrs. W. J. Wyly.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONFESSION OF FAITH AND BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER N RELATION TO MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

The Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman of the Special Committee on Proposed Amendments to the Confession of Faith and Book of Church Order in Relation to Marriage and Divorce, presented the report which was received as information.

Presbytery voted 30 to 19 approving the amendment to Chapter XXVI of the Confession of Faith.

Presbytery approved the amendment to paragraph 376 of the Book of Church Order.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED REVISION OF THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The Rev. R. E. McClure, chairman, presented the report of the Special Committee on Proposed Revision of the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. On motion from the floor action was postponed until the January meeting.

THE PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY

The report on the Presbyterian Survey was made by the Rev. Warren Thuston which was received as information.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

The Rev. Bruce Frye presented the report of Presbytery's Council which was received as information.

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The Rev. H. B. Dendy, chairman, presented the report of the Mountain Orphanage, which was received as information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The report of the Christian Education Committee was presented by the chairman, the Rev. W. R. Klein, which was received as information. Presbytery commended the Rev. Thomas Sproule, the Rev. W. R. Klein, and the Rev. Bruce Frye for their services as Directors of Presbytery's Camps and Conferences. The following were approved for the summer of 1959: the Rev. Warren Thuston as Director of Senior Conference, the Rev. W. R. Klein as Director of Pioneer Camp, the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, as Director of Junior Camp, and the Rev. Paul Warren as Business Manager of Junior Camp.

CAMP SITE COMMITTEE

The Rev. Thomas Sproule presented the recommendations of the Camp Site Committee, which were adopted as follows:

1. We recommend that the Moderator appoint additional members to this committee, making it a committee of at least ten members, with four ministers and six laymen, serving in that ratio.
2. The down payment of $4,000.00 has been made. There is a mortgage now of $7,600.00 plus interest. This is to be paid within a period of three years from the date of August 12, 1958. (The principal per year is $2,533.33; the interest is $456.00, with a total of $2,989.33 or $3,000.00 due on each August 12 for three years.) The camp site is in the budget of 1959 for $3,500.00, which would cover the payment for the coming year. Thus, the present committee recommends that after the additional members are added to the committee, we be given a longer period of time to study the program of financing and developing our site, making our report and further recommendations at the July, 1959 meeting of Presbytery.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve as the Camp Site Committee: Thomas Sproule, Chairman; J. J. Stone, C. A. Stubbs, J. Bruce Frye, William R. Klein, Warren Thuston, O. E. Starnes, Sr., Holland McSwain, William Algary, Jack Alexander.

PRESBYTERY'S CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

The Rev. C. Grier Davis, chairman of Presbytery's Church Extension Committee, presented a report, which was received as information.

COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE NEW CHURCH

The Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt presented the following petition for the organization of a church:

"We, the undersigned church members and persons wishing to become members by profession of faith or by certificate on the day of organization, hereby petition the Presbytery of Asheville at its meeting in Murphy on October 21, 1958 to organize us into a church to be known as the Westminster Presbyterian Church and to be located in the suburban area just east of Asheville:

H. H. Bangs, Mrs. H. H. Bangs, Joel King Breitenhirt, Martha Ann Breitenhirt, Thelma King Breitenhirt, Charles M. Britt, Mrs. Charles M. Britt, Mrs. Hilda Buchanan, Mrs. Gordon A. Caldwell, Mildred G. Call, Wm. R. Call, Sara Smithson Capps, Stanley P. Capps, Frank A. Cole, J. H. Crews, Mrs. J. H. Crews, Cathy Crews (Profession), Joyce Dillingham (Profession & Baptism), Lorene Dillingham, Mabel Dillingham, Sara Lee Dillingham, Mrs. E. A. Donoho, Raymond Douglas (Profession and Baptism), Mrs. Raymond Douglas, R. Dixon Eskridge, Mrs. R. Dixon Eskridge, W. L. Gettys, Mrs. W. L. Gettys, Leonard F. Hines, Mrs. Leonard F. Hines, Charles M. Horton, Mrs. Charles M. Horton, Nancy Horton (Profession), Hubert Mac Jones, Mrs. Hubert Mac Jones, Talmadge L. Jones, Jr., Mrs. Talmadge L. Jones, Jr., Sam Jordan, Mrs. Sam Jordan, Mrs. Mary A. Kearley, Mrs. Hannah B. Lincoln, J. G. Lisle, Mrs. J. G. Lisle, Mrs. George Martin, Oscar W. Maynard, Mrs. Oscar W. Maynard, Mrs. S. M. McElroy, William F. McRorie, Mrs. William F. McRorie, Kenny O'Barr, Marie O'Barr, Thomas K. O'Barr, David F. Olson, Mrs. David F. Olson, Mrs. Marjorie M. Page, Cecil Parham, Mrs. Cecil Parham, James B. Patton, Mrs. James B. Patton, Emory Penland, Jr., Mrs. Emory Penland, Jr., Cindy Potter (Profession), Wesley J. Potter, Mrs. Wesley J. Potter, Theodore Roberts, Mrs. Theodore Roberts, J. L. Sisk, Jr., Mrs. J. L. Sisk, Jr., Wilma Burnette Sluder, Marianna Smithson, Mrs. W. D. Smithson, Clarence Stines, Mrs. Clarence Stines, Carol Suzanne Tarr, Sherry Tarr (Profession), John H. Tarr, Mrs. John H. Tarr, Mrs. Norma S. Tarr, Olgie F. Tarr, Mrs. Estelle Taylor, Viola M. Tillotson, J. Hilliard Ward, Mrs. Jack West, Sadye T. Whitley, H. H. Willman, Mrs. H. H. Willman, Tennie Young.

Presbytery granted the request as set forth in the petition and appointed the following Commission to organize a new church in the suburban area east of Asheville on Sunday, 11:00 A. M. October 26, 1958: the Rev. R. E. McClure to preside, the Rev. Thomas Sproule to preach the sermon, the Rev. R. L. Torrence, the Rev. G. B. Talbot, Ruling Elders, R. R. Williams, Sr., and J. J. Stone.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis led Presbytery in prayer in behalf of the new Church.

MEMORIALS

The motion that the Stated Clerk place memorials in Presbytery's Minutes to Ruling Elders, Mr. J. L. Gash and Mr. George H. Wright was adopted.

IN MEMORIAM

On Thursday night, August 28, 1958, God in His all wise providence called to himself James L. Gash, a loyal church member, a faithful Ruling Elder, a diligent Clerk of the Session, and a frequent representative of the Etowah Church to Asheville Presbytery.

During the One Hundred and Fifty-Second Stated meeting of Asheville Presbytery held in the Murphy Church, Murphy, North Carolina, October 21, 1958, the attention of Presbytery was called to the passing of the late Mr. James L. Gash, and it was ordered that a brief memorial be spread on the minutes of this meeting; that a message of sincere sympathy be sent to the members of the family, and that a

prayer of gratitude unto God be offered for the long life and useful service of the one who has heard the commendation of the Master, saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

IN MEMORIAM

GEORGE HERBERT WRIGHT, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina, entered into the Eternal Rest September 14, 1958.

In the First Presbyterian Church he was supetintendent of the Church School, teacher of the Men's Bible Class, and Clerk of the Session. In Asheville Presbytery he was Moderator, a member of the Committee on Church Extension, the Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage, and the Commission on the Minister and His Work. In the Synod of Appalachia he was a member of the Board of Church Extension and a Trustee of King College. In the General Assembly he was a member of the Board of Church Extension and Chairman of the Division on Christian Relations.

The consecration, wise counsel, faithful service, and diligent leadership will long be remembered by all who came under the influence of his life.

During the One Hundred and Fifty-second Stated meeting of Asheville Presbytery held in the Murphy Church, Murphy, North Carolina, October 21, 1958, it was ordered that the above tribute be printed in the minutes of the meeting and that a copy be sent to the members of his family, and that a prayer of gratitude be offered unto God for the life and ministry of George Herbert Wright.

Presbytery excused the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt from attending the remainder of this meeting of Presbytery.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Church Courts, the Rev. W. W. Pharr, chairman, was read by the Stated Clerk, and adopted as follows:

"I have examined the Minutes of Presbytery rather carefully and find them exceptionally well kept and so ordered as useful for easy reference.

I assume the correctness of the Auditor's reports on finances.

I recommend that our Clerks be cordially commended for a "job well done" and that these minutes (the first three meetings of 1958) be ordered to be the Official Minutes of Asheville Presbytery."

COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The report of the Committee on the Executive Secretary was presented by the chairman, the Rev. R. L. Torrence, and was received as information.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. Stanley L. Bennett, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee makes the following nominations:

Trustee of Presbytery

1959—Mr. George Stockton, Montreat—to fill the unexpired term of the late Mr. George Wright.

Church Extension

1959—Mr. James S. Howell—to fill the unexpired term of the late Mr. George Wright.

Commission on the Minister and His Work

1961—Mr. L. H. McKay—to fill the unexpired term of the late Mr. George Wright.

Special Committee for Church Extension Season 1959

R. Stanford Webb, Asheville 1st; Lee Nichols, Jr., Andrews; C. Grier Randolf, Hendersonville; H. E. Johnson, Kenilworth; J. A. Anderson, West Asheville; W. E. Norwood, Friendship; Jack Alexander, Brevard - D. R.; L. N. Davis, Hazelwood; Jackson F. Dunn, Sylva.

Chairmen of Church Extension of Women, who will be named at their meeting October 29th.

Mrs. Edward G. Roberts, Malvern Hills; Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, Weaverville.

The Chairman of the Church Extension Committee or the Executive Secretary shall call the first meeting of the Committee, at which time they shall name their own chairman.

COMMITTEE TO EDIT AND PRINT THE MANUAL

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman of the Committee to Edit and Print the Manual, presented the report, which was received as information.

COMMITTEE ON HOME FOR THE AGED

Mr. F. B. Gardner, chairman of the Committee on the Home for the Aged, presented the report, which was received. Presbytery commended the committee for its diligence and continued the committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL STUDY COMMITTEE

The report of the Special Study Committee was presented by the Chairman, Mr. F. B. Gardner, which was received as information and the recommendations were docketed for the January, 1959 meeting, as follows:

FIRST—The docket of the meeting of Presbytery immediately prior to the convening of General Assembly assign one hour for a discussion, not a debate, of the most essential items which the Assembly will consider.

SECOND—All elected Commissioners and Alternates be requested to be present at this discussion.

THIRD—The Moderator and Stated Clerk appoint a Committee of four to conduct this discussion.

FOURTH—This to be adopted as a regular practice of Asheville Presbytery.

EXCUSED

The Rev. Warren Thuston and Ruling Elder, Mr. F. B. Gardner, were excused from attendance for the balance of this meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Bills and Overtures, no report.

Judiciary Committee, no report.

JANUARY MEETING — FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

The invitation of the Friendship Church, Black Mountain, North Carolina, for the meeting of Presbytery with them on Tuesday, January 20, 1959 at 10:00 A. M. was unanimously accepted.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting were read by the Permanent Clerk and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, to meet at the Friendship Church on Tuesday, January 20, 1959 at 10:00 A. M.

D. P. McGEACHEY, Moderator
W. G. THOMAS, Stated Clerk
W. C. COOPER, Permanent Clerk

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956 Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
Summer	—Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule
1957 Winter	—Grace Covenant	Rev. Thomas Sproule
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	F. B. Gardner
Summer	—Waynesville	F. B. Gardner
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. Paul F. Warren
1958 Winter	—Franklin	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Spring	—Sylva	James S. Howell
Summer	—Black Mountain	James S. Howell
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III

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REPORT OF WORLD MISSIONS COMMITTEE
C.R.Stegall

Asheville Presbytery is a missions-minded Presbytery and is becoming more and more so all the time. The evidence of this was in a recent issue of Our Mountain Work, where we found listed the names of missionaries of our church who were connected directly or indirectly with some church of this Presbytery. This was informative and inspiring.

A survey of the work of our Church on all the fields shows substantial progress, but many problems. The nationalism that has been sweeping the vast continent of Africa has at last struck the Belgian Congo, where the natives are demanding so-called "indipendence" now. On January 6th of this year the worst revolt in the history of the Congo took place at Leopoldville where we have three couples working among the 300,000 blacks. The revolt was quickly quelled with machine guns, but only after heavy loss of life. It is significant that the great Roman Catholic mission there was sacked and burned and the priests beaten. But our mission and missionaries were not molested. Watch the Congo. Next year we shall center our study of world missions there. What will be the situation then?

This year our study is on the Middle East, perhaps the most difficult mission field in the world today. On last July 14 the monarchy was overthrown and a "republic" established. This is nothing less than a dictatorship. Evangelistic opportunities in Iraq have almost altogether ceased for the present. Protestant mission stations and schools have been closed. Missionaries have been expelled from the country. Those remaining are restricted in their movements, being confined to the cities of Baghdad and Basrah. The outlook is uncertain and impossible to predict. There may be one bright spot: the traditional hold of Islam on the people seems to be breaking, since some groups, such as the Araba, the Kurds and some tribal groups are pulling away. Surely the day of disillusionment is coming. Therefore we must maintain our existence in Iraq if at all possible.

Your Committee tried to get a copy of the film "MidEast Profile" for the churches of this Presbytery but the demand from the churches did not justify the expense involved.

Of course the great task of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is to carry the Gospel to all the world. How shall this be done? Our ministers generally have been alert to the need and have presented Missions from the pulpit and in other ways, such as having missionary speakers, and showing missionary films. The "workshops" promoted by your Committee under the auspices of Dr.D.J.Cumming of Nashville have been well attended and most helpful in promoting missions in the local church.

What shall we do with the recommendation of the last General Assembly that the goal of our Church should be one missionary for each 1000 members? This would mean a total of 850 missionaries on the roll---a tremenduous increase over that of the present. How shall these missionaries be secured? In view of the fact that the mission of our Church is a spiritual mission and that the call to service on our mission fields is a spiritual call we would recommend first of all that prayer be stressed in any program designed to recruit new candidates. This is the advice of the Lord Himself when He said (Matthew 9:38), "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into the harvest." We can not improve on

that; we dare not even try on any other basis.

Our World Mission Committee is requesting that 219 new missionaries be given them this year. This is the minimum need, not the maximum. We recommend that our ministers present this need to their people; that they pray and get their people to pray earnestly and consistently for this definite personnel need in the fields.

We again recommend that our own ministers between the ages of 25 and 30 years be urged to prayerfully consider the need for ordained men on our various fields. As they pray for workers may they be willing to say, "Here am I Lord, send me." We feel that the effect of this example would be to cause students and laymen to seriously face the call themselves.

We would recommend that our ministers seek out promising young people of their congregations and present to them the challenge of foreign missions service. That the names of interested young people, even those of high school level, be sent to the Candidate Department, Box 330, Nashville, Tennessee.

In closing, we are grateful for the encouraging increase in contributions of Asheville Presbytery for the cause of world missions: $3.69 per member last year. But some are doing far better than we. In Chattanooga, for instance, 18 Presbyterian churches of that city in November pledged $207,000 for world missions. This followed a week of intensive education in mission opportunities and needs. Could this Presbytery not have a great World Missions Conference?

Friendship Church
January 20,1959

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January 20, 1959
FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black Mountain, North Carolina

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ADJOURNED MEETING
February 9, 1959
KENILWORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Asheville, North Carolina

SPRING MEETING
Tuesday, April 14, 1959 — 10 A. M.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Asheville, North Carolina

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

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Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. C. Cooper, Box 345, Arden, — 1960.
Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church Street, Asheville, — 1962.
Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1960—Roy P. Booth, Asheville 1st; 1961—Carl M. Sawyer, Kenilworth; 1962—George Stockton, Montreat.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis; 1962—Joe L. Hunter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Church Extension

1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. G. B. Talbot, F. B. Gardner.
1961—Rev. Stanley L. Bennett, Rev. R. L. Torrence, C. A. Stubbs, D. C. Hunter,
1962—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Joe L. Hunter, S. A. Mann, James S. Howell.

Orphanage Work

1960—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Chas. A. Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.
1961—Carl R. Welte, Edward G. Roberts, Mrs. F. A. Plummer, Rev. R. D. Bedinger.
1962—C. E. Worley, J. Paul Teal, Jr., Aaron Prevost, Mrs. Wm. Charnock.

Christian Education

1960—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Chairman, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Philip L. Brintnall.
1961—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. Calvin Thielman, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. R. L. Sommers, Joe E. Rose, A. H. Bryson. And the following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; Holland McSwain, President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. Geo. A. Anderson, Chairman of Senior High Fellowship; Rev. Thomas Sproule, Mrs. Joe Sursavage, Mrs. W. L. Ray, Adult Advisors of Youth Work; Mr. Thuston, Mr. Klein, Mr. McGeachy III, Directors of Senior Conference, Pioneer Camp and Junior Camps, respectively.
1962—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, George Stockton, L. B. Ordway.

Presbytery's Council

1960—Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, Mark Sumner, Sam Patton.
1961—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Kelley E. Bennett.
1962—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, George Wing, III, J. W. Byers. The following by virtue of office held: The Moderator; Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1960—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. H. B. Dendy.
1961—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, Mr. L. H. McKay.
1962—Rev. J. C. Lime, Mr. W. H. McMurray.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations: 1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, Kelley E. Bennett; 1961—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Holland McSwain; 1962—Rev. R. L. Sommers, J. R. Lewis.
World Missions: 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman; 1961—Rev. W. J. Gammon; 1962—Mr. Crawford Pearson.
Church Extension (Assembly): 1960—Rev. L. Y. Newland, Rev. Wm. R. Klein; 1961—Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, W. H. McMurray; 1962—Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. Sam Rochester, Chairman.
Christian Education (Assembly): 1960—Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman; 1961—Rev. J. H. Skelton; 1962—J. R. Lewis.
Annuities and Relief: 1960—Rev. Paul N. Gresham, Chairman; 1961—Rev. R. A. Potter; 1962—Rev. C. R. Stegall.
General Fund Agencies: 1960—C. G. Worley; 1961—Rev. Daniel E. Carlton; 1962—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Chairman.
Examining Committee—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1961; Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology: 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall; 1962—Rev. D. P. McGeachy III.
Church Government: 1961—Rev. S. L. Rochester; 1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr.
Sacraments: 1960—J. B. Frye, Chairman; 1961—Rev. O. F. Yates.
English Bible: 1960—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon; 1962—Rev. Stanley L. Bennett.
Academic and Seminary Studies: 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—Rev. Donn K. Langfitt.
Women's Work: 1960—Rev. W. C. Cooper, Chairman; 1961—C. J. McCarty; 1962—Rev. J. C. Lime.

DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Sessional Records: 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—W. A. Singleton; 1962—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; with additional appointments by the Moderator.

Minutes of Church Courts: 1960—Rev. W. H. Marquis; 1961—Rev. Carl R. McCain; 1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman.

Program—Moderator, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III; Stated Clerk, Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host, Rev. C. Grier Davis; and Ruling Elder from Host Church.

North Carolina Council of Churches: Rev. A. C. Holt, 1960; Kelley E. Bennett, 1960.

Office of Executive Secretary: Rev. Robert L. Torrence, Chairman, representative from the Church Extension Committee; Rev. J. Bruce Frye, representative from the Presbytery's Council; Rev. G. B. Talbot, representative from the Christian Education Committee; Mrs. J. J. Stone, representative from the Women of the Presbytery; Rev. W. G. Thomas, representative from the Commission on the Minister and His Work; Mrs. J. Paul Teal, Jr., representative from the Mountain Orphanage.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Presbyterian Foundation: Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Ruling Elders, Leon Walker, T. C. Gray, U. R. Bell, Mrs. Hugh Lamb.

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The Centennial Committee: Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman; Rev. R. L. Sommers, Rev. D. K. Langfitt, Mr. Holland McSwain, Mark Sumner, C. A. Stubbs, Mrs. L. H. McKay, Mrs. F. N. Disbrew.

Study Committee: Rev. W. R. Klein, Chairman, Rev. C. R. Stegall, Rev. G. B. Talbot, W. G. Lingo, George Abbott, J. H. Flanagan.

Church Extension Season, 1962—W. Stanford Webb, Asheville First; Lee Nichols, Jr., Andrews; C. Grier Randolph, Hendersonville; H. E. Johnson, Kenilworth; J. A. Anderson, West Asheville; W. E. Norwood, Friendship; Jack Alexander, Brevard-Davidson River; L. N. Davis, Hazelwood; Jackson F. Dunn, Sylva; Mrs. Edward G. Roberts, Malvern Hills; Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, Weaverville.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY, ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY OCTOBER, 1962

Name, Church, Institution and Class, Loan approved for 1962-63.

Walter K. Beaty, Jr., Grace Covenant Church, Asheville, N. C. Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., First Year.

A. Blake Brinkerhoff, Montreat Church, Montreat, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., Clinical Year, Westminster Church, Miami, Fla.

J. Carlton Burrell, Hazelwood Church, Hazelwood, N. C., High School, Fourth Year.

William R. English, Malvern Hills Church, Asheville, N. C., U. S. Armed Forces.

John E. Ellington, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C., Emory University, Decatur, Ga., Fourth Year.

William R. Johnson, First Church, Asheville, N. C. Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur Ga., Second Year.

William B. Leaman, Jr., Kenilworth Church, Asheville, N. C. King College, Bristol, Tenn., Fourth Year.

Holland McSwain, Jr., First Church, Murphy, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., First Year $300 Loan.

Owen L. Norment, Jr., Kenilworth Church, Asheville, N. C. Fellowship Student Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

George E. Scott, First Church, Asheville, N. C. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., teaching and graduate student.

Hubert Sneed, First Church, Murphy, N. C. King College, Bristol Tenn., Third Year.

Frederick W. Streetman, Jr., First Church, Hendersonville, N. C. Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., Fourth Year.

John B. Trotti, First Church, Asheville, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., Second Year.

LICENTIATE

William A. Lofquist, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

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Miss Pearle L. Buchanan, First Church, Hendersonville, N. C. Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va., Second Year, $200.00 Loan.

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Montreat	C. A. Stubbs Montreat, N. C.	George Stockton Montreat, N. C.
Morrison	C. Bryant McClure R.F.D. 2, Franklin, N. C.	Miss Winnie Bailes Rt. 2, Franklin, N. C.
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Weaverville	R. T. Reed Weaverville, N. C.	J. L. Parks Weaverville, N. C.
West Asheville	J. T. Martin 18 Winchester Place Asheville, N. C.	James W. Lanning 52 Virginia Ave. Asheville, N. C.
White Oak	M. V. Jenkins Rt. 4, Waynesville, N. C.	M. V. Jenkins Rt. 4, Waynesville, N. C.

DOCKET SCHEDULE

WINTER MEETING

Devotional by Moderator
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly
Reports of Presbytery Officers
Reports of Commissions — Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Home Missions
Mountain Orphanage
Education
B. Permanent Committees
Office of Executive Secretary
World Missions
Nominations
Women's Work
Sessional Records
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Nomination of a Moderator
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

SPRING MEETING

Sermon by Moderator
Communion Service
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Education
Mountain Orphanage
B. Permanent Committees
General Fund Agencies
N. C. Council of Churches
C. Standing and Special Committees
Report on Audits
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
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Adjournment

SUMMER MEETING

Devotional by Moderator or Sermons by Candidates
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissioners to General Assembly
Report of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Report of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Education, Presbytery
Home Missions, Presbytery
B. Permanent Committees
Church Extension, Assembly
Christian Education, Assembly
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Nomination of a Moderator
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

FALL MEETING

Sermon by Moderator
Communion Service
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
The Mountain Orphanage
Education
Home Missions
B. Permanent Committees
Annuities and Relief
Minutes of Church Courts
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
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CALLED MEETING
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
FIRST PREBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
DECEMBER 20, 1958

The Constitutional requirement having been met, a called meeting of Asheville Presbytery was convened with prayer by the Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, Moderator, at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 10:30 A. M., Saturday, December 20, 1958.

The following ministers were present:

B. B. Breitenhirt, W. C. Cooper, H. B. Dendy, Bruce Frye, R. E. McClure, D. P. McGeachy III, Thomas Sproule, G. B. Talbot, and W. G. Thomas. (9)

The following Churches were represented:

Asheville First, D. B. Burns; Montreat, Dr. L. N. Bell; and Oak Forest, Hugh Lamb. (3)

The Call for the meeting of Presbytery was read by the Stated Clerk, Dr. W. G. Thomas:

Office of Stated Clerk, Asheville Presbytery. P. O. Box 6097, Asheville, N. C., December 10, 1958. Constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Saturday morning, December 20, at 10 o'clock for the transaction of the following business, if the way be clear.

1. To act upon the call of the Westminster Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt.
2. To transact any business growing out of the above.

D. P. McGeachy III, Moderator; W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk.

The Call was found in order and Presbytery proceeded with the business.

REPORT OF COMMISSION

The Report of the Commission to organize the Westminster Church was heard and the written report was admitted to record and the Westminster Church was received and enrolled. The report is as follows:

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED BY ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY TO ORGANIZE WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE HAW CREEK - BEVERLY HILLS SECTION OF ASHEVILLE, N. C. OCT. 26, 1958 MET IN THE HAW CREEK SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

The Commission met in the Haw Creek School Auditorium at 11:00 o'clock A. M., Oct. 26, 1958 in the presence of those who had petitioned Presbytery that they be organized into Westminster Presbyterian Church together with visiting friends. Commission members present were: Ministers — R. E. McClure, D.D., Chairman; Thomas Sproule; Robert L. Torrence; G. B. Talbot. Elders — R. R. Williams; J. J. Stone. Rev. G. B. Talbot was elected secretary.

After opening worship Dr. R. E. McClure, Chairman, read the proceedings of Presbytery and outlined the order that would be followed in the organization of the new church; following which, Rev. G. B. Talbot read the Scripture Lesson, Ephesians 1:1-23, and Rev. Thomas Sproule preached the Sermon, "The Eyes of Your Understanding", using as his text: Ephesians 1:22, 23. After the sermon Rev. B. Blake Breitenhirt, the minister serving the new congregation under the direction of Presbytery's Church Extension Committee, presented the names of the following people for reception as charter members (together with their baptized children) of Westminster Presbyterian Church:

1. Joel King Breitenhirt
2. Martha Ann Breitenhirt
3. Thelma King Breitenhirt
4. Charles M. Britt
5. Mrs. Charles M. Britt
6. Mrs. Hilda Buchanan
7. Mrs. Gordon A. Caldwell
8. Mildred G. Call
9. William R. Call
10. Sara Smithson Capps
11. Stanley P. Capps
12. Frank A. Cole
13. J. H. Crews
14. Mrs. J. H. Crews
15. Lorene Dillingham
16. Mable Dillingham
17. Sara Lee Dillingham
18. Mrs. E. A. Donoho
19. R. Dixon Eskridge
20. Mrs. R. Dixon Eskridge
21. W. L. Gettys
22. Mrs. W. L. Gettys
23. Leonard F. Hines
24. Mrs. Leonard F. Hines
25. Charles M. Horton
26. Mrs. Charles M. Horton
27. Hubert M. Jones
28. Mrs. Hubert M. Jones
29. Talmadge L. Jones, Jr.
30. Mrs. Talmadge L. Jones, Jr.
31. Sam Jordan
32. Mrs. Sam Jordan
33. Mrs. Mary A. Kearley
34. Mrs. Hannah B. Lincoln
35. J. G. Lisle
36. Mrs. J. G. Lisle
37. Mrs. George Martin
38. Oscar W. Maynard
39. Mrs. Oscar W. Maynard
40. Mrs. S. M. McElroy
41. William F. McRorie
42. Mrs. W. F. McRorie
43. Kenny O'Barr
44. Marie R. O'Barr

45. Thomas K. O'Barr
46. Mrs. Marjorie M. Page
47. James B. Patton
48. Mrs. James B. Patton
49. Emory Penland, Jr.
50. Mrs. Emory Penland, Jr.
51. Wesley J. Potter
52. Mrs. Wesley J. Potter
53. Theodore Roberts
54. Mrs. Theodore Roberts
55. J. L. Sisk, Jr.
56. Mrs. J. L. Sisk, Jr.
57. Wilma Burnette Sluder
58. Marianna Smithson
59. Mrs. W. D. (Sara A.) Smithson
60. Carol Susanne Tarr
61. John H. Tarr
62. Mrs. John H. Tarr
63. Mrs. Norma S. Tarr
64. Olgie F. Tarr
65. Mrs. Estelle Taylor
66. Viola M. Tillotson
67. J. Hilliard Ward
68. Elizabeth (Mrs. Jack) West
69. Sadye T. Whitley
70. Tennie Young
71. H. H. Bangs, Jr.
72. Mrs. H. H. Bangs, Jr.

The Commission voted to receive the above as charter members of Westminster Presbyterian Church pending receiption of certificates of dismissal from the several churches to which they belong.

The following came before the Commission to unite with the church on profession of their faith (they having all been baptized in infancy):

Cathy Crews — Cindy Potter
Nancy Horton — Sherry Tarr

After a brief examination by the Chairman it was voted that the above named young people be received as Charter Members of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

An invitation for others to join was extended by the Chairman; in response to which the following came forward:

Mr. Raymond Douglas to make a profession of his faith.
Mrs. Raymond Douglas to apply for a letter of transfer.

After a brief examination of Mr. Douglas by the Chairman, the Commission voted to receive him on profession of his faith. The Chairman administered baptism to him. It was voted to receive Mrs. Douglas pending reception of her certificate of dismissal from the church where she holds her membership. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Douglas were enrolled as Charter Members of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Rev. R. Blake Breitenhirt led in prayer for God's blessings upon all the newly received members.

The question proposed by the Chairman (see Par. 26 Bk. of Ch. O.) to the congregation was answered in the affirmative.

The Chairman then declared Westminster Presbyterian Church duly constituted and the members proceeded to the election of elders. The congregation voted to elect six elders to serve on a rotary system, from a ballot containing the names of all adult male members of the church. The six elected on two ballots are as follows:

Charles M. Britt ..... Class of 1961
Charles M. Horton ..... Class of 1961
J. H. Crews ..... Class of 1960
Wesley J. Potter ..... Class of 1960
James B. Patton ..... Class of 1959
W. L. Gettys ..... Class of 1959

Mrs. Charles M. Britt was elected by the women members of the congregation to serve as temporary chairman of the Women-of-the-Church.

On motion of Mr. Sproule, after the singing of "God of Grace and God of Glory" and the pronouncing of the benediction by Dr. McClure, the Commission took recess to meet again at will to examine and approve of those elected to eldership and to ordain and install said elders.

MEETING OF COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Nov. 15, 1958 at 7:30 P. M.

The Commission met upon adjournment at the home of Mrs. Charles M. Horton at 7:30 p. m., November 14. There were present at this meeting, Rev. Robert Torrence, Ruling Elder J. J. Stone, and the Chairman, Dr. R. E. McClure; together with the elders-elect and Rev. B. Blake Breitenhirt.

The meeting was opened with prayer, and the six elders-elect were examined according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order, and approved for ordination as ruling elders in the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Miss Joyce Dillingham, a college student, was received as a charter member of the Church upon the testimony of Mr. Breitenhirt that she had made her profession of faith and been baptized at the worship service of the Westminster Presbyterian Church on a previous Sunday. The meeting was adjourned with prayer to re-convene at the morning worship service on November 16th.

MEETING OF COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Sunday, Nov. 16, 1958 at 11:00 a. m.

The Commission re-convened during the morning service of the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a. m., Nov. 16, 1958, with Rev. Thomas Sproule, Ruling Elder J. J. Stone, and the Chairman present. Rev. B. Blake Breitenhirt was in charge of the service, and Rev. D. J. Cumming, D.D., Educational Secretary of the Board of World Missions of the General Assembly, was present and preached the sermon by invitation of the Commission.

The following named persons were received by certificate from

the churches indicated to become charter members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church:

Mr. and Mrs. David Olson — First Presbyterian Church, Statesville, N. C.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stines — Story Memorial Presby. Church, Marion, N. C.
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parham—First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Willman — First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mr. Charles Dillingham — Dillingham Presbyterian Church, Barnardsville, N. C.
Mr. and Mrs. Baker McCullough — Main St. Methodist Church, Columbia, S. C.

The elders-elect, Charles M. Britt, J. H. Crews, W. L. Gettys, Charles M. Horton, Wesley J. Potter, and James B. Patton, presented themselves and answered affirmatively the questions required by the Book of Church Order. The Congregation renewed their obligation to the elders-elect, and these men were ordained and installed in the church by the laying on of the hands of the Commission, and an ordination prayer by the Chairman.

The Commission was advised that the minister desired to be installed pastor of the Church upon the issuance of a call by the congregation, and voted to adjourn subject to the call of the Chairman for the purpose of receiving a call for the services of the minister, placing it in his hands, and installing him as pastor of the Church.

It was ordered that any person received by the Session of Westminster Church prior to the final adjournment of the Commission were to be recognized as "Charter Members" of the congregation.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned to meet again, and at the call of the Chairman.

In view of the fact that the Commission had completed the work assigned by the Presbytery, and also that it appeared that the Commission had no authority to consider a call from the Church for a pastor, the Commission did not meet again, and so reports to the Presbytery.

R. E. McCLURE, Chairman

G. BIRD TALBOT, Secretary.

CALL OF THE WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Dr. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk, read the Call of the Westminster Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt.

The Clerk of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, Dr. W. G. Thomas, stated that the Commission ap-

proved the Call. (Dr. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of Presbytery, stated that the call to the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt by Presbytery's Church Extension Committee as reported in Fall Minutes of Presbytery continued in force.)

Presbytery found the Call to the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt in order and approved the Call and placed it in the hands of Mr. Breitenhirt. Mr. Breitenhirt accepted the call.

W. L. Gettys, W. J. Potter, and Charles M. Horton, Ruling Elders of the Westminster Church, were introduced.

Mr. W. L. Gettys presented the request of the Church for the Commission to Install Mr. Breitenhirt; which is as follows:

COMMISSION TO INSTALL THE REV. B. B. BREITENHIRT

Dr. R. E. McClure, Chairman; the Rev. W. J. Gammon; the Rev. A. C. Holt; the Rev. L. T. Newland; the Rev. John Somerville; the Rev. Thomas Sproule; Ruling Elder Arnold Plummer; Ruling Elder J. J. Stone, to Charge the Minister; Ruling Elder Leon Walker, to Charge the Congregation; and the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt, Jr., of North Alabama Presbytery, to preach the Sermon at Installation, which would be at Haw Creek School on Sunday December 28, 1958, at 11:00 A. M.

The appointment of the Commission was approved.

The Minutes were read and approved.

THE REV. D. P. MCGEACHY, III
Moderator
W. G. THOMAS, Stated Clerk
W. C. COOPER, Permanent Clerk

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
ADJOURNED SESSION
WINTER MEETING, 1959

Asheville Presbytery met in the Friendship Presbyterian Church at Black Mountain, N. C. on Tuesday, January 20, 1959 at 10 A. M.

The Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Moderator, convened Presbytery with prayer, and introduced the Moderator of the General Assembly, Ruling Elder, Mr. Philip Howerton.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

Mr. Philip Howerton read the Scripture, Luke 15:3-7, and brought a message on "The Work of The Presbyterian Church

in the United States". The Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, led Presbytery in prayer.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk, Dr. W. G. Thomas, called the roll and the following ministers were present:

R. D. Bedinger, Stanley L. Bennett, B. B. Breitenhirt, Dan E. Carlton, W. C. Cooper, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. Bruce Frye, P. N. Gresham, W. J. Gammon, W. R. Klein, Donn K. Langfitt, J. C. Lime, W. H. Marquis, R. E. McClure, D. P. McGeachy, III, Ben F. Ormand, W. W. Pharr, R. A. Potter, J. H. Skelton, R. L. Sommers, Thomas Sproule, C. R. Stegall, G. B. Talbot, Calvin Thielman, W. F. Thuston, R. L. Torrence, P. F. Warren, O. F. Yates. (29)

The roll of Churches was called by the Permanent Clerk, the Rev. W. C. Cooper, and the following Churches were represented:

Arden, J. C. Ward; Asheville First, W. A. Algary, George Abbott; Black Mountain, D. C. McKenzie; Brevard-Davidson River, W. B. Clark; Brittains Cove, Charlie Hensley; Canton, Edward Furness; Dillingham, A. D. Dillingham; Franklin, B. L. McGlamery; Friendship, S. W. Fox; Grace Covenant, Horace Adams, Jr.; Hayesville, G. E. Denning; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerrow; Hendersonville, J. H. Flanagan; Ivy Park, Jerry Lunsford; Kenilworth, Crawford Pearson; Malvern Hills, Clyde Horton; Mills River, D. W. Brittain; Montreat, G. E. Stockton; Murphy, W. A. Singleton; Oak Forest, B. W. Alexander; Swannanoa, W. J. Freeman; Sylva, J. E. Thompson; Waynesville, R. H. Gibson, Sr.; Weaverville, B. H. Evans; West Asheville, W. G. Lingo; Westminster, W. L. Gettys. (26)

VISITORS

The Rev. W. F. McElroy of John Knox Presbytery; the Rev. F. F. Schell of Presbytery of Newton, U. S. A.; and the Rev. C. W. Solomon of Union Presbytery, U. S. A. Church, were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Mr. Philip F. Howerton, Moderator of the General Assembly; Mr. John H. Law, student pastor of Hayesville; Mrs. L. H. McKay, President of the Women of the Church of the Presbytery; Mr. L. A. Blair; Mr. C. M. Britt; Mr. J. W. Fisher; Mr. F. B. Gardner; Mr. R. R. Hains; Mr. H. E. Lamb; Mr. S. A. Mann; Mr. Harry McDonnold; Mr. L. H. McKay; Mr. C. D. Richmond; Mr. C. A. Stubbs; Mr. R. E. Taylor; Mr. E. E. White; and Mr. J. O. Williams, were introduced.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. C. R. Stegall, Pastor of the Host Church, presented the Report of the Program Committee, which was adopted with the following exceptions: 1, that Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 P. M. and reconvene at 1:45 P. M.; 2, that under section 5 of the Docket, E be Unfinished and New Business and F be Standing Committees.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

BILLS AND OVERTURES: The Rev. W. H. Marquis, the Rev. R. L. Sommers, and ruling elder, Mr. W. B. Clark.

JUDICIAL: The Rev. J. C. Lime, the Rev. C. R. Stegall, and ruling elder, Mr. D. C. McKenzie.

RESOLUTIONS: The Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt, and ruling elder, Mr. J. C. Ward.

The following additional members were added to the Sessional Records Committee: ministers, D. K. Langfitt, R. L. Torrence, J. H. Skelton, S. L. Bennett; ruling elders, T. C. Thompson, S. W. Fox, Edward Furness.

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. B. B. BREITENHIRT

The Minutes of the Commission to install the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt as pastor of the Westminster Church were read by Dr. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk, and were admitted to record, and are as follows:

COMMISSION TO INSTALL MR. BREITENHIRT

The Commission to install Rev. B. Blake Breitenhirt as pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church met at the Haw Creek School where the congregation is holding its worship service, at 10:45 A. M., December 28, 1958, and was called to order by the Chairman.

The meeting was opened with prayer prior to the morning service, and Ruling Elder J. J. Stone, was named as Clerk.

Present at the meeting were the Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. L. T. Newbold, Ruling Elder J. J. Stone, and Ruling Elder Leon Walker. In addition to the Commission, were the pastor elect and his son, Rev. B. Blake Breitenhirt, Jr., of Birmingham Presbytery, who preached the sermon of the morning.

After the sermon was preached at the morning worship service, the Chairman related the prior actions of Presbytery approving the call for the pastoral services of Rev. B. Blake Breitenhirt. Mr. Breitenhirt answered the constitutional questions required by the Book of Church Order, and the congregation re-affirmed their readiness to receive Mr. Breitenhirt as their pastor. Whereupon, the Chairman pronounced him duly installed as pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

In keeping with the requirements of the Book of Church Order, a charge was delivered to the minister by Ruling Elder J. J. Stone, and to the congregation by Ruling Elder Leon Walker. Following the benediction, the congregation greeted their pastor, his wife and family, and the Commission adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. McCLURE, Chairman
J. J. STONE, Clerk

Dr. C. G. Davis, Chairman of the Church Extension Committee, spoke on the work of the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt and the Westminster Church, and led Presbytery in prayer in behalf of the Westminster Church.

CHANGE OF CALLS

Dr. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk, announced that the Churches which desired to change the terms of the calls to their ministers should furnish the information in writing to the Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were read and disposed of as follows:

1. From the Session of the Friendship Church—referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.
2. From W. H. Wakefield—placed in the hands of the Commission on the Minister and His Work with instructions to report at the next stated meeting.
3. From Dr. A. C. Holt—referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.
4. From the Robbinsville Church (Mr. J. B. Cory)—referred to Presbytery's Church Extension Committee.
5. From the Board of Annuities and Relief—referred to Presbytery's Committee on Annuities and Relief.

6. From Dr. W. B. Kennedy, Dr. Wade C. Smith, Dr. A. C. Holt, and the Rev. Eugene Witherspoon to be excused from attendance—granted.
7. From Dr. W. M. Alston for Presbytery to appoint a Committee to assist the General Assembly's Committee on the Centennial Celebration, the Moderator was instructed to appoint the committee.
8. A request from the Rev. E. D. Witherspoon for authority to serve as a Chaplain of Civil Air Patrol Unit—granted.
9. From the Rev. R. A. Potter—referred to the Committee on Assembly's Church Extension.
10. From the Hayesville Church requesting Presbytery to authorize the Trustees of Presbytery to give a quick claim deed of lot No. 60 in the town of Hayesville, N. C., to the trustees of the Hayesville Presbyterian Church. The Trustees were orderd to deed the lot.

H. B. Dendy presented the following resolution, which was duly seconded by R. E. McClure and unanimously adopted:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Asheville Presbytery, in regular meeting assembled at Friendship Presbyterian Church, Black Mountain, North Carolina, on the 20th day of January, 1959, that the Trustees of said Asheville Presbytery, to-wit: Roy P. Booth and Carl M. Sawyer, of Asheville, N. C., and George Stockton, of Montreat, N. C., be, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute a proper deed of conveyance to T. C. Gray, Christine Smith, Edna Herbert, Howard Rogers and William G. Palmer, Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Hayesville, Clay County, North Carolina, by reason of the fact that Mrs. Georgia A. McClure, Executrix of the estate of W. H. McClure, deceased, did, on July 15, 1919, by deed recorded in deed book "W", page 91, office of the Register of Deeds of Clay County, North Carolina, convey the lands hereinafter described to Asheville Presbytery of the Synod of Appalachia, through a mistake, instead of to the Presbyterian Church of Hayesville, Clay County, North Carolina, and that it is the purpose of this resolution to correct said mutual mistake on the part of the said Mrs. Georgia A. McClure, Executrix, and the officers of the Asheville Presbytery, by conveying said property, which property is described as follows:

> A certain lot or parcel of land situate in the Town of Hayesville, Hayesville Township, Clay County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Hayesville Presbyterian Church, Clay County, John Moore, and others, described as follows:
> Known as Lot No. Sixty (60) shown and described on the map of plat of said town of Hayesville as such, which plat is recorded in deed book 29 at page 190A, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Clay County, North Carolina, reference to which is hereby made for more particular description. And being the same lot of land described in deed from Georgia A. McClure, Executrix, as hereinbefore referred to.
> "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trustees of Asheville Presbytery, to-wit:

Roy P. Booth, Carl M. Sawyer, and George Stockton be, and they are hereby authorized to have prepared and to execute a proper deed of conveyance, transferring the hereinbefore described premises to the Hayesville Presbyterian Church, according to the terms and conditions of this resolution."

11. From the Presbyterian Foundation requesting Presbytery to appoint a Committee to assist in the work of the Foundation. The Moderator was instructed to appoint this committee.

REVISION OF FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Dr. R. E. McClure, Chairman of the Special Committee on the Revision of Form of Government, presented the report. The revision was approved as a whole. Then Presbytery voted to request the General Assembly to clarify the following matters:

1. With reference to Chapter 12, paragraph 3, the last sentence which reads "the regular budget and other important matters require the approval of the Session", what is included and excluded by the words "other important financial matters"?
2. Chapter 15, paragraph 2, "when a church has no pastor, or in cases of emergency requiring immediate action when the pastor is necessarily absent . . .", what is included and what is excluded by the word "requiring immediate action"?
3. We recommend that the General Assembly consider an amendment to the Book of Church Order after it has been properly adopted to add to chapter 11, paragraph 47, "that the treasurer's records should be audited in such a manner as shall be approved by the Session of the local church".

STATISTICAL REPORT

The Stated Clerk, Dr. W. G. Thomas, presented the incomplete Statistical Report to the General Assembly. He was authorized to complete the report and forward it to the General Assembly.

REPORT OF BENEVOLENCES

Dr. R. E. McClure presented the report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences, which was received as information.

RECESSED FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch with prayer by the Rev. C. R. Stegall to reconvene at 1:45 P. M.

RESOLUTIONS

The Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt presented the report of the Resolutions Committee which was unanimously adopted.

1. We congratulate the young Friendship Church on the completion of their beautiful and adequate church in which we have had the privilege of holding our winter meeting. Their interest, vision, and sacrifice in this outstanding accomplishment will serve as a real challenge to all our churches.
2. We express our sincere gratitude to the Women of the Church who served us such an appetizing and bountiful meal and who prepared beautiful floral arrangements.
3. We request that these resolutions be read at the Sunday morning service or carried in the Church Bulletin.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Moderator, the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, reconvened Presbytery at 1:45 P. M. with prayer.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Presbytery proceeded to elect Commissioners to the General Assembly and the following were elected:

MINISTERS

Principals	*Alternates*
C. R. Stegall	W. H. Marquis
G. B. Talbot	W. C. Cooper
W. R. Klein	J. H. Skelton

RULING ELDERS

Principals	*Alternates*
W. G. Lingo	S. A. Mann
George Abbott	Fred Davidson
J. H. Flanagan	Charles Hensley

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. R. A. Potter presented the report of the Committee on the Women of the Church which was adopted.

Your Committee on Women's Work recommends:

1. That Presbytery now hear Mrs. L. H. McKay, President of the Women of the Church for Asheville Presbytery.
2. That in accord with the 1959 theme of World-wide Witness of the Church, women of the Presbytery prayerfully consider their own attitudes, aims, and acts — and influence others to give similar thought — with a view of determining their worth as witnesses to Christ in other lands; and that all greatly increase their effort to witness for Him in their immediate area.
3. That Presbytery then be led in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for fruition He has given in Women's Work, and of supplication for His continuing blessing.

Dr. W. G. Thomas led in prayer in behalf of Women's work.

The report of Mrs. L. H. McKay, President of the Women of the Church, Asheville Presbytery is as follows:

The Women of the Church are a group within the Church organized to work for Christ through a program co-ordinated with that of the various Boards and Agencies of the Assembly. The 1958 emphasis, "The Nature and Mission of the Church", was the incentive for the work of the Women this past year. Our Circle Bible Study, "The Church in the New Testament" gave us a deeper understanding of the Church as an institution of God and not of man. We saw the Church as "a fellowship of believers" and realized that as Women of the Church we had responsibilities to fulfill. Knowing that we could do nothing in our own strength we were challenged to put our first emphasis on spiritual growth. Jesus said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you". Reports show more women praying, more studying the Bible, more willing to serve and more giving generously of their means.

In 1956 one of the goals adopted was to bring all Church histories up to date. Our Historian reports 100% response for 1958.

Two World Mission Workshops, planned by our Chairman and Presbytery's World Mission Chairman, were held. Materials were presented and plans made for promoting the season. The result was an increase in interest and gifts. The united clothing appeal was well supported and White Cross quotas gladly filled.

During Church Extension Season the women worked with other local Church groups to promote this cause. Interest in and support of our Mountain Orphanage continues to be one of our most rewarding

projects. We are glad to report the addition of a Mountain Orphanage Representative to our Executive Board. A new concern in our Presbytery is the Migrant Worker. Several of our locals reported Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Day Nurseries conducted in cooperation with United Church Women. This was a step forward in assuming our responsibility as the Church reaching out in to all areas of life. A large percent of the locals contribute to the expenses of delegates to The Interdenominational Christian Conference at Knoxville. This year 18 delegates attended. This Conference is sponsored by the Women of Appalachia and 1958 was the 33rd annual session. All locals contributed to the Florence Calloway Scholarship Fund which provides a college education for Negro girls at Stillman.

Our Stewardship Chairman has encouraged us to be faithful stewards of time, talents and possessions and reports are gratifying. She promotes our Birthday objective and the offering from the women of Asheville Presbytery helped to make Appalachia the highest in per capita giving in the Assembly.

Christian Education has three major parts; family, local church and higher education. Our chairman works with leaders of various groups within the church to guide christian growth. Through combined efforts an Area Leadership School was held in Asheville in Sept. Daily Vacation Bible schools and summer Conferences were promoted and young people guided in their selection of a church college for higher education.

Reports from Chairmen of Annuities and Relief and General Fund Agencies show results of the faithful promotion of their causes.

District Conferences were well planned and attendance was good. The third Annual Meeting of Evening Circles was held in the First Church in Asheville in May with a large group attending.

The year closed with the Annual Meeting in the Hazelwood Church. The Moderator of The General Assembly was our speaker and challenged us with the responsibility of being "World-wide Witnesses" in 1959.

This report is of the stewardship of the more than 3000 women in 29 local organizations in Asheville Presbytery and is made with gratitude for the privilege of serving our Master in this way. In the words of Paul to the Ephesians "Peace be to the Brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

The Rev. Paul Warren presented the report of Presbytery's Council which was adopted with the recommendations:

The Presbytery's Council met on January 12, 1959, in the Pine Room of the S & W Cafeteria in Asheville to hear the report of the sub-committee of the Council which was charged with working out in detail a plan for the distribution of benevolent funds in 1959. After much deliberation, the Council submits the following report:

The Council is anxious to remind the Presbytery that the Synod's Council requested at the last meeting of the Synod that the four Presbyteries get together and work out a plan in which all causes participating in the budget on the Assembly, Synod and Presbytery level would receive their full proportionate share. Each Presbytery chairman of Stewardship was urged to see that the churches in his Presbytery receive not only the total amount requested for benevolences, but the amount that each cause needs in terms of dollars and cents until every church in the Synod has met each cause in the budget in full.

At the 1958 Summer meeting, Asheville Presbytery went on record as approving a plan whereby a more equitable distribution of benevolent monies could be made. The plan was conceived so that insofar as possible each benevolent cause would receive its proportionate share of money in terms of dollars and cents.

To do this, it was necessary that total budgeted contributions, both designated and undesignated, be considered in the division, always keeping in mind that all designated money shall be transmitted in full to the cause to which it is designated.

The total amount of money expected for all budgeted benevolences for 1959 was ascertained by a canvass of each church in the Presbytery, and in the few cases where no response was received, the amount from those churches was estimated on the basis of their giving in 1958. The results of this canvass reveals that our anticipated receipts for 1959 will be $161,787.09.

According to the directive of Presbytery, this money is to be divided so that Presbytery's causes will receive an amount equal to 85% of their askings, with the causes of the Synod and General Assembly (Montreat College and Davidson College included) sharing an equal proportion of the remainder up to 85% of their askings.

In making this division, it was decided that the division should be on the congregational level rather than the Presbytery level, in order to insure that each church would share in the work of each cause and to prevent a few churches from carrying the burden of any one cause and requiring little or nothing from the remainder.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. On the basis of anticipated receipts of $161,787.09, your Council recommends the following budget:

ASSEMBLY CAUSES	
World Missions	$ 33,881.44
Church Extension	10,083.15
Christian Education	4,740.47
Annuities and Relief	4,634.36
General Fund Agencies	7,338.10
Inter-Church Agencies	127.26
TOTAL	$ 60,804.70

SYNOD CAUSES	
King College	$ 12,407.70
Union & Louisville	2,504.99
Christian Education	3,545.95
TOTAL	$ 18,458.64
PRESBYTERY CAUSES	
Mountain Orphanage	$ 41,650.00
Church Extension	30,805.00
Christian Education	2,210.00
Promotion	345.00
Campsite	3,450.00
Montreat College	3,486.36
Davidson College	577.31
TOTAL	$ 82,523.67
GRAND TOTAL	$161,787.09

The Council has made a breakdown for each church for each cause, and this will be distributed to the churches for their information, provided the Presbytery approves of this over-all division.

Pending the vote the Rev. R. A. Potter led Presbytery in prayer for Divine guidance.

PRESBYTERY'S TREASURER'S REPORT

The Rev. W. G. Thomas presented the report of the Treasurer of Presbytery's Funds which was referred to Presbytery's Council for auditing. Later, the Rev. Paul F. Warren, reported that the records of W. G. Thomas, Treasurer of Presbytery's Funds, had been audited and found in order. The report was received and admitted to record, and is as follows:

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S FUNDS
January 19, 1959

RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES:	
Andrews	$ 17.00
Arden	63.58
Asheville First	560.32
Bethel H	25.16
Black Mountain	110.16
Brevard-Davidson River	151.64
Brittain's Cove	13.60
Bryson City	37.06
Canton	88.06
Dillingham	44.54
Etowah	24.48

Franklin	41.48
Friendship	44.54
Grace Covenant	94.52
Hayesville	
Hazelwood	65.28
Hendersonville	285.26
Highlands	29.58
Ivy Park	
Kenilworth	184.96
Malvern Hills	73.78
Mills River	51.00
Montreat	48.28
Morrison	3.06
Murphy	51.00
Oak Forest	80.24
Robbinsville	
Swannanoa	68.00
Sylva	31.62
Waynesville	109.82
Weaverville	138.72
West Asheville	180.54
White Oak	
Lakey Gap	13.26
Bethel (C)	6.46
TOTAL RECEIVED	$2,737.00
DISBURSEMENTS:	
General Assembly	$1,344.53
Synod	243.45
Printing (Minutes and Manual)	714.00
Salary (W. C. Cooper)	100.00
Salary (W. G. Thomas)	400.00
Office Expense	115.06
Office Equipment	96.34
Minister and His Work Commission	8.50
Clerks' Annuity	37.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$3,059.38
Balance on hand January 15, 1958	$3,557.48
Receipts from Churches	2,737.00
Total Receipts for the Year	6,294.48
Total Disbursements	3,059.38
Balance on hand January 13, 1959	$3,235.10

CHURCH EXTENSION

Dr. C. G. Davis presented the Church Extension report, which was received as information. Dr. H. B. Dendy offered prayer on behalf of Church Extension.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Dr. H. B. Dendy presented the report of the Mountain Orphanage. Pending action on the report, Mr. D. C. McKenzie, Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, addressed Presbytery. Dr. R. E. McClure, Treasurer, reported on the finances of the Mountain Orphanage. The report was received as information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Rev. W. R. Klein presented the report of the Committee on Christian Education which was received as information and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That the Senior Conference be held from June 8-13. Presently Montreat has been designated as the Conference site, but the director of Senior Conference, Dr. Warren Thuston, was given the authority to seek another site if it seems advisable.
2. That Pioneer Camp be held July 6-11 at Camp Deerwood, Brevard, N. C.
3. That Junior Camp be held July 13-18 at Camp Deerwood, Brevard, N. C.
4. Due to some misunderstanding in the past concerning registrations, it was decided that the age and rising grade in school must be included in the registration by all applicants, and that in cases of special consideration, the final decision about enrollment will be left to the discretion of the Camp Committee.
5. The Camp Committee recommends that the roll of Presbytery be divided among the respective camps in the following manner. In making this recommendation, the Committee sites a ruling by Presbytery that attendance at the Camps and Conferences of Asheville Presbytery is a normal part of the work of Presbytery, and that men consider their invitation to serve as the duty of a loyal presbyter.
   SENIOR CONFERENCE: The Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt, The Rev. H. B. Dendy, The Rev. J. Bruce Frye, The Rev. Don K. Langfitt, The Rev. W. H. Marquis, The Rev. R. E. McClure, The Rev. W. W. Pharr, The Rev. John N. Somerville, The Rev. Calvin Thielman, The Rev. Warren Thuston, The Rev. Robert Torrence.

   PIONEER CAMP: The Rev. Joseph L. Auten, The Rev. W. C. Cooper, The Rev. W. R. Klein, The Rev. Sam Rochester, The Rev. Richard L. Sommers, The Rev. J. C. Lime, The Rev. Thomas Sproule, The Rev. C. R. Stegall, The Rev. W. G. Thomas.
   JUNIOR CAMP: The Rev. Stanley Bennett, The Rev. Daniel Carlton, The Rev. C. Grier Davis, The Rev. D. P. McGeachy, The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, The Rev. R. A. Potter, The Rev. James Skelton, The Rev. G. B. Talbot, The Rev. Paul F. Warren, The Rev. E. D. Witherspoon.
6. That each church in the Presbytery take advantage of the Class for Officer Training to be held at the Hendersonville Presbyterian Church at 3:00 P. M., March 15. Dr. Morton Hannah of Louisville Seminary will conduct the class, and supper will be served.
7. That Institutes for Adult Work be held at Waynesville, April 12, 1959 at 3:00 and at Asheville First Church, April 12, 1959 at 7:15.
8. That each church in the Presbytery take advantage of the Institutes for Daily Vacation Bible School to be held this Spring.
9. That the Presbytery Council set up a policy of payment for travel expenses to and from Camps, Conferences and Committee Meetings, and that the Council draw up forms to be filled out by the presbyters.

Dr. H. B. Dendy was excused from assisting youth conferences and camps this coming summer.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Presbytery authorized the Chairman of the Committee on Candidates for the Gospel Ministry the Rev. W. C. Cooper to approve candidates and their loans from the Board of Christian Education and report names of candidates and the amount of their loans to Presbytery. The Chairman reported that the committee had approved Walter Beaty, Jr., and J. B. Trotti for loans of $200 each.

MINISTER AND HIS WORK COMMISSION

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, presented the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, which was admitted to record, and is is follows:

1. The Commission having examined the call from the Kenilworth Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Joseph L. Auten, Hanover Presbytery, Richmond, Virginia, and found it to be in order;

When he has been enrolled as a member of our Presbytery, the Commission recommends that it be placed in his hands.

2. The Commission approved the request of the Rev. Eugene Witherspoon, Jr., that he be granted the privilege of serving as Chaplain of the Civil Air Patrol Unit, Andrews, North Carolina.
3. The Commission recommends that Presbytery grant the voluntary request of the Rev. W. Hoyt Wakefield, that he be divested of the office of the Gospel Ministry; and that he be assigned to the Membership of the Bethberei Church, Columbia Presbytery.

The following recommendations were approved by Presbytery:

1. That the minimum salary of Home Mission Churches be set at $4,350 except for first pastorate of minister, which shall start at $4,050, and be increased $100 per year, effective January 1st of each year until the $4,350 is reached.
2. That the following Churches be permitted to increase their ministers salaries:

Executive Secretary—R. E. McClure	from $4,700	to $5,000
Canton Church—J. C. Lime	from $4,200	to $4,500
Montreat—S. L. Bennett	from $4,200	to $4,500
Grace-Covenant—P. F. Warren	from $6,360	to $6,860
Weaverville—H. B. Dendy	from $4,200	to $5,000
Black Mountain—W. R. Klein	from $4,500	to $5,000
Hendersonville—W. F. Thuston	from $6,000	to $6,300
Hazelwood—W. H. Marquis	from $4,800	to $5,000
Brevard—B. F. Ormand	from $5,750	to $6,000

Presbytery approved the increases in salaries and commended the Churches.

3. The Rev. A. C. Holt's request to be honorably retired was granted with appreciation expressed to him for his services.

WORLD MISSIONS

The Rev. C. R. Stegall presented the report of the Committee on World Missions, which was received as information and the Chairman commended.

The Rev. Eugene Witherspoon, Jr.

The Rev. R. A. Potter moved that the Stated Clerk convey to the Rev. Eugene Witherspoon, Jr., Presbytery's wishes and prayer for a speedy and complete recovery, which motion carried.

SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Rev. D. K. Langfitt presented the report of the Committee on Sessional Records which was approved. The following Churches failed to present their Sessional Records for Presbytery's examination: Bryson City, Bethel, Black Mountain, Etowah, Hayesville, Highlands, Ivy Park, Lakey Gap, Morrison, and White Oak.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. Stanley Bennett, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the Committee's report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

A.—Officers of Presbytery:

1. Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Rev. W. G. Thomas, 1962, to succeed himself.
2. Treasurer of Benevolence Funds—Rev. R. E. McClure, 1962, to succeed himself.

B.—Trustees:

1. Presbytery—George Stockton, Montreat, 1962, to succeed himself.
2. Davidson College—Joe L. Hunter, 1963, to succeed himself.

C.—Executive Committees:

1. Church Extension: 1962—Rev. Calvin Thielman to succeed himself. Joe L. Hunter to succeed himself. James S. Howell to succeed himself.
2. Orphanage Work: 1962—C. E. Worley to succeed himself. J. Paul Teal, Jr., to succeed himself. S. A. Mann to succeed Ben F. McGlamery, Aaron Prevost to succeed Rev. R. A. Potter. Mrs. William Charnock to succeed Mrs. J. C. Spooner.
   1961—Rev. R. D. Bedinger to succeed Bernard R. Smith.
3. Christian Education: 1962—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon to succeed himself. Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III to succeed himself. Rev. Ben F. Ormond to succeed himself. George Stockton to succeed himself. Rev. William H. Marquis to succeed Rev. R. A. Potter. L. B. Ordway to succeed himself.
4. Presbytery's Council: 1962—Rev. J. Bruce Frye to succeed himself. George Wing, III, to succeed F. A. Plummer. J. W. Byers to succeed Rev. W. H. Marquis.

D.—Commissions:

1. The Minister and his Work: 1962—Rev. J. C. Lime to succeed himself. W. H. McMurray to succeed H. E. Lamb.

E.—Permanent Committees:

1. Nominations: 1962—Rev. R. L. Sommers to succeed Rev. Stanley L. Bennett. J. R. Lewis to succeed J. Paul Teal, Jr.
2. World Missions: 1962—Crawford Pearson to succeed R. T. Reed.

3. Church Extension (Assembly): 1962—Rev. W. C. Cooper to succeed himself. Rev. Sam Rochester, Chairman to succeed Rev. W. F. Thuston.
4. Christian Education (Assembly): 1962—J. R. Lewis to succeed himself.
5. Annuities and Relief: 1962—Rev. C. R. Stegall to succeed himself.
6. General Fund Agencies: 1962—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Chairman to succeed himself.
7. Examining Committee:
   (a) Theology;
   1962—Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, to succeed himself.
   (b) Church Government;
   1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr to succeed Rev. W. J. Gammon.
   (c) English Bible;
   1962—Rev. Stanley L. Bennett to succeed Rev. R. A. Potter.
   1960—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon to succeed Rev. J. H. Gruver.
8. Women's Work: 1962—Rev. J. C. Lime to succeed Rev. R. A. Potter. 1960—Rev. W. C. Cooper, Chairman.
9. Sessional Records: 1962—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman to succeed Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III.
10. Minutes of Church Courts: 1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr to succeed himself.

Your committee calls Presbytery's attention to the fact that the Committee for The Home for the Aged has completed its work and is not now actually functioning as a committee.

Respectfully submitted,
STANLEY L. BENNETT, Chairman

HOME FOR THE AGED

Dr. C. G. Davis moved that the Committee on the Home for the Aged be dissolved and thanked, which motion was adopted.

CHURCH EXTENSION SEASON

Dr. R. E. McClure presented the report of the Special Committee for Church Extension Season 1959, which was adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION OFFERING

The Special Committee appointed by Asheville Presbytery to recommend plans for the recognition of the Church Extension Season in

1959 met at the S & W Cafeteria with eleven members present. A subcommittee was appointed to consider definite ways of presenting the needs of Asheville Presbytery during the Church Extension Season in 1959. This special committee was prevented from meeting at the appointed time due to bad weather. The report prepared herewith has been drawn by the Executive Secretary and submitted by mail to the members of the Special Committee.

For several years the offering received at the Church Extension Season has been divided, and eighty per cent of the offering retained in Asheville Presbytery. The promotional costs have been paid from this eighty per cent, and the remainder used by the Church Extension Committee for such projects as seemed wise and is handled as a "non-budget item" on the statistical blanks of the Presbytery.

In 1957 this offering produced $3,859.25. In 1958, the receipts were $3,354.93. In each case the amount indicated is only the eighty per cent retained by the Presbytery.

The Executive Secretary presented to the Special Committee total needs of $300,000.00 or more on the part of churches of the Presbytery for bringing their property and equipment up to a point to meet realistic needs in each field. This would indicate the real need for helping the weaker churches of the Presbytery in their building and equipment programs. The General Assembly's goal was expressed in terms of "One Day's Pay" for Church Extension.

With a membership of over eight thousand, it would seem reasonable to estimate that one day's pay for the employed individuals in this membership, based on an estimated average of $12.00 a day, would probably reach thirty to thirty-five thousand dollars. The recommendations of your Committee are, therefore, as follows:

1. That the Committee secure the services of Rev. B. Blake Breitenhirt to direct the effort in connection with the Church Extension Offering in 1959.
2. That the minimum goal for the offering in 1959 be set at $32,000.00 with the understanding that eighty per cent will remain in the Presbytery.
3. That this Committee be authorized to enlarge itself so as to have one representative from each church in the Presbytery, and that the enlarged Committee, under the direction of Mr. Breitenhirt, shall plan and promote the Church Extension Offering in 1959.
4. That the specific fields of Hayesville, Bethel in Haywood County, and Westminster Churches be recognized as the objectives for which the 1959 offering will be used, and that such net proceeds from the offering be divided to give Hayesville one-fifth, and the Bethel and Westminster Churches two-fifths each.
5. That the enlarged committee shall have entire charge of the promotion of the Church Extension Season, and be authorized to

spend not in excess of $1,000.00, the cost of which is to come out of the eighty per cent to stay in the Presbytery.

6. That in adopting these recommendations, the Presbytery recognizes that the financial goal set is only a small part of the total needs of the Presbytery, and that the Presbytery look forward to other needs to be met in the Church Extension Offerings of 1960 and subsequent years.

SPECIAL STUDY COMMITTEE

Ruling Elder, Mr. Forrest Gardner presented the report of the Special Study Committee which was received as information and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That the docket of the meeting of Presbytery immediately prior to the convening of General Assembly assign one hour for a discussion, not a debate, of the most essential items which the Assembly will consider.
2. That all elected Commissioners and Alternates be requested to be present at this discussion.
3. That the Moderator and Stated Clerk appoint a Committee to conduct this discussion.
4. That this be adopted as a regular practice of Asheville Presbytery.

ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

The Rev. Paul Gresham, chairman of the Committee on Annuities and Relief, presented the report which was received as information.

COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Stated Clerk, Dr. W. G. Thomas, read the names of the members of the Special Committee on Presbytery's Executive Secretary.

ASSEMBLY'S CHURCH EXTENSION

Dr. Warren Thuston presented a recommendation from the Committee on the General Assembly Church Extension, which was adopted, and is as follows:

That Presbytery appoint, through the Nomination Committee, a Permanent Committee on Evangelism and that the Manual be revised or amended so as to provide for this committee.

PRESBYTERY TO MEET, TUESDAY, APRIL 14th, 1959

Dr. H. B. Dendy moved that the Spring Stated Meeting of Presbytery, 1959, be held on the Second Tuesday of April, rather than on the Third Tuesday. The motion carried and Presbytery will meet on Tuesday, April 14, 1959 at 10:00 A.M.

STUDY OF SALARIES OF MINISTERS

Presbytery instructed the Moderator to appoint a Committee to Study Salaries of the ministers and report to the Spring meeting.

BILLS AND OVERTURES

The Rev. W. H. Marquis presented the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures which was docketed for the Spring meeting. The report was as follows:

"We recommend that Asheville Presbytery overture the General Assembly to direct its representatives in the National Council of Churches to investigate the charges contained in the communication from the Friendship Church".

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The Committee on Judiciary Business reported no matters had been placed in their hands.

THE REV. C. R. STEGALL - MODERATOR-NOMINEE

The Rev. C. R. Stegall was elected moderator-nominee for the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

SPRING MEETING IN ASHEVILLE FIRST

The invitation of the First Church, Asheville, N. C., to meet with them on Tuesday, April 14, 1959 at 10:00 A. M., was unanimously accepted.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Moderator, the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, appointed the following special committees:

Presbyterian Foundation: Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman; Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. Samuel L. Rochester, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Ruling Elder Leon Walker, Ruling Elder T. C. Gray, Ruling Elder U. R. Bell, Mrs. Hugh Lamb.

The Salaries of Asheville Presbytery's Ministers: Mr. Richard E. Gordon, Chairman; Mr. O. E. Starnes, Jr., Mr. J. J. Stone, Mr. Kelley Bennett, Mr. William P. Barnes, Mr. Sidney L. McCarty, Mr. R. H. Reid, Mr. Ray R. Clark.

The Centennial Committee: Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman; Rev. Richard L. Sommers, Rev. Donn K. Langfitt, Mr. Holland McSwain, Mr. Mark Sumner, Mr. C. A. Stubbs, Mrs. L. H. McKay, Mrs. F. N. Dishrow.

Study Committee on General Assembly Business: Rev. W. R. Klein, Chairman; Rev. C. R. Stegall, Rev. N. B. Talbot, Mr. W. G. Lingo, Mr. George Abbott, Mr. J. H. Flanagan.

ADJOURNED TO MEET FEBRUARY 9th

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the Kenilworth Church, Monday, February 9, 1959 at 2:00 P. M., to handle the Call and Installation of the Rev. Joseph L. Auten, and things growing out of the same; and the reading and approval of these minutes.

The Moderator, the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, adjourned Presbytery with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

D. P. McGEACHY, III, Moderator
W. G. THOMAS, Stated Clerk
W. C. COOPER, Permanent Clerk

ADJOURNED MEETING
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
KENILWORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
FEBRUARY 9, 1959

Asheville Presbytery met in an adjourned session at the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Monday afternoon, February 9, 1959, at 2:00 o'clock, for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the January 20, 1959 meeting.
2. The reception of the Rev. Joseph L. Auten.

3. To act upon the call of the Kenilworth Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Joseph L. Auten.
4. To transact any business growing out of the above.

The Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Moderator, led a brief worship service and convened Presbytery with prayer.

The following ministers were present:

R. D. Bedinger, B. B. Breitenhirt, W. C. Cooper, H. B. Dendy, P. N. Gresham, J. C. Lime, D. P. McGeachy, III, R. L. Sommers, Thomas Sproule, G. B. Talbot, W. G. Thomas, R. L. Torrence, P. F. Warren. (13)

The following Churches were represented:

Ivy Park, D. G. Penland; Kenilworth, Crawford Pearson; Oak Forest, H. V. Morrison; Sylva, J. F. Dunn. (4)

The purpose of the adjourned meeting was found in order.

The following visitors were introduced: C. D. Richmond, H. E. Lamb, W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, S. A. Mann, G. L. Lowery, O. L. Norment, Dr. D. W. Dudley, Dr. L. Nelson Bell.

The following ministers were excused from attendance from this adjourned meeting: Rev. Warren F. Thuston and Rev. William B. Kennedy.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 20, 1959, meeting were read and approved.

THE EXAMINATION OF THE REV. J. L. AUTEN

A Certificate of Presbyterial Dismission of the Rev. Joseph L. Auten from Hanover Presbytery was read by the Stated Clerk, Dr. W. G. Thomas. The letter was received pending the examination of Mr. Auten.

The Moderator, the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, examined Mr. Auten on experimental religion, which examination was approved as satisfactory.

Mr. Auten was examined on his views on Theology by the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, which examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. R. L. Sommers examined Mr. Auten on his views on Church Government, which examination was approved as satisfactory.

Dr. H. B. Dendy conducted the examination of Mr. Auten on his views on the Sacraments, which examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination as a whole of the Rev. Joseph L. Auten was sustained as satisfactory and he was enrolled as a member of Presbytery upon his signing the Ex Animo statement.

THE REV. J. L. AUTEN ACCEPTS CALL

The call from the Kenilworth Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. L. Auten having been found in order by the Commission on the Minister and His Work, Dr. W. G. Thomas read the call. The call was approved and placed in the hands of the Rev. Joseph L. Auten, and he signified his acceptance.

Dr. L. Nelson Bell was given the privilege of the floor and he spoke favorably on the acceptance of the call by Mr. Auten.

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. J. L. AUTEN

Presbytery appointed the following Commission to install the Rev. Joseph L. Auten as pastor of the Kenilworth Church on February 22, 1959 at 7:30 P. M.: The Rev. P. F. Warren, Chairman, to preside and charge the pastor; Dr. C. G. Davis to preach; Dr. W. G. Thomas to charge congregation; the Rev. R. D. Bedinger to offer a prayer; Ruling Elders, Mr. James Howell, Mr. O. L. Norment, and the members of the Session of the Kenilworth Church.

Dr. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk, read the names of Committees appointed by the Moderator.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. P. F. Warren in behalf of the Kenilworth Church and the new pastoral relationship, and the benediction was pronounced by the Moderator, the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III.

D. P. MCGEACHY, III, Moderator
W. G. THOMAS, Stated Clerk
W. C. COOPER, Permanent Clerk

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956 Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
Summer	—Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule
1957 Winter	—Grace Covenant	Rev. Thomas Sproule
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	F. B. Gardner
Summer	—Waynesville	F. B. Gardner
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. Paul F. Warren
1958 Winter	—Franklin	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Spring	—Sylva	James S. Howell
Summer	—Black Mountain	James S. Howell
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III
1959 Winter	—Friendship	Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III

PRESBYTERY'S STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR YEAR 1958

(Statistics taken from reports of Churches to Stated Clerk. For detail breakdown of Gifts to Assembly Budget Items see Assembly Minutes, when printed. Summary total, only, shown below.)

POST OFFICES	CHURCHES	PASTORS OR SUPPLIES	Ruling Elders	Deacons	Added on Profession	Total Membership	Baptism: Adult	Baptism: Infant	Sunday School Enrollment	Budgeted Benevolences: Assembly	Budgeted Benevolences: Synod	Budgeted Benevolences: Presbytery	Budgeted Benevolences: Total Budgeted	Non-Budgeted: Assembly	Non-Budgeted: Synod	Non-Budgeted: Presbytery	Congregational	Miscellaneous	Total All Benevolences	Current Expenses	Building Funds	Grand Total All Contributions
Andrews, Andrews		E. D. Witherspoon, Jr., P.	3	7	8	68	4	3	56	217	38	452	707	—	38	—	—	—	745	4709	3251	8706
Arden, Arden		W. C. Cooper, P.	10	12	11	194	5	8	149	545	209	1389	2103	21	—	14	—	—	2138	9281	7291	18710
Asheville, First		C. Grier Davis, P.	46	29	37	1589	5	43	638	10122	3693	34658	48474	1056	2400	3395	29	620	55065	64479	21601	142036
		Thomas Sproule, Assoc. P.																				
	Grace Covenant	Paul F. Warren, P.	12	11	29	321	11	9	343	3427	651	6700	9778	209	—	30	—	19	10027	27958	2700	40685
	Kenilworth	Joseph L. Auten, P.E.	34	24	14	317	1	7	317	2055	232	3359	5646	362	464	94	—	119	6675	10092	3070	26837
	Malvern Hills	W. W. Pharr, T.S.	7	12	2	210	2	5	125	458	74	1236	1778	13	—	49	—	—	1840	6015	2000	9924
	Oak Forest	R. L. Sommers, P.	7	12	2	236	1	4	155	3962	143	1918	6042	196	—	126	—	11	6375	9738	—	16113
	West Asheville	W. G. Thomas, P. SC.	13	30	10	540	7	6	301	1513	325	3164	5002	53	46	16	—	76	5101	21950	10221	37362
	Westminster	B. B. Breitenhirt, P.	6	—	3	96	4	—	88	110	7	214	349	—	—	4	—	—	344	429	6202	6975
Barnardsville, Dillingham		Daniel E. Carlton (3) P.	6	8	9	141	0	1	110	186	30	374	590	33	—	15	—	—	638	3942	705	4585
Black Mountain, Black Mountain		Wm. R. Klein (3), P.	14	12	6	324	3	7	140	1431	318	3265	4914	134	—	153	230	—	5430	15438	16401	37369
	Friendship	C. R. Stegall, P.	6	6	7	150	6	—	108	536	194	1356	1016	213	—	126	—	355	2539	5721	22460	30720
	Lakey Gap	Wm. R. Klein (2), T.S.	3	3	5	46	2	2	74	55	16	170	241	—	—	—	—	—	241	1353	192	1686
Brevard, Brevard-Dividson River		Ben F. Ormand, P.	12	12	8	445	3	11	329	1917	442	5279	7638	196	473	104	—	148	8558	18748	13500	39806
Bryson City, Bryson City		Sam L. Rochester, P.	4	6	2	102	—	1	90	330	163	1917	2963	215	495	54	—	35	3754	6090	60	10904
Canton, Canton		J. C. Line, P.	13	15	5	258	2	5	103	1017	76	1518	2611	76	—	115	200	125	3127	13226	16602	32955
	Bethel	Vacant	4	5	3	78	—	—	40	92	13	148	253	15	—	24	—	—	392	1014	—	2206
Etowah, Etowah		R. L. Torrence, SS.	7	8	4	81	3	5	48	223	51	576	850	—	5	35	—	—	890	2515	400	3805
Franklin, Franklin		Donn K. Langfitt, P.	6	10	7	135	3	3	110	341	36	440	807	135	—	130	—	—	1072	7328	—	8400
	Morrison	(T. L. Llewelyn, Stu. S.)	2	1	—	9	—	—	27	38	4	91	133	—	—	—	—	—	133	—	—	133
Hayesville, Hayesville		(John L. Law, (2) Stu.S.)	2	—	3	27	1	1	30	55	5	94	154	12	—	34	—	—	200	1108	30	1338
Hazelwood, Hazelwood		Wm. H. Marquis, P.	7	9	11	214	5	4	182	1075	95	1350	2520	38	5	68	—	—	2631	10045	1776	14752
Hendersonville, First		Warren F. Thuston, P.	16	15	24	394	24	10	551	4277	263	6359	10899	151	—	155	1416	—	12621	29657	67801	110079
Highlands, Highlands		Vacant	7	3	1	87	—	—	72	180	40	477	697	—	—	8	—	65	773	5600	—	6463
Horse Shoe, Mills River		J. Bruce Frye, P.	10	9	5	157	4	5	125	549	96	1109	1745	133	29	103	—	16	2016	6504	926	9446
Montreat, Montreat		Stanley L. Bennett, P.	7	5	8	155	—	1	250	2174	343	3580	6097	—	—	314	—	—	6311	9614	4591	20416
Murphy, Murphy		Robert A. Potter, P.	6	9	5	188	3	1	93	654	340	1532	2526	65	—	36	180	64	2871	8098	—	10969
Robbinsville		Vacant	1	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	37	37	—	—	—	—	—	37	—	—	37
Swannanoa, Swannanoa		G. Bird Talbot, P.	8	13	6	204	4	8	167	1295	220	2342	3867	83	187	346	—	195	4678	9708	5154	19537
Sylva, Sylva		D. P. McGeachy, III, P.	4	6	3	86	2	3	117	430	115	1141	1686	8	—	7	—	—	1701	4661	9279	9641
Unaka, Bethel		(John L. Law (3), Stu.S.	—	1	—	10	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	—	23
Waynesville		Calvin Thielman, P.	11	12	8	330	5	5	118	1119	370	2930	4419	—	—	262	—	—	4581	15414	1338	21333
	White Oak	Vacant	1	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weaverville, Weaverville		H. B. Dendy, P.	8	13	16	418	9	2	292	4156	381	4764	8701	563	16	415	—	3576	13271	19163	5300	27734
	Ivy Park	Daniel E. Carlton (2) P.	4	3	—	40	—	—	45	222	33	347	602	15	—	30	—	—	647	2154	—	2801
	Brittains Cove	R. D. Bedinger, SS.	3	1	3	24	2	—	39	82	5	106	192	18	—	30	—	—	330	533	1164	1927
1958 Number of Churches 36		Totals, Dec. 31, 1958	299	311	270	8367	134	189	5642	44354	8810	93491	146655	3889	4139	6173	2046	4847	167422	851193	217166	735771
1957 Number of Churches 36		Totals, Dec. 31, 1957	271	313	243	8115	131	144	5570	43979	15963	82414	152356	3207	6336	3769	1106	5802	170575	822258	156711	681544

OTHER MINISTERS ON ROLL

W. H. Armistead, H.R., Ormond Beach, Fla
Walter P. Baldwin, Jr., F.M., Japan
Wm. J. Gammon, H.R., Montreat, N. C.
J. H. Gruver, H.R., Black Mountain, N. C.
A. C. Holt, H. R., Montreat, N. C.
R. E. McClure, P.Ex.S., Asheville, N. C.
L. T. Newland, H.R., Black Mountain, N. C.
James H. Skelton, Chap., Black Mountain, N. C.
Wade C. Smith, H.R., Weaverville, N. C.
John N. Sommerville, F.M., Korea

OTHER MINISTERS ON ROLL (Continued)

Chas. F. Stube, H.R., Hendersonville, N. C.
J. V. N. Talmadge, F.M., Bellaire, Texas
P. C. Tourville, F.M., Congo Belge
W. H. Wakefield, W.C., Lewisburg, Tenn.
J. Q. Wallace, H.R., Franklin, N. C.
Don E. Williams, F.M., Brazil
O. F. Yates, H.R., Montreat, N. C.
Wm. A. Lofquist, Licentiate, Chapel Hill, N. C.

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IN THE UNITED STATES

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND
STATED SESSION

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Asheville, North Carolina
April 14, 1959

SUMMER MEETING
Tuesday, July 21, 1959 — 10:00 A. M.
BRYSON CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Bryson City, North Carolina

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator: The Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr., Black Mountain, N. C.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. W. G. Thomas, 690 Haywood Road, Asheville, — 1962.
Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. C. Cooper, Box 245, Arden, — 1960.
Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church Street, Asheville, — 1962.
Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.
Historian: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1960—Roy P. Booth, Asheville 1st; 1961—Carl M. Sawyer, Kenilworth; 1962—George Stockton, Montreat.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis; 1963—Joe L. Hunter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Church Extension

1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. G. B. Talbot, F. B. Gardner.
1961—Rev. Stanley L. Bennett, Rev. R. L. Torrence, C. A. Stubbs, D. C. Hunter.
1962—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Joe L. Hunter, S. A. Mann, James S. Howell.

Orphanage Work

1960—Rev H. B. Dendy, Chairman, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Chas. A. Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.
1961—Carl R. Welte, Edward G. Roberts, Mrs. F. A. Plummer, Rev. R. D. Bedinger.
1962—C. E. Worley, J. Paul Teal, Jr., Aaron Prevost, Mrs. Wm. Charnock.

Christian Education

1960—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Chairman, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Philip L. Brintnall.
1961—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. Calvin Thielman, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. R. L. Sommers, Joe E. Rose, A. H. Bryson. And the following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; Holland McSwain, President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. Geo. A. Anderson, Chairman of Senior High Fellowship; Rev. Thomas Sproule, Mrs. Joe Sursavage, Mrs. W. L. Ray, Adult Advisors of Youth Work; Mr. Thuston, Mr. Klein, Mr. McGeachy III, Directors of Senior Conference, Pioneer Camp and Junior Camp, respectively.
1962—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, George Stockton, L. B. Ordway.

Presbytery's Council

1960—Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, Mark Sumner, Sam Patton.
1961—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Kelley E. Bennett.
1962—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, George Wing, III, J. W. Byers. The following by virtue of office held: The Moderator; Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1960—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. H. B. Dendy.
1961—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, Mr. L. H. McKay.
1962—Rev. J. C. Lime, Mr. W. H. McMurray.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations: 1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, Kelley E. Bennett; 1961—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Holland McSwain; 1962—Rev. R. L. Sommers, J. R. Lewis.
World Missions: 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman; 1961—Rev. W. J. Gammon; 1962—Mr. Crawford Pearson.
Church Extension (Assembly): 1960—Rev. L. Y. Newland, Rev. Wm. R. Klein; 1961—Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, W. H. McMurray; 1962—Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. Sam Rochester, Chairman.
Christian Education (Assembly): 1960—Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman; 1961—Rev. J. H. Skelton; 1962—J. R. Lewis.
Annuities and Relief: 1960—Rev. Paul N. Gresham, Chairman; 1961—Rev. R. A. Potter; 1962—Rev. C. R. Stegall.

Evangelism:
1960—R. L. Sommers, E. D. Witherspoon, J. F. Dunn, Charles Hensley.
1961—Robert Potter, W. H. Marquis, J. O. Williams, Sam Patton.
1962—Warren Thuston, Chairman, Joseph Auten, Dr. H. L. Bacon, Louis Smith.

General Fund Agencies: 1960—C. G. Worley; 1961—Rev. Daniel E. Carlton; 1962—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Chairman.

Examining Committee—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1961; Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology: 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall; 1962—Rev. D. P. McGeachy III.
Church Government: 1961—Rev. S. L. Rochester; 1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr.
Sacraments: 1960—J. B. Frye, Chairman; 1961—Rev. O. F. Yates.
English Bible: 1960—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon; 1962—Rev. Stanley L. Bennett.
Academic and Seminary Studies: 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—Rev. Donn K. Langfitt.

DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Women's Work: 1960—Rev. W. C. Cooper, Chairman; 1961—C. J. McCarty; 1962—Rev. J. C. Lime.

Sessional Records: 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—W. A. Singleton; 1962—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; with additional appointments by the Moderator.

Minutes of Church Courts: 1960—Rev. W. H. Marquis; 1961—Rev. R. D. Bedinger; 1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman.

Program—Moderator, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III; Stated Clerk, Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host, Rev. C. Grier Davis; and Ruling Elder from Host Church.

North Carolina Council of Churches: 1960—The Rev. Samuel L. Rochester, Chairman; Kelley E. Bennett.

Office of Executive Secretary: Rev. Robert L. Torrence, Chairman, representative from the Church Extension Committee; Rev. J. Bruce Frye, representative from the Presbytery's Council; Rev. G. B. Talbot, representative from the Christian Education Committee; Mrs. J. J. Stone, representative from the Women of the Presbytery; Rev. W. G. Thomas, representative from the Commission on the Minister and His Work; Mrs. J. Paul Teal, Jr., representative from the Mountain Orphanage.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Presbyterian Foundation: Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Ruling Elders, Leon Walker, T. C. Gray, U. R. Bell, Mrs. Hugh Lamb.

The Salaries of Asheville Presbytery's Ministers: Mr. Richard E. Gordon, Chairman, O. E. Starnes, Jr., J. J. Stone, Kelley Bennett, Wm. P. Barnes, Sidney L. McCarty, R. H. Reid, Ray R. Clark.

The Centennial Committee: Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman; Rev. R. L. Sommers, Rev. D. K. Langfitt, Mr. Holland McSwain, Mark Sumner, C. A. Stubbs, Mrs. L. H. McKay, Mrs. F. N. Disbrew.

Church Extension Season, 1964—W. Stanford Webb, Asheville First; Lee Nichols, Jr., Andrews; C. Grier Randolph, Hendersonville; H. E. Johnson, Kenilworth; J. A. Anderson, West Asheville; W. E. Norwood, Friendship; Jack Alexander, Brevard-Davidson River; L. N. Davis, Hazelwood; Jackson F. Dunn, Sylva; Mrs. Edward G. Roberts, Malvern Hills; Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, Weaverville.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY, ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY OCTOBER, 1961

Name, Church, Institution and Class, Loan approved for 1960-61.

Walter K. Beaty, Jr., Grace Covenant Church, Asheville, N. C. Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., First Year.

A. Blake Brinkerhoff, Montreat Church, Montreat, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., Clinical Year, Westminster Church, Miami, Fla.

J. Carlton Burrell, Hazelwood Church, Hazelwood, N. C., High School, Fourth Year.

William R. English, Malvern Hills Church, Asheville, N. C., U. S. Armed Forces.

John E. Ellington, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C., Emory University, Decatur, Ga., Fourth Year.

William R. Johnson, First Church, Asheville, N. C. Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur Ga., Second Year.

William B. Leaman, Jr., Kenilworth Church, Asheville, N. C. King College, Bristol, Tenn., Fourth Year.

Holland McSwain, Jr., First Church, Murphy, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., First Year $200 Loan.

Owen L. Norment, Jr., Kenilworth Church, Asheville, N. C. Fellowship Student Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

George E. Scott, First Church, Asheville, N. C. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., teaching and graduate student.

Hubert Sneed, First Church, Murphy, N. C. King College, Bristol Tenn., Third Year.

Frederick W. Streetman, Jr., First Church, Hendersonville, N. C. Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., Fourth Year.

John B. Trotti, First Church, Asheville, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., Second Year.

George David Russell, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C. Senior, High School.

LICENTIATE

William A. Lofquist, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

CANDIDATES FOR LAY SERVICE

Miss Pearle L. Buchanan, First Church, Hendersonville, N. C. Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va., Second Year, $200.00 Loan.

Miss Jacqueline E. Gray, Friendship Church, Black Mountain, N. C. Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va., First Year, $200.00 Loan.

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Richmood, Va.

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Swannanoa, N. C.

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Hendersonville, N. C.

Torrence, Rev. Robert L.
17 D'Arcy Lane, Asheville, N. C.

Toureille, Rev. P. C., D.D.
Cournonterral,
Herault, France

Wallace, Rev. J. Q.
P. O Box 413
Franklin, N. C.

Warren, Rev. Paul F.
P. O. Box 8067, Asheville, N. C.

Williams, Rev. Don E.
Caixa Postal 435,
Recife E. de Pernambuco, Brazil

Witherspoon, Rev. Eugene D.
Andrews, N. C.

Yates, Rev. O. F.
Montreat, N. C.

ROLL OF CHURCHES

Churches	Clerk of Session	Treasurer
Andrews	L. B. Nichols Andrews, N. C.	Mr. Charles Delaney Box 562, Andrews, N. C.
Arden	R. H. Reid C/o Christ School Arden, N. C.	Albert Reems Box 292, Skyland, N. C.
Asheville, First	Clyde M. Blair Longchamps Apts., No. 6 Asheville, N. C.	J. Douglass Robinson 5 Deerfield Road Biltmore, N. C.
Bethel	John Hardin R.F.D. 3, Canton, N. C.	Miss Betty Blalock Rt. 3, Canton, N. C.
Bethel C		
Black Mountain	Mr. E. E. White Black Mountain, N. C.	T. H. Rankin W. N. C. Sanatorium Black Mountain, N. C.
Brevard-Davidson River	Robert R. Bolt Fortune Cove or Rice St. Brevard, N. C.	Jerry Jerome S. Caldwell Street Brevard, N. C.
Brittains Cove	Harold Sluder R.F.D. 2, Box 68 Weaverville, N. C.	Harold Sluder Rt. 2, Box 68 Weaverville, N. C.
Bryson City	S. W. Black Bryson City, N. C.	James A. Sutton Bryson City, N. C.
Canton	William P. Barnes 8 Bailey St. Canton, N. C.	Gardner Calvin 121 Pisgah Drive Canton, N. C.
Dillingham	W. C. Dillingham Barnardsville, N. C.	G. W. Arrowood Barnardsville, N. C.
Etowah	J. L. Gash Rt. 1, Pisgah Forest, N. C.	Miss Pearl Gash Etowah, N. C.
Franklin	John A. Bulgin Franklin, N. C.	J. Ward Long Franklin, N. C.
Friendship	W. E. Norwood San Station Black Mountain, N. C.	W. E. Norwood San Station Black Mountain, N. C.
Grace Covenant	Leon Walker, Sr. 114 Windsor Road Asheville, N. C.	J. W. Hendon 38 Stratford Road Asheville, N. C.
Hayesville	Thomas C. Gray Hayesville, N. C.	T. C. Gray Hayesville, N. C.
Hazelwood	W. B. Winchester P. O. Box 127 Hazelwood, N. C.	W. M. Green Hazelwood, N. C.
Hendersonville	Frazier T. Blair 1201 Hyman Ave. Hendersonville, N. C.	L. A. Gossett 1202 Highland Ave. Hendersonville, N. C.

Churches	Clerk of Session	Treasurer
Highlands	Sidney L. McCarty Highlands, N. C.	C. J. Anderson Highlands, N. C.
Ivy Park	Thomas G. Penland 72 Grandview Road Asheville, N. C.	O. L. Whitson Rt. 2, Weaverville, N. C.
Kenilworth	J. B. Storey P. O. Box 249 Asheville, N. C.	J. S. Lee P. O. Box 2534 Asheville, N. C.
Lakey Gap	Robert R. Clements Black Mountain, N. C.	William L. Clements, Jr. Black Mountain, N. C.
Malvern Hills	Walter M. Harbin 103 Middlemont Ave. Asheville, N. C.	Charles Munch 42 Covington Street West Asheville, N. C.
Mills River	Mr. H. N. Clark R.F.D. 1, Horse Shoe, N. C.	Frank H. Burgin Fletcher, N. C.
Montreat	C. A. Stubbs Montreat, N. C.	George Stockton Montreat, N. C.
Morrison	C. Bryant McClure R.F.D. 2, Franklin, N. C.	Miss Winnie Bailes Rt. 2, Franklin, N. C.
Murphy	W. A. Singleton Murphy, N. C.	Robert M. White Murphy, N. C.
Oak Forest	S. A. Mann Rt. 3, Box 1454 Asheville, N. C.	T. H. Lamb Waverly Ct. Asheville, N. C.
Swannanoa	W. H. McMurray, Sr. Swannanoa, N. C.	Roy W. Alexander Swannanoa, N. C. Office-Tel. Asheville AL 3-1818
Sylva	J. F. Dunn Sylva, N. C.	M. C. Cunningham Box 123, Sylva, N. C.
Waynesville	R. L. Prevost Hazelwood, N. C.	C. R. Border Hazelwood, N. C.
Weaverville	R. T. Reed Weaverville, N. C.	J. L. Parks Weaverville, N. C.
West Asheville	J. T. Mastin 18 Winchester Place Asheville, N. C.	James W. Lanning 52 Virginia Ave. Asheville, N. C.
Westminster	W. L. Gettys 28 N. Pershing Drive Asheville, N. C.	W. F. McRorie 6 Canterbury Road Asheville, N. C.

DOCKET SCHEDULE

WINTER MEETING

Devotional by Moderator
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly
Reports of Presbytery Officers
Reports of Commissions — Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Home Missions
Mountain Orphanage
Education
B. Permanent Committees
Office of Executive Secretary
World Missions
Nominations
Evangelism
Women's Work
Sessional Records
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Nomination of a Moderator
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

SPRING MEETING

Sermon by Moderator
Communion Service
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Education
Mountain Orphanage
B. Permanent Committees
General Fund Agencies
N. C. Council of Churches
C. Standing and Special Committees
Report on Audits
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Reading of the Minutes
Adjournment

SUMMER MEETING

Devotional by Moderator or Sermons by Candidates
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissioners to General Assembly
Report of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Report of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Education, Presbytery
Home Missions, Presbytery
B. Permanent Committees
Church Extension, Assembly
Christian Education, Assembly
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Nomination of a Moderator
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

FALL MEETING

Sermon by Moderator
Communion Service
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
The Mountain Orphanage
Education
Home Missions
B. Permanent Committees
Annuities and Relief
Minutes of Church Courts
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

One hundred and fifty-second Stated Session

Spring Meeting 1959

Asheville Presbytery met for its one hundred and fifty-second Stated Meeting, in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Tuesday, April 14, 1959, at 10:00 A. M. The Moderator, the Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, led the opening worship, reading Psalms 61, and preaching a sermon on "The Higher Rock". The Rev. Thomas Sproule and the Rev. R. D. Bedinger assisted by Ruling Elders J. C. Arrowsmith, T. R. Clark, E. L. Hulme, Kendall Leeman, A. S. McCracken, F. G. Penland, Charlie Suttles, and C. G. Worley conducted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, Moderator, convened Presbytery with prayer.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

Dr. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk, called the roll of Ministers and the following were present:

R. D. Bedinger, S. L. Bennett, D. E. Carlton, W. C. Cooper, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. B. Frye, W. J. Gammon, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, W. R. Klein, Donn Langfitt, J. C. Lime, W. H. Marquis, R. E. McClure, L. T. Newland, W. W. Pharr, R. A. Potter, S. L. Rochester, J. H. Skelton, R. L. Sommers, Thomas Sproule, C. R. Steegall, G. B. Talbot, Calvin Thielman, W. G. Thomas, W. F. Thuston, R. L. Torrence, and P. F. Warren. (29)

The Permanent Clerk, the Rev. W. C. Cooper, called the roll of Churches and the following were represented:

Arden, C. G. Worley; Asheville First, J. C. Arrowsmith and D. K. Drum; Black Mountain, Ross Taylor; Brevard-Davidson River, E. B. Matheson; Brittain's Cove, H. A. Sluder; Bryson City, J. V. McHan; Dillingham, Elmer Jarrett; Etowah, H. J. Nicholson; Franklin, J. R. Bulgin; Friendship, Charlie Suttles; Grace Covenant, Kendall Leeman, Jr.; Hayesville, W. F. Manus; Hendersonville, J. L. Brown; Ivy Park, T. G. Penland; Kenilworth, E. L. Hulme; Mills River, A. S. McCracken; Montreat, L. N. Bell; Murphy, Holland McSwain; Oak Forest, H. V. Morris; Swannanoa, R. W. Alexander; Sylva, J. F. Dunn; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, C. E. Smith; West Asheville, T. R. Clark; Westminster, C. M. Horton. (25)

VISITORS

Dr. R. T. L. Liston of Holston Prsbytery was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Russell, Mrs. D. P. McGeachy III, Mrs. Charles Bassett, Miss Cornelia W. Wilds, John Law, student pastor at Hayesville, J. H. Flanagan, F. B. Gardner, G. C. Klick, S. A. Mann, D. C. McKenzie, and J. O. Williams, were introduced as visitors.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following ministers were excused from attendance at this meeting of Presbytery: W. H. Armistead, J. L. Auten, B. B. Breitenhirt, A. C. Holt, W. B. Kennedy, J. V. N. Talmage, B. F. Ormand, P. C. Toureille, J. Q. Wallace, O. F. Yates, and W. C. Smith.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr., Moderator-nominee, was unanimously elected moderator.

APPRECIATION

The Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, retiring Moderator, expressed his appreciation for the patience and co-operation of Presbytery while in office.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr., Moderator, introduced Ruling Elder D. K. Drum of Asheville First Church, who welcomed Presbytery and presented the report of the Program Committee. The printed docket was adopted with the following exceptions:

1. That Dr. R. T. L. Liston be heard immediately following communications; 2. that Mr. J. C. Arrowsmith be heard in interest of the Men of the Church; 3. that Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 and reconvene at 2:00 P. M.; 4. that the request of the Rev. W. H. Wakefield be the 2nd Order after communications; 5. that the report of the Special Committee on Church Extension be the 3rd Order of business after communications; 6. that the report of the Committee on Candidates be the 4th Order after communications.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The Moderator, the Rev. C. R. Stegall, appointed the following Standing Committees:

BILLS AND OVERTURES: The Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, and ruling elders John L. Brown and E. L. Hulme.

JUDICIAL: The Rev. Paul Gresham, and ruling elders L. N. Bell and Holland McSwain.

RESOLUTIONS: The Rev. G. B. Talbot, and ruling elders, Charlie Suttles and Roy Alexander.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were read and disposed of as follows:

1. Audit Reports was referred to proper time on docket.
2. Report of Committee on Salaries of Ministers was referred to proper time on docket.
3. A letter from Dr. McDowell Richards, President of Columbia Theological Seminary, was received as information and the Stated Clerk was instructed to inform Dr. Richards that the manual of Asheville Presbytery provides for the examination for licensure and ordination to take place during the summer meeting of Presbytery.
4. Invitations from the Andrews and Bryson City Churches were referred to proper time on docket.
5. A letter from Dr. P. C. Toureille was received as information.
6. A request from the Bryson City Church was referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.
7. A request from the Rev. A. C. Holt for a certificate of dismissal to Suwannee Presbytery was granted.

KING COLLEGE

Dr. R. T. L. Liston, President of King College, addressed Presbytery on the work of King College.

THE REV. W. H. WAKEFIELD

The Commission on the Minister and His Work recommended that the request of the Rev. W. H. Wakefield that he be divested of the Gospel Ministry without consor be granted. The request was granted and a letter of dismissal was ordered sent to the Bethberei Church, Columbia Presbytery, Synod of Tennessee.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Dr. C. Grier Davis read the report of the Church Extension Committee, which was adopted as follows:

The Church Extension Committee has been asked by Presbytery to make recommendations concerning the future of the White Oak and Robbinsville Churches. We have considered the status of these two organizations, and recommend that both of these Churches be dissolved and that the members of the Robbinsville Church be assigned to membership at Andrews, and the members of the White Oak Church be assigned to membership at Waynesville unless the individuals request otherwise.

It is our understanding that the procedure in dissolving a Church is that the Presbytery shall vote for such action, and notify the members of the Church giving them an opportunity to appear at the next meeting of Presbytery to oppose such a move if they so desire.

We do not have an official roll of the membership of either of these churches, but the mailing list of Our Mountain Work contains the following names:

Robbinsville

Miss Ellen Carver, Robbinsville
Mr. J. B. Cory
Mrs. Effie Humes
Mr. S. H. McIntosh
Miss Ann Massey
Mrs. Ray Parsons
Mr. J. K. Patterson
Mrs. Ross Taylor
Mr. L. W. Wilson

Mr. J. B. Cory was the Clerk of the Session of the Robbinsville Church and perhaps has the record book of the Church.

White Oaks

Mrs. Arlo Hunter, Route 4, Waynesville
Mr. Caesar Jenkins
Mr. M. V. Jenkins
Mr. Sam Ledford, Route 4, Waynesville
Mr. Oliver Parton
Mrs. W. H. Williams

I understand that Mr. Sam Ledford is the remaining officer of this Church.

We recommend that a notice with reference to the action of Presbytery be sent to each of these individuals, and that the above recommendations of the Committee be made effective at the July meeting of

Asheville Presbytery unless objection is raised thereto. Further, that if any of the persons named above request that their membership be placed in any other Church other than Andrews or Waynesville, that such request be granted.

CHURCH EXTENSION SEASON

Dr. R. E. McClure presented the report of the Special Committee on Church Extension Season, which was received as information.

CANDIDATE GEORGE DAVID RUSSELL

The Rev. W. C. Cooper, Chairman of the Committee on Candidates for the Gospel Ministry, presented Mr. George David Russell of the Waynesville Church and recommended that he be examined to become a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under the care of this Presbytery. The Rev. C. R. Stegall, Moderator, conducted the examination, which was sustained as satisfactory, and Mr. Russell was enrolled as a Candidate. The Moderator delivered a charge to the new candidate and the Rev. Calvin Thielman, pastor of the candidate, offered the prayer.

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Mr. J. C. Arrowsmith spoke in behalf of the Men of the Church.

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. J. L. AUTEN

Dr. W. G. Thomas presented the minutes of the Commission to Install the Rev. Joseph L. Auten as pastor of the Kenilworth Church, was was admitted to record.

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. JOSEPH L. AUTEN PASTOR OF THE KENILWORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery of Asheville to install the Reverend Joseph L. Auten as Pastor of the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church met Sunday, February 22, 1959 at 7:15 P. M. in the study of the Kenilworth Church and was opened with prayer by the Chairman, Dr. Paul F. Warren. Other members were, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, who

was elected Secretary, Dr. C. Grier Davis, Dr. W. G. Thomas, and Elders O. L. Norment and James S. Howell. Rev. J. L. Auten was also present. The parts previously approved by Presbytery were assigned to those who were to participate. The Commission then entered the Sanctuary, where a very fine congregation awaited the installation services.

Dr. Paul F. Warren presided and after the singing of the Doxology, gave the Invocation and led the congregation in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Elder O. L. Norment read the scripture lesson. The Choir then rendered a beautiful anthem, after which Dr. C. Grier Davis preached a most helpful, inspiring, and appropriate sermon.

Dr. Warren then introduced the members of the Commission, recited the proceedings of Presbytery, and the nature and importance of the Installation. He then propounded the questions of installation to both the pastor-elect and the congregation.

The Prayer of Installation was then given by Dr. R. D. Bedinger.

Dr. Warren next pronounced the Rev. Joseph L. Auten duly installed pastor of the Kenilworth Church.

Appropriate charges were then given to the Pastor by Elder James S. Howell, and to the Congregation by Dr. W. G. Thomas.

After the singing of the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have", the benediction was pronounced by the newly installed Pastor, Reverend Joseph L. Auten. The members of the Commission, followed by many from the congregation, then gave to Mr. Auten the right hand of fellowship, with appropriate words of welcome.

The Commission reconvened in the Study, briefly reviewed the duties performed in the Sanctuary, and was adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. D. Bedinger.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul F. Warren, Chairman
R. D. Bedinger, Secretary

The Rev. R. L. Torrence was excused from assisting in Camps and Conferences this summer, 1959.

RECESS

Dr. C. Grier Davis led Presbytery in prayer before recess was taken for lunch.

Presbytery re-convened at 2:00 P. M. with prayer by the Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr., Moderator.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Rev. W. R. Klein, Chairman of the Committee on the meeting of the General Assembly, presented a report, which was received as information.

OVERTURE

Dr. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk, read an overture from the Session of the Friendship Church, and the recommendations of the Bills and Overture Committee of the January 1959 meeting, and the following overture was adopted and ordered sent to the 1959 meeting of the General Assembly, to be held at the Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, Ga., April 23rd:

Asheville Presbytery overtures the General Assembly to instruct its representatives on the National Council of Churches to make the following representations to the Council:

a. The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. has on several occasions in the past protested to the National Council of Churches against the pronouncements of said Council in political and economic fields which are far removed from the primary concept of the spiritual nature of the Church; the historic position of separation of Church and state; and, which have involved the assuming of positions on which there is a marked difference of opinion in Christian circles and on which Christians of equal piety and devotion can and do differ.

These protests have gone unheeded.

b. In recent months the National Council and some of its subdivisions, sponsored and financed by said Council, have given publicity to and the advocacy of certain national and international policies which could well be detrimental to the cause of Christ and to the well-being of our nation.

It is not sufficient for the Council to disclaim any responsibility for the actions and accompanying publicity of these departments. The formation of said departments and their complete financing by the Council makes the Council seemingly responsible before the Church and before the world.

c. The National Christian Council at its recent General Board meeting further accentuated the impression of interests and activities far afield from those primary concerns of the Church;—as an illustration, the action urging the government to abolish the loyalty oath as a requirement of students seeking federal scholarships.

d. In its publicity releases the National Council always uses the formula, "Representing 38,000,000 Protestants". This statement is mis-

leading and inaccurate and should not be used except in cases where the Council is acting on the specific authorization and approval of its constituent churches on specified matters.

MINISTERS' SALARIES

Dr. W. G. Thomas read the report of the Special Committee on Ministers' Salaries, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to study salaries of Ministers appointed January 20, 1959, by the Moderator, reports as follows:

WHEREAS the minimum salary of Home Mission Churches was set at $4,350 except for first pastorate of minister, which shall start at $4,050, and be increased $100 per year, effective January 1st of each year until the $4,350 is reached; and,

WHEREAS it is the opinion of your committee that a similar salary basis should be established for self supporting Churches of the Presbytery;

NOW THEREFORE your committee recommends that Presbytery notify all Churches of your committee's opinion as set forth above; and,

RECOMMENDS further that a committee be appointed to make a detailed study of Ministers' salaries and other monetary benefits to the end of making a further recommendation to Presbytery relative to providing some guide or standard to assist the Churches in arriving at an equitable solution to this matter of Ministers' compensation.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Gordon, Chairman,
W. Asheville
Wm. P. Barnes, Canton
Kelly E. Bennett, Bryson City
Ray R. Clark, Sylva
Sidney L. McCarty, Highlands
R. H. Reid, Arden
O. E. Starnes, Jr., Oak Forest
J. J. Stone, Kenilworth

April 14, 1959

Presbytery re-elected the same committee to continue the Study of Ministers' Salaries.

THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Stated Clerk read the minutes of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, which were admitted to record.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

During the Winter meeting of Presbytery, held at the Friendship Church, Black Mountain, N. C., January 20, 1959, the voluntary request of the Rev. W. Hoyt Wakefield was referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work. The Commission has considered the request and recommends that Presbytery grant the voluntary request of the Rev. W. Hoyt Wakefield that he be divested of the Gospel Ministry without censor and that he be given a letter of dismissal to the Bethberei Church, Columbia Presbytery, Synod of Tennessee.

THE CALL FROM THE BETHEL CHURCH

The Commission examined the call from the Bethel Church, Haywood County, for the pastoral services of Mr. William Riley Covin, a member of the Senior Class of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under the care of Piedmont Presbytery, and found it to be in order, and recommends that it be placed in his hands when he has been enrolled as a member of our Presbytery.

THE PLAN OF THE MEN'S COUNCIL

The Commission approved the plan of the Men's Council of Asheville Presbytery, sponsored by the Assembly Men's Council, of selecting from the churches of Presbytery a group of Lay Speakers and Leaders. Each Session will be urged to select one or more qualified men from the local congregation to serve as lay speakers and leaders, and to send the name or names to the President of the Men of Ashevillle Presbytery, Mr. Glenn D. Hunt. The President will compile a Roster of the names submitted and will present the Roster to the Commission on the Minister and His Work for approval. Each individual on the approved Roster will then be contacted and the names of those willing to serve as lay speakers and leaders will be made available to the pastors and churches of the Presbytery.

LAYMAN'S SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1959

The Commission approved the plan adopted by the Men's Council of Sponsoring a Lay Speaker for every church within the Presbytery for Laymen's Sunday, October 18, 1959.

THE BRYSON CITY CHURCH

The Commission recommends that Presbytery approve the request of the Bryson City Church to change the terms of the call to the Rev. Samuel L. Rochester from $4,000.00 to $4,206.75 and the annuity payments raised to $477.25. The request of the Bryson City Church was granted.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Dr. Paul Warren, Chairman of Presbytery's Council, presented the report of the Council, which was received as information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Rev. W. R. Klein, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, reported that they did not have a report.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Dr. H. B. Dendy, Chairman of the Mountain Orphanage Work Committee, presented a report, which was adopted, pending the hearing of Mr. D. C. McKenzie, Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage. Mr. McKenzie spoke concerning the number of children received and cared for during the year and the progress of these, outlining the work and progress of the Orphanage. The report is as follows:

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

From January 1958, to January 1959, the Mountain Orphanage cared for fifty-seven children; twenty-three of these being girls and thirty-four boys. During the year we lost nine children. Below is a list of their names and whereabouts.

Barbara Corbin—Graduated - Freshman at Montreat.
Kay Robinson—Graduated - School of Nursing, Memorial Mission Hospital
Mickey Corbin—Dismissed to uncle - Waynesville, N. C.
Tim Corbin—Dismissed to uncle - Waynesville, N. C.
Douglas Faulkner—Dismissed to uncle - Candler, N. C.
Peggy and Jim Simpson—Dismissed to mother - Canton, N. C.
Martha Carrenger—Dismissed to friends - Bryson City, N. C.
Clifford Beck—Dismissed to sister - Hendersonville, N. C.

At the present time we have forty-eight children; twenty-one girls and twenty-seven boys. This is the smallest group of children that have been in the home for a long time. Due to the change in administration, the board gave the Superintendent permission to hold off on new applications until a close study was made on methods and procedure of admission. The study has been made and completed, and we will again be to our capacity, fifty-six children, by mid-July.

We will lose three of our children at the end of May, all three to be graduated from Owen High School. Joanne Cornwell will enter Western Carolina College to study for the teaching profession; Dan Hensley hopes to enter N. C. State to study agriculture, and Joe Robinson has won a full athletic scholarship to the University of North Carolina.

A great deal of repair has been done at the orphanage in the past year, and more is planned for the summer. Extensive repair was done to the gymnasium, and put in first class condition. The interior of the dormitory is now undergoing fresh paint.

The program or objective of the Mountain Orphanage has, and always will be, to take the child and with the help of God, and the prayers and help of the Asheville Presbytery, mold that child for a Christian Life that will be a blessing to us all.

SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman of the Committee on Sessional Records, presented a report which was received as information.

GENERAL FUND AGENCIES

The Rev. Calvin Thielman, Chairman of the General Fund Agencies, stated that there was no report.

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The North Carolina Council of Churches Committee failed to present a report.

AUDITED REPORTS

Dr. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, presented the Audited Reports for 1958 of Mountain Orphanage, Home Missions, Religious Education, Promotion Council, and Central Treasury, which were ordered not to be printed in Presbytery's Minutes, but to be filed with papers in the office of the Stated Clerk.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, Chairman of the Bills and Overtures Committee, reported that no business had been placed in its hands.

The Rev. Paul Gresham, Chairman of the Judicial Committee, reported that no business had been placed in its hands.

The Rev. G. B. Talbot, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. We wish to express to the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, our appreciation of the kind hospitality and the comfortable facilities afforded Presbytery at its Spring Meeting, April 14, 1959.
2. Our sincere and hearty thanks are extended to Mrs. G. Taggart, Church Hostess, and other members of the Church Staff, who so graciously served us the bountiful and appetizing dinner.
3. We request a copy of these resolutions be sent Dr. C. Grier Davis asking him to convey these expressions to his officers, Church Staff, and congregation.

G. B. Talbot, Chairman
Charlie Suttles
Roy W. Alexander

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Rev. Paul Gresham, Chairman of the Committee on Annuities and Ministerial Relief, presented the report of the Committee, which was received as information.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. C. Grier Davis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following report, which was adopted: We recommend:

1. That the Committee on Evangelism be an Executive Committee composed of 12 members: 1960—R. L. Sommers, E. D. Witherspoon, J. F. Dunn, Charles Hensley; 1961—Robert Potter, W. H. Marquis, J. O. Williams, Sam Patton; 1962—Warren Thuston, Chairman, Joseph Auten, Dr. H. L. Bacon, Louis Smith.

2. That the Rev. Samuel Rochester succeed Dr. A. C. Holt on the North Carolina Council of Churches, class of 1960, and to serve as Chairman of the Committee.

3. That the Rev. R. D. Bedinger succeed the Rev. Carl McCain on the Committee on Minutes of Church Courts, class of 1962.

HISTORIAN

The Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman of Committee on Executive Secretary, presented the following report, which was adopted: We recommend:

1. That Presbytery elect as historian the Rev. R. E. McClure, D. D., and that he be given, at his own choosing, release time from his office to prepare a history of the Presbytery, and that he employ any needed clerical assistance pursuant to this task, and,
2. That this task be financed from the Promotional Funds of the Presbytery, not to exceed $250.00.

SUMMER MEETING, BRYSON CITY, JULY 23rd.

The invitation from the Bryson City Church for Presbytery to hold an adjourned session with them on Tuesday, July 21, 1959 was accepted.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes were read and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Presbytery adjourned, to meet in the Bryson City Church on Tuesday, July 21, 1959, at 10:00 A. M., with prayer and the benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr.

C. R. STEGALL, SR. *Moderator*
W. G. THOMAS, *Stated Clerk*
W. C. COOPER, *Permanent Clerk*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956 Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
Summer	—Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule
1957 Winter	—Grace Covenant	Rev. Thomas Sproule
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	F. B. Gardner
Summer	—Waynesville	F. B. Gardner
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. Paul F. Warren
1958 Winter	—Franklin	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Spring	—Sylva	James S. Howell
Summer	—Black Mountain	James S. Howell
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III
1959 Winter	—Friendship	Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. S. R. Stegall, Sr.

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MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN THE UNITED STATES

ADJOURNED MEETING

SUMMER 1959

BRYSON CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Bryson City, North Carolina
JULY 21, 1959

FALL MEETING
Tuesday, October 20, 1959 — 10:00 A. M.
ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Andrews, North Carolina

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator: The Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr., Black Mountain, N. C.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. W. G. Thomas, 690 Haywood Road, Asheville, — 1962.
Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. C. Cooper, Box 248, Arden, — 1960.
Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 36 Church Street, Asheville, — 1962.
Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.
Historian: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1960—Roy P. Booth, Asheville 1st; 1961—Carl M. Sawyer, Kenilworth; 1962—George Stockton, Montreat.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis; 1963—Joe L. Hunter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Church Extension

1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. G. B. Talbot, F. B. Gardner.
1961—Rev. Robert Potter, Rev. R. L. Torrence, C. A. Stubbs, D. C. Hunter.
1962—Rev. Joseph Auten, Joe L. Hunter, S. A. Mann, James S. Howell.

Orphanage Work

1960—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Chas. A. Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.
1961—Carl R. Welte, Edward G. Roberts, Mrs. F. A. Plummer, Rev. R. D. Bedinger.
1962—C. E. Worley, J. Paul Teal, Jr., Aaron Prevost, Mrs. Wm. Charnock.

Christian Education

1960—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. Wm. R. Klein, Chairman, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Philip L. Brintnall.
1961—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. J. L. Jackson, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. R. L. Sommers, Joe E. Rose, A. H. Bryson. And the following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; Holland McSwain, President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. Geo. A. Anderson, Chairman of Senior High Fellowship; Rev. Thomas Sproule, Mrs. Joe Sursavage, Mrs. W. L. Ray, Adult Advisors of Youth Work; Mr. Thuston, Mr. Klein, Mr. McGeachy III, Directors of Senior Conference, Pioneer Camp and Junior Camp, respectively.
1962—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, George Stockton, L. B. Ordway.

Presbytery's Council

1960—Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, Mark Sumner, Sam Patton.
1961—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Kelley E. Bennett.
1962—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, George Wing, III, J. W. Byers. The following by virtue of office held: The Moderator; Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1960—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. H. B. Dendy.
1961—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, Mr. L. H. McKay.
1962—Rev. J. C. Lime, Mr. W. H. McMurray.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations: 1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, Kelley E. Bennett; 1961—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Holland McSwain; 1962—Rev. R. L. Sommers, J. R. Lewis.
World Missions: 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman; 1961—Rev. W. J. Gammon; 1962—Mr. Crawford Pearson.
Church Extension (Assembly): 1960—Rev. L. Y. Newland, Rev. Wm. R. Klein; 1961—Rev. D. P. McGeachy III, W. H. McMurray; 1962—Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. Sam Rochester, Chairman.
Christian Education (Assembly): 1960—Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman; 1961—Rev. J. H. Skelton; 1962—J. R. Lewis.
Annuities and Relief: 1960—Rev. Paul N. Gresham, Chairman; 1961—Rev. R. A. Potter; 1962—Rev. C. R. Stegall.

Evangelism:
1960—R. L. Sommers, E. D. Witherspoon, J. F. Dunn, Charles Hensley.
1961—Robert Potter, W. H. Marquis, J. O. Williams, Sam Patton.
1962—Warren Thuston, Chairman, Joseph Auten, Dr. H. L. Bacon, Louis Smith.

General Fund Agencies: 1960—C. G. Worley; 1961—Rev. Daniel E. Carlton; 1962—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Chairman.
Examining Committee—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1961; Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology: 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall; 1962—Rev. D. P. McGeachy III.
Church Government: 1961—Rev. S. L. Rochester; 1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr.
Sacraments: 1960—J. B. Frye, Chairman; 1961—Rev. O. F. Yates.
English Bible: 1960—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon; 1962—Rev. Stanley L. Bennett.
Academic and Seminary Studies: 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—Rev. Donn K. Langfitt.

DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Women's Work: 1960—Rev. W. C. Cooper, Chairman; 1961—C. J. McCarty; 1962—Rev. J. C. Lime.

Sessional Records: 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—W. A. Singleton; 1962—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; with additional appointments by the Moderator.

Minutes of Church Courts: 1960—Rev. W. H. Marquis; 1961—Rev. R. D. Bedinger; 1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman.

Program—Moderator, Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III; Stated Clerk, Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host, Rev. C. Grier Davis; and Ruling Elder from Host Church.

North Carolina Council of Churches: 1960—The Rev. Samuel L. Rochester, Chairman; Kelley E. Bennett.

Office of Executive Secretary: Rev. Robert L. Torrence, Chairman, representative from the Church Extension Committee; Rev. J. Bruce Frye, representative from the Presbytery's Council; Rev. G. B. Talbot, representative from the Christian Education Committee; Mrs. J. J. Stone, representative from the Women of the Presbytery; Rev. W. G. Thomas, representative from the Commission on the Minister and His Work; Mrs. J. Paul Teal, Jr., representative from the Mountain Orphanage; Presbyterian Survey Representative, the Rev. W. C. Cooper.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Presbyterian Foundation: Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Ruling Elders, Leon Walker, T. C. Gray, U. R. Bell, Mrs. Hugh Lamb.

The Salaries of Asheville Presbytery's Ministers: Mr. Richard E. Gordon, Chairman, O. E. Starnes, Jr., J. J. Stone, Kelley Bennett, Wm. P. Barnes, Sidney L. McCarty, R. H. Reid, Ray R. Clark.

The Centennial Committee: Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman; Rev. R. L. Sommers, Rev. D. K. Langfitt, Mr. Holland McSwain, Mark Sumner, C. A. Stubbs, Mrs. L. H. McKay, Mrs. F. N. Disbrew.

The Negro Church Committee: Dr. C. Grier Davis, Chairman; the Rev. W. R. Klein, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, O. E. Starnes, Jr., and J. H. Flanagan.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY, ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY OCTOBER, 1958

Name, Church, Institution and Class, Loan approved for 1958-59.

Walter K. Beaty, Jr., Grace Covenant Church, Asheville, N. C. Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., First Year.

A. Blake Brinkerhoff, Montreat Church, Montreat, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., Clinical Year, Westminster Church, Miami, Fla.

J. Carlton Burrell, Hazelwood Church, Hazelwood, N. C., High School, Fourth Year.

William R. English, Malvern Hills Church, Asheville, N. C., U. S. Armed Forces.

John E. Ellington, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C., Emory University, Decatur, Ga., Fourth Year.

William R. Johnson, First Church, Asheville, N. C. Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur Ga., Second Year.

William B. Leaman, Jr., Kentilworth Church, Asheville, N. C. King College, Bristol, Tenn., Fourth Year.

Thomas L. Llewelyn, Montreat Church, Montreat, N. C., Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., Senior.

Holland McSwain, Jr., First Church, Murphy, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., First Year $200 Loan.

George E. Scott, First Church, Asheville, N. C. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., teaching and graduate student.

Hubert Sneed, First Church, Murphy, N. C. King College, Bristol Tenn., Third Year.

Frederick W. Streetman, Jr., First Church, Hendersonville, N. C. Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., Fourth Year.

John B. Trotti, First Church, Asheville, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., Second Year.

George David Russell, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C. Senior, High School.

LICENTIATE

William A. Lofquist, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

CANDIDATES FOR LAY SERVICE

Miss Pearle L. Buchanan, First Church, Hendersonville, N. C. Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va., Second Year, $200.00 Loan.

Miss Jacqueline E. Gray, Friendship Church, Black Mountain, N. C. Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va., First Year, $200.00 Loan.

Miss Edith G. Murphy, Montreat Church, Montreat, N. C., Assembly's Training School, First Year.

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Yates, Rev. O. F.
Montreat, N. C.

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Bethel C		
Black Mountain	Mr. E. E. White Black Mountain, N. C.	T. H. Rankin W. N. C. Sanatorium Black Mountain, N. C.
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Etowah	J. L. Gash Rt. 1, Pisgah Forest, N. C.	Miss Pearl Gash Etowah, N. C.
Franklin	John A. Bulgin Franklin, N. C.	J. Ward Long Franklin, N. C.
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Montreat	C. A. Stubbs Montreat, N. C.	George Stockton Montreat, N. C.
Morrison	C. Bryant McClure R.F.D. 2, Franklin, N. C.	Miss Winnie Bailes Rt. 2, Franklin, N. C.
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DOCKET SCHEDULE

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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

ADJOURNED SESSION

Summer Meeting 1959

Asheville Presbytery met in the Bryson City Presbyterian Church, Bryson City, N. C., on Tuesday, July 21, 1959, at 10:00 A. M. The Moderator, the Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr., constituted Presbytery with prayer. Candidate W. R. Covin conducted the opening worship, reading Acts 16: 25-34, and preached a sermon on "The Extra Ordinary People".

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk, Dr. W. G. Thomas, called the roll of Ministers and the following were present:

Joseph Auten, Robert D. Bedinger, Stanley L. Bennett, B. B. Breitenhirt, Daniel Carlton, W. C. Cooper, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. Bruce Frye, Paul N. Gresham, William R. Klein, D. K. Langfitt, J. Clayton Lime, W. H. Marquis, R. E. McClure, D. P. McGeachy, III, L. T. Newland, Ben F. Ormand, W. W. Pharr, Robert A. Potter, S. L. Rochester, Richard L. Sommers, James H. Skelton, Jr., John Somerville, Thomas Sproule, C. R. Stegall, Sr., W. G. Thomas, Warren F. Thuston, Paul F. Warren, and E. D. Witherspoon, Jr. (30)

The Permanent Clerk, the Rev. W. C. Cooper, called the roll of the Churches and the following were represented:

Andrews, L. B. Nichols; Asheville First, Clyde Blair and Allen T. Morrison; Bethel (Haywood), Clifton S. Terrell; Black Mountain, J. O. Williams; Brevard-Davidson River, John R. Folger, Jr.; Brittain's Cove, Charlie P. Hensley; Bryson City, S. W. Black; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Franklin, Horace T. Nolen; Grace Covenant, J. F. Prakke; Hayesville, W. F. Manus; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerville; Hendersonville, A. G. Randolph, Jr.; Highlands, O. F. Summers; Ivy Park, T. G. Penland; Kenilworth, E. H. Lesesne; Malvern Hills, Jack H. Duckett; Mills River, Albert Holden; Montreat, George E. Stockton; Murphy, W. A. Singleton; Oak Forest, O. E. Starnes, Jr.; Swannanoa, J. H. Davidson; Sylva, A. H. Bryson; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, Charles E. Smith; West Asheville, C. E. Worley; Westminster, W. J. Potter. (28)

VISITORS

Dr. Vernon S. Broyles of Atlanta Presbytery, the Rev. James L. Jackson of Suwannee Presbytery, the Rev. J. R. Williams of

Charleston Presbytery, and the Rev. F. F. Schell of the Presbytery of Newton of the United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Ben Dunagan, Thomas L. Llewelyn, and James A. Pippin, Student Pastors; Miss Edith G. Murphy, Kelly E. Bennett, J. T. Brittain, Thomas Calahan, M. B. Corbertt, D. W. Dudley, R. D. Eskridge, W. E. Fischer, W. T. Tlyams, W. A. Franklin, Dave Hilley, John Johnson, T. R. Law, Jr., S. A. Mann, J. V. McHan, W. P. McLean, W. W. Morrison, W. S. Mosley, of Richmond, Va., Roy W. Phillips, and T. H. Rankin, were introduced as visitors.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following ministers were excused from attendance at this meeting of Presbytery: W. J. Gammon, W. B. Kennedy, G. B. Talbot, Calvin Thielman, Robert Torrence, and W. W. Smith.

LETTERS

The Stated Clerk was instructed to write letters to the following ill ministers: G. B. Talbot, Calvin Thielman, and W. W. Smith.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. Sam L. Rochester, Host Pastor, welcomed Presbytery and presented the report of the Program Committee. The printed docket was adopted with the following changes: 1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 and reconvene at 1:30 P. M.; 2. That the report of Presbytery's Council be heard at 11:00 A. M.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were read and disposed of as follows:

1. Letters from Geo. A. Abbott, G. B. Talbot, and W. G. Lingo were referred to proper time on the docket.
2. A request from the Rev. Calvin Thielman for dissolution of pastorate with the Waynesville Presbyterian Church was granted after hearing from the Church.

3. A request from Stanley L. Bennett for dissolution of pastorate with the Montreat Church and permission to labor outside of the bounds of Presbytery was granted after hearing from the Church.
4. Certificates of the Rev. J. L. Jackson and the Rev. J. R. Williams were referred to proper time on the docket.
5. A request from Candidate O. L. Norment, Jr., for transfer to Fayetteville Presbytery was granted.
6. Certificate of Candidate Riley Covin was referred to the proper time on the docket.
7. A letter from Dr. E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly was received as information.
8. A letter from Dr. J. G. Patton of the General Assembly General Council was placed in the hands of Presbytery's Council.
9. A letter from Mr. Fred Olhs of the General Assembly's TRAV Committee was read and received as information.
10. A letter from Dr. E. C. Scott that Presbyterian Survey subscriptions be encouraged and that a survey representative be appointed was placed in the hands of the Nominating Committee.
11. A letter from Dr. E. C. Scott enclosing suggested addition to the Book of Church Order on "United" or "Federated" Churches for advice and consent of Presbytery was docketed for the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.
12. An offer of the Beacon Manufacturing Company to the Mountain Orphanage relating to the Orphanage swimming pool was approved.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Dr. Paul Warren, Chairman of Presbytery's Council, presented the Council's report. Pending action on the report Presbytery heard Dr. Vernon S. Broyles, Jr., of Atlanta, Georgia. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL TO MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY, JULY 21, 1959

The Presbytery's Council continues to be alert as to the financial program of our Church. It is the desire of the Council to keep the Presbytery informed as to the genuine needs and also the minimum askings of the various agencies of the Church. During the past year your Chairman has been a part of a special committee appointed by the Synod's Council to study and work out a plan in which all causes participating in the budget of the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery would receive their full proportionate share. These meetings have resulted in a revision of the apportionment from the four Presbyteries to read as follows:

Presbytery	1959	*G. A.* 1960	*Synod*
Knoxville	40%	44.4%	
Holston	25%	25.1%	
Abingdon	20%	16.3%	
Asheville	15%	14.2%	13.9%

Therefore, the askings of the General Assembly's agencies approved by the 1959 General Assembly and apportioned to the Synod of Appalachia and to the four Presbyteries are as follows:

	Synod	*Abingdon* 16.3%	*Asheville* 14.2%	*Holston* 25.1%	*Knoxville* 44.4%
World Missions 49.31%	$286,150	$ 46,642	$ 40,633	$ 71,824	$127,051
Church Extension 19.85%	115,196	18,777	16,358	28,914	51,147
Christian Educ. 9.69%	56,218	9,163	7,983	14,111	24,961
Annuities & Rel. 5.54%	32,138	5,238	4,564	8,067	14,269
Gen. Fund Agen. 15.35%	89,069	14,518	12,648	22,356	39,547
Inter-Church Agen. .26%	1,490	243	212	374	661
	$580,261	$ 94,581	$ 82,398	$145,646	$257,636

Since the Synod's agencies only received last year 65% of their askings from the churches of the Synod, the Synod adopted the recommendation of the Synod's Council that the askings for Synod's agencies be increased sufficiently so that income adequate for the operation of these agencies would be assured.

It is also recommended that the Christian Education Committee's askings be increased considerably to provide for the following: a Vocational Guidance Center which has been set up at King College; the addition of a Student Worker at East Tennessee State College; an expanding program at Appalachian State Teachers College; and the securing of a Field Worker in Christian Education for the Synod.

	Synod	*Abingdon* 16.8%	*Asheville* 13.9%	*Holston* 29.4%	*Knoxville* 39.9%
King College 64.23%	$171,900	$ 28,879	$ 23,894	$ 50,539	$ 68,588
Seminaries 12.67%	33,900	5,695	4,712	9,967	13,526
Christian Educ. 22.51%	60,260	10,124	9,376	17,716	24,044

Church Extension .59%	1,575	265	219	463	628
	$267,635	$ 44,963	$ 37,201	$ 78,685	$106,786

A careful analysis of the giving record of Asheville Presbytery over the past five years shows that the anticipated income for 1960 will be approximately $174,000. This figure is over $39,000 short of what we will need. In the light of this whole picture, your Council went on record as approving the principle of equalizing the distribution of benevolences so that each cause will share proportionately in the budget.

In view of these facts, your Council makes the following recommendations:

1) That the Presbytery continue to operate under the plan to equalize the distribution of benevolences, so that each cause will share proportionately in the budget on the basis of their askings, it being understood that all designated gifts for specific causes shall be transmitted in full to that specific cause.

2) That the Presbytery adopt an "askings budget" for 1960 or $213,765, and that the individual churches and members are challenged to increase their giving for the coming year by 20%.

3) That the direction of Presbytery, that $5,000 be applied annually for Camp Site, be amended to read $2,500 for 1960.

4) That the Presbytery adopt the following plan of distribution for 1960:

General Assembly	*Askings*	*Disbursements*
World Missions	$40,633	$30,475
Church Extension	16,358	12,268
Christian Education	7,983	5,987
Annuities & Relief	4,564	3,423
Gen. Fund Agencies	12,648	9,486
Inter-Church Agen.	212	159
TOTAL	$82,398	$61,798

(Assembly on basis of 75% of Askings)

Synod		
King College	$23,894	$16,815
Seminaries	4,712	3,314
Christian Educ.	8,376	5,893
Church Extension	219	152
Montreat College	6,000	4,224
Davidson College	1,000	704
TOTAL	$44,201	$31,102

(Synod on basis of 70.4% of Askings)

Presbytery		
Mtn. Orphanage	$41,081	$42,000
Church Extension	38,000	35,000
Christian Education	2,985	1,500
Promotion	100	100
Campsite	5,000	2,500
TOTAL	$87,166	$81,100

(Presbytery on basis of 100% of realistic needs determined after consultation with chairmen of each cause)

Disbursements on basis of anticipated income from all sources to the Budget of $174,000.

In 1959 Synod and Assembly are receiving 69.5% of their askings, while Presbytery is receiving 85% of its askings. Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly are all receiving a higher percentage of their askings in 1960 than in 1959, but in some instances it means less money because our askings are less.

5) That the Presbytery instruct the Central Treasurer to distribute the benevolent receipts in such a manner that each cause will receive its proportionate share in terms of dollars and cents on a congregational level or basis.

6) That every Church canvass be conducted by laymen during the month of September, and that the schedule be arranged as the first order of business after lunch.

7) The Stewardship Emphasis begins October 4, 1959, and we recommend that November 8, 1959 be set aside as Every Member Canvass Day, using the theme, "The Work We Do Together."

8) That each local church submit to the Chairman of Presbytery's Council by January 10, 1960, a figure that will indicate an increase over past giving to Benevolences.

9) That the expense of the Commission on the Minister and his Work come from the Stated Clerk's office rather than from Promotion.

10) That the per capita tax for 1960 be increased 8c from 37c to 45c.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul F. Warren, Chairman
Presbytery's Council

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The Moderator, the Rev. C. R. Stegall, appointed the following Standing Committees:

BILLS AND OVERTURES: The Rev. W. R. Klein, the Rev. R. L. Sommers, and the Rev. Thomas Sproule.

JUDICIAL: The Rev. Paul Gresham, and ruling elders, J. O. Williams, and C. E. Worley.

RESOLUTIONS: The Rev. Eugene Witherspoon, the Rev. Joseph Auten, and ruling elder George Stockton.

RECESS

Dr. H. B. Dendy led Presbytery in a prayer of thanks before recess was taken for lunch.

Presbytery re-convened at 1:30 P. M. with prayer by Dr. W. W. Pharr.

RESOLUTIONS

While at lunch the Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Jr., Chairman of the Resolutions Committee presented the following report which was adopted by a rising vote:

1. We are grateful to the Bryson City Church for the kind hospitality and facilities given Presbytery at its Summer Meeting, July 21, 1959.
2. Our sincere and hearty thanks are extended to the Women of the Church who served us the bountiful and appetizing dinner.

EVERY CHURCH CANVASS

The Rev. Ben Ormand secured schedule for Every Church Canvass during the month of September.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

The Rev. J. L. Jackson of Suwannee Presbytery, and the Rev. J. R. Williams of Charleston Presbytery were received after examinations on Experimental Religion and views touching Theology, Church Government, and Sacraments, and signing the Ex Animo Statement.

INSTALLATION OF J. L. JACKSON

The Commission on the Minister and His Work approved the Call of the Malvern Hills Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. L. Jackson and recommended that the Call be found in order and placed in his hands; which was done. After Mr. Jackson's acceptance of the Call the following Commission for Installation was appointed:

The Installation of the Rev. James L. Jackson as pastor in the Malvern Hills Church, Sunday, August 9, 1959, at 8:00 P. M.: The Rev. W. G. Thomas to Preside, the Rev. R. E. McClure to Preach the Sermon, the Rev. C. R. Stegall to Charge the Minister, Elder Ben H. Evans to Charge the Congregation, Elder Hugh Lamb to serve as Secretary, and Elder R. L. Prevost to serve as alternate.

EXAMINATION, ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RILEY COVIN

Mr. Riley Covin was received as a Candidate on Certificate from Piedmont and Presbytery proceeded with examination for Ordination.

The Moderator, the Rev. C. R. Stegall conducted the examination on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry, which were sustained as satisfactory.

The examination on Theology was conducted by the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, which was sustained as satisfactory.

Dr. W. W. Pharr conducted the examination on Church Government which was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination of Mr. Covin on Sacraments was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Frye, which was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. Eugene Witherspoon conducted the examination on English Bible which was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. Thomas Sproule reported on the Sermon, Thesis, and Exegesis, which were accepted as satisfactory.

The examination as a whole was approved as satisfactory.

The Rev. Ben Ormand, Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, read the Call of the Bethel Church and the Church Extension Committee for the pastoral services of Mr. Riley Covin. The Call was found in order and placed in Mr. Covin's hands and he signified his acceptance.

Presbytery appointed the following Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Covin as pastor of the Bethel (Haywood) Church, in the Bethel Church on Sunday, August 9, 1959, at 8 P. M. Ministers: R. L. Sommers, Joseph Auten, Chairman, J. C. Lime, and W. H. Marquis; Ruling Elders: C. Bruce Hunter, and G. C. Summerrow, the parts to be assigned by the

Commission. Dr. T. H. Spence, Jr., a member of Concord Presbytery and Mr. J. O. Covin, ruling elder in the Belton Church, Belton, S. C., are invited to sit with the Commission as visiting brethren.

CANDIDATES

Mr. Thomas L. Llewelyn, a member of the Montreat Church was presented to Prebytery, and the Chairman of the Committee on Candidates, the Rev. W. C. Cooper, reported that the Committee recommended Mr. Llewelyn as a candidate and moved that Presbytery receive him as a candidate under the care of Presbytery after examination.

Mr. Llewelyn was examined on experimental religion and motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry, which were approved as satisfactory. The Moderator, the Rev. C. R. Stegall, asked the Constitutional Questions which were answered satisfactorily, and Charged the candidate and led Presbytery in prayer.

Miss Edith Grey Murphy of the Montreat Church was presented to Presbytery, and the Rev. W. C. Cooper, Chairman of the Committee on Candidates reported that the Committee recommended that Miss Murphy be approved as a Candidate for Lay Service, which was done.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. Ben Ormand, Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, presented the report which was received and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That Presbytery endorse Rev. Stanley L. Bennett for appointment as an Evangelistic Missionary under our Board.
2. That Presbytery acting on the request of the Synod of Appalachia appoint a Permanent Committee on Ministers' Salaries (to be composed of laymen only) and that the membership of this committee be referred to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev. G. B. Talbot and Ruling Elders, George A. Abbott and W. G. Lingo presented written reports of their attendance

at the 99th General Assembly which were received as information and they were commended for their diligence.

Mr. J. H. Flanagan, the Rev. W. R. Klein, and the Rev. C. R. Stegall made oral reports of their attendance at the General Assembly which were received as information and they were commended for their diligence.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

The Rev. W. R. Klein, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee presented the committee's report which was received as information.

PRESBYTERY'S CHURCH EXTENSION REPORT

Dr. C. G. Davis, Chairman of the Committee of Presbytery's Church Extension made a report which was received as information.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION SEASON

Dr. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, presented the report of the Special Committee on The Church Extension Season which was received as information and the committee dissolved.

NEGRO CHURCHES

The whole question of the organization of a negro church was postponed until the Fall Meeting, with the appointment, by the Moderator, of a special committee to study the matter and report at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery. The Moderator appointed the following committee: Ministers: C. G. Davis, W. R. Klein, and H. B. Dendy, and ruling elders: O. E. Starnes, Jr., and J. H. Flanagan.

ASSEMBLY'S CHURCH EXTENSION

The Rev. S. L. Rochester, Chairman of the Assembly's Church Extension Committee reported that there was no report.

EVANGELISM REPORT

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented by the chairman, Dr. Warren Thuston, which was received as information and the recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That Presbytery urge all churches to exercise their opportunity to reach men for Christ and development of Christians during the summer and fall seasons by all means available: Visitation Evangelism and Special Services.
2. That the Committee on Evangelism be contacted for advice and help in promoting special Evangelism Season.
3. That Presbytery endorse and finance the attendance of the chairman at an Evangelism Workshop on "Person to Person Evangelism" being held at Union Seminary by the Assembly Committee, July 27 - August 1.
4. That the Presbytery's Committee on Evangelism be given a place on the docket of the Fall Meeting of Presbytery in order that they may report on the Workshop and that a full Committee meeting may be held.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. C. G. Davis, Chairman, presented the report of the Nominating Committee which was adopted as follows:

1. That Robt. Potter succeed Stanley Bennett, Class 1961, Church Extension Committee.
2. That Joseph Auten succeed Calvin Thielman, Class 1962, Church Extension Committee.
3. That J. L. Jackson succeed Calvin Thielman, Class 1961, Christian Education Committee.
4. That W. C. Cooper be the Presbyterian Survey representative.

PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

Dr. P. F. Warren, Chairman of the Committee on Presbyterian Foundation presented a report which was received as information.

The Committee on The Salaries of Ministers presented no report.

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman of the Centennial Committee stated that they had no report.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Rev. W. R. Klein, Chairman of the Bills and Overtures Committee reported that no business had come into their hands.

The Rev. P. N. Gresham, Chairman of the Judicial Committee reported that we had no business to transact.

The Resolution Committee reported during the lunch hour.

CHANGE OF STATED MEETINGS

Presbytery passed on first reading and docketed for final action at the Fall Meeting the change in the Manual, "Asheville Presbytery shall hold TWO stated meetings each year on the Tuesday after the Third Sunday in January and July."

DISSOLUTION OF ROBBINSVILLE AND WHITE OAK CHURCHES

The State Clerk, Dr. W. G. Thomas, presented the report on the Dissolution of the Robbinsville and White Oak Churches which was adopted.

THE DISSOLUTION OF THE ROBBINSVILLE AND WHITE OAK CHURCHES

(See Presbytery of Asheville, Spring Minutes—Page 12)

As no protests against the dissolution of the Robbinsville and White Oak Churches have been received by the Stated Clerk, it is recommended that the churches be dissolved as of July 21, 1959; and that the members of the Robbinsville Church be assigned to the Andrews Church, Andrews, N. C., and the members of the White Oak Church be assigned to the membership of the Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C., unless the individuals request otherwise.

It is further recommended that the Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk of Presbytery, be designated as the official custodian of the records of the churches, and that when all matters pertaining to the dissolution of the churches have been completed, all records be deposited in the Historical Foundation, Montreat, N. C.

HISTORY OF MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The Rev. R. D. Bedinger was appointed to write the section on the Mountain Orphanage in Presbytery's History with expenses up to $100 to come from the Promotional Funds.

MODERATOR IN NOMINATION

The Rev. J. Bruce Frye was elected Moderator in Nomination for the next meeting of Presbytery.

PLACE OF FALL MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Andrews Church, Andrews, N. C. to meet at Andrews on Tuesday, October 20, 1959, at 10:00 A. M.

THE READING OF THE MINUTES

The Permanent Clerk read the Minutes which were approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 10:00 A. M. on Tuesday, October 20, 1959 at the Andrews Presbyterian Church, Andrews, N. C., with prayer and the benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956 Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
Summer	—Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule
1957 Winter	—Grace Covenant	Rev. Thomas Sproule
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	F. B. Gardner
Summer	—Waynesville	F. B. Gardner
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. Paul F. Warren
1958 Winter	—Franklin	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Spring	—Sylva	James S. Howell
Summer	—Black Mountain	James S. Howell
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III
1959 Winter	—Friendship	Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr.
Summer	—Bryson City	Rec. C. R. Stegall, Sr.

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator: Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Horse Shoe, N. C.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. W. G. Thomas, 690 Haywood Road, Asheville, — 1962.

Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. C. Cooper, Box 245, Arden, — 1960.

Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 36 Church Street, Asheville, — 1962.

Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

Historian: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1960—Roy P. Booth, Asheville 1st; 1961—Carl M. Sawyer, Kenilworth; 1962—George Stockton, Montreat.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis; 1963—Joe L. Hunter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Church Extension

1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. G. B. Talbot, F. B. Gardner.
1961—Rev. Robert Potter, Rev. R. L. Torrence, C. A. Stubbs, D. C. Hunter.
1962—Rev. Joseph Auten, Joe L. Hunter, S. A. Mann, James S. Howell.

Orphanage Work

1960—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, Chas A. Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.
1961—Carl R. Welte, Edward G. Roberts, Mrs. F. A. Plummer, Rev. R. D. Bedinger.
1962—C. E. Worley, J. Paul Teal, Jr., Aaron Prevost, Mrs. Wm. Charnock.

Christian Education

1960—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Joseph L. Auten, Chairman, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Philip L. Brintnall.
1961—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. J. L. Jackson, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. R. L. Sommers, Joe E. Rose, A. H. Bryson. And the following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; Holland McSwain, President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. Geo. A. Anderson, Chairman of Senior High Fellowship; Rev. Thomas Sproule, Mrs. Joe Bursavage, Mrs. W. L. Ray, Adult Advisors of Youth Work.
1962—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, George Stockton, L. B. Ordway.

Presbytery's Council

1960—Mark Sumner, Sam Patton.
1961—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Kelley E. Bennett.
1962—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, George Wing, III, J. W. Byers. The following by virtue of office held: The Moderator; Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1960—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. H. B. Dendy.
1961—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, Mr. L. H. McKay.
1962—Rev. J. C. Lime, Mr. W. H. McMurray.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations: 1960—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Kelley E. Bennett; 1961—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Holland McSwain; 1962—Rev. R. L. Sommers, Chairman, J. R. Lewis.

World Missions: 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman; 1961—Rev. W. J. Gammon; 1962—Mr. Crawford Pearson.

Church Extension (Assembly): 1960—Rev. L. Y. Newland; 1961—W. H. McMurray; 1962—Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. Sam Rochester, Chairman.

Christian Education (Assembly): 1960—Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman; 1961—Rev. J. H. Skelton; 1962—J. R. Lewis.

Annuities and Relief: 1961—Rev. R. A. Potter; 1962—Rev. C. R. Stegall.

Evangelism:
1960—R. L. Sommers, J. F. Dunn, Charles Hensley.
1961—Robert Potter, W. H. Marquis, J. O. Williams, Sam Patton.
1962—Warren Thuston, Chairman, Joseph Auten, Dr. H. L. Bacon, Louis Smith.

General Fund Agencies: 1960—C. G. Worley; 1961—Rev. Daniel E. Carlton; 1962—Rev. Calvin Thielman, Chairman.

Examining Committee—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, 1961; Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology: 1960—Rev. C. R. Stegall.
Church Government: 1961—Rev. S. L. Rochester; 1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr.
Sacraments: 1960—J. B. Frye, Chairman.
English Bible: 1962—Rev. Stanley L. Bennett.
Bennett.
Academic and Seminary Studies: 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—Rev. Donn K. Langfitt.

DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Women's Work: 1960—Rev. W. C. Cooper, Chairman; 1961—C. J. McCarty; 1962—Rev. J. C. Lime.

Sessional Records: 1960—Rev. Thomas Sproule; 1961—W. A. Singleton; 1962—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; with additional appointments by the Moderator.

Minutes of Church Courts: 1960—Rev. W. H. Marquis; 1961—Rev. R. D. Bedinger; 1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman.

Program—Moderator, Rev. J. Bruce Frye; Stated Clerk, Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host, Rev. R. L. Sommers; and Ruling Elder from Host Church.

North Carolina Council of Churches: 1960—The Rev. Samuel L. Rochester, Chairman; Kelley E. Bennett.

Office of Executive Secretary: Rev. Robert L. Torrence, Chairman, representative from the Church Extension Committee; Rev. J. Bruce Frye, representative from the Presbytery's Council; Rev. G. B. Talbot, representative from the Christian Education Committee; Mrs. J. J. Stone, representative from the Women of the Presbytery; Rev. W. G. Thomas, representative from the Commission on the Minister and His Work; Mrs. J. Paul Teal, Jr., representative from the Mountain Orphanage; Presbyterian Survey Representative, the Rev. W. C. Cooper.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Presbyterian Foundation: Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Ruling Elders, Leon Walker, T. C. Gray, U. R. Bell, Mrs. Hugh Lamb.

The Salaries of Asheville Presbytery's Ministers: Mr. Richard E. Gordon, Chairman, O. E. Starnes, Jr., J. J. Stone, Kelley Bennett, Wm. P. Barnes, Sidney L. McCarty, R. H. Reid, Ray R. Clark.

The Centennial Committee: Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman; Rev. R. L. Sommers, Rev. D. K. Langfitt, Mr. Holland McSwain, Mark Sumner, C. A. Stubbs, Mrs. L. H. McKay, Mrs. F. N. Disbrew.

The Negro Church Committee: Dr. C. Grier Davis, Chairman; the Rev. Joe Auten, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, O. E. Starnes, Jr., and J. H. Flanagan.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY, ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
OCTOBER, 1958

Name, Church, Institution and Class, Loan approved for 1958-59.

Walter K. Beaty, Jr., Grace Covenant Church, Asheville, N. C. Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., First Year.

A. Blake Brinkerhoff, Montreat Church, Montreat, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., Clinical Year, Westminster Church, Miami, Fla.

J. Carlton Burrell, Hazelwood Church, Hazelwood, N. C., High School, Fourth Year.

William R. English, Malvern Hills Church, Asheville, N. C., U. S. Armed Forces.

John E. Ellington, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C., Emory University, Decatur, Ga., Fourth Year.

William R. Johnson, First Church, Asheville, N. C. Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur Ga., Second Year.

William B. Leaman, Jr., Kenilworth Church, Asheville, N. C. King College, Bristol, Tenn., Fourth Year.

Thomas L. Llewelyn, Montreat Church, Montreat, N. C., Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., Senior.

Holland McSwain, Jr., First Church, Murphy, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., First Year $300 Loan.

George E. Scott, First Church, Asheville, N. C. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., teaching and graduate student.

Hubert Sneed, First Church, Murphy, N. C. King College, Bristol Tenn., Third Year.

Frederick W. Streetman, Jr., First Church, Hendersonville, N. C. Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., Fourth Year.

John B. Trotti, First Church, Asheville, N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., Second Year.

George David Russell, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C. Senior, High School.

LICENTIATE

William A. Lofquist, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

CANDIDATES FOR LAY SERVICE

Miss Pearle L. Buchanan, First Church, Hendersonville, N. C. Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va., Second Year, $200.00 Loan.

Miss Jacqueline E. Gray, Friendship Church, Black Mountain, N. C. Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va., First Year, $200.00 Loan.

Miss Edith G. Murphy, Montreat Church, Montreat, N. C., Assembly's Training School, First Year.

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Franklin	John A. Bulgin Franklin, N. C.	J. Ward Long Franklin, N. C.
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Lakey Gap	Robert R. Clements Black Mountain, N. C.	William L. Clements, Jr. Black Mountain, N. C.
Malvern Hills	Walker M. Harbin 103 Middlemont Ave. Asheville, N. C.	Charles Munch 42 Covington Street West Asheville, N. C.
Mills River	Mr. H. N. Clark R.F.D. 1, Horse Shoe, N. C.	Frank H. Burgin Fletcher, N. C.
Montreat	C. A. Stubbs Montreat, N. C.	George Stockton Montreat, N. C.
Morrison	C. Bryant McClure R.F.D. 2, Franklin, N. C.	Miss Winnie Bailes Rt. 2, Franklin, N. C.
Murphy	W. A. Singleton Murphy, N. C.	Robert M. White Murphy, N. C.
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Sylva	J. F. Dunn Sylva, N. C.	M. C. Cunningham Box 123, Sylva, N. C.
Waynesville	R. L. Prevost Hazelwood, N. C.	C. R. Border Hazelwood, N. C.
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DOCKET SCHEDULE

WINTER MEETING

Sermon by Moderator
Communion Service
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly
Reports of Presbytery Officers
Reports of Commissions — Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Home Missions
Mountain Orphanage
Education
B. Permanent Committees
Office of Executive Secretary
World Missions
Nominations
Evangelism
Women's Work
Sessional Records
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

SPRING MEETING

Devotional by Moderator
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Education
Mountain Orphanage
B. Permanent Committees
General Fund Agencies
N. C. Council of Churches
C. Standing and Special Committees
Report on Audits
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Nomination of Moderator
Reading of the Minutes
Adjournment

SUMMER MEETING

Sermon by Moderator or Sermons by Candidates
Communion Service
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissioners to General Assembly
Report of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Report of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Education, Presbytery
Home Missions, Presbytery
B. Permanent Committees
Church Extension, Assembly
Christian Education, Assembly
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

FALL MEETING

Devotional by Moderator
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions
Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
The Mountain Orphanage
Education
Home Missions
B. Permanent Committees
Annuities and Relief
Minutes of Church Courts
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Nomination of Moderator
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

CALLED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Asheville, N. C., August 22, 1959

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina, August 22, 1959 at 2 P. M. in response to the following call:

Asheville, N. C.
August 10, 1959

The Constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Saturday afternoon, August 22nd, at 2:00 P. M., for the transaction of the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To consider the request of the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Sylva Presbyterian Church, and to grant him a certificate of dismission to Athens Presbytery.
2. To transact any business growing out of the above.

C. R. Stegall, Moderator

Attest: W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk

The meeting was called to order and convened in prayer by the Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr., Moderator.

The following were present:

MINISTERS: W. C. Cooper, W. R. Covin, C. G. Davis, J. L. Jackson, R. E. McClure, D. P. McGeachy, III, C. R. Stegall, Sr., and W. G. Thomas.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED: Bethel (Haywood), C. S. Rawlins; Malvern Hills, J. H. Duckett; Oak Forest, H. E. Lamb; and Weaverville, C. E. Smith.

A quorum was declared present. The call was read by the Stated Clerk, W. G. Thomas, found in order and Presbytery proceeded to the business as listed in the call.

The Rev. A. M. McGeachy of Birmingham Presbytery was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Resignation of the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III

The Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III, tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge to the Presbytery and requested dissolution of the pastoral relationship between him and the Sylva Church, terminating September 1, 1959, and that he be granted a certificate of dismission to Athens Presbytery.

W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk, read the Minutes of the Congregation of the Sylva Church concurring with the request of Mr. McGeachy.

Presbytery accepted Mr. McGeachy's resignation and dissolved the relation between him and the Sylva Church, and declared the pulpit vacant as of September 1, 1959, and granted him a certificate of dismission to Athens Presbytery.

Doctors C. G. Davis, R. E. McClure, and W. G. Thomas spoke words of appreciation of the ministry of Mr. McGeachy.

Presbytery was adjourned with prayer and the benediction by the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III.

C. R. Stegall, Sr., Moderator
W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk
W. C. Cooper, Permanent Clerk

CALLED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Asheville, N. C., September 22, 1959

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina, September 22, 1959 at 2:30 P. M. in response to the following call:

Asheville, N. C.
September 9, 1959

The Constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Tuesday, September 22, 1959, 2:30 P. M., for the transaction of the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To consider the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Eugene Witherspoon, Jr., and the Andrews Presbyterian Church, and to grant him a certificate of dismission to Concord Presbytery.
2. To consider the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. William R. Klein and the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, and to grant him a certificate of dismission to Bethel Presbytery.
3. To transact any business growing out of the above.
4. The approval of the Rev. Thomas Sproule for an appointment as a Chaplain in the United States Air Force Reserve.

C. R. Stegall, Sr., Moderator

Attest: W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk

The meeting was called to order and was led in prayer by Dr. Paul Warren, the last Moderator present.

The following were present:

MINISTERS: Joseph Auten, W. C. Cooper, J. B. Frye, W. J. Gammon, P. N. Gresham, W. R. Klein, Donn Langfitt, R. E. McClure, W. W. Pharr, R. L. Sommers, Thomas Sproule, G. B. Talbot, W. G. Thomas, W. F. Thuston, P. F. Warren, and Eugene Witherspoon, Jr.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED: Black Mountain, J. O. Williams; Montreat, J. W. Miller; Oak Forest, O. E. Starnes; and Weaverville, C. E. Smith.

Ruling Elders Donn McKenzie and Rush Whitmire were introduced as visitors.

A quorum was declared present. The State Clerk, W. G. Thomas, read the call which was found in order and Presbytery proceeded to the business as listed in the call.

The Rev. R. D. Bedinger, Dr. H. B. Dendy, and Dr. W. B. Kennedy were excused from attendance at this meeting.

RESIGNATION OF EUGENE WITHERSPOON

The Rev. Eugene Witherspoon requested the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between him and the Andrews Church, effective October 1, 1959, and the granting of a certificate of dismission to Concord Presbytery. The Minutes of the Congregational Meeting of the Andrews Church, concurring with Mr. Witherspoon's request, was read. Mr. Witherspoon's requests were granted, and the pulpit of the Andrews Church was

declared vacant as of October 1, 1959. Doctors W. F. Thuston and R. E. McClure spoke complimentary of Mr. Witherspoon's ministry.

RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM R. KLEIN

The Rev. W. R. Klein requested that the pastoral relationship between him and the Black Mountain Church be dissolved effective October 7, 1959, and that he be granted a certificate of dismission to Bethel Presbytery. Ruling Elders J. O. Williams and Donn McKenzie of the Black Mountain Church stated that the congregation concurred with Mr. Klein's request, and they spoke highly of Mr. Klein's ministry as their pastor. The requests of Mr. Klein were granted and the pulpit was declared vacant effective October 7, 1959. The Rev. W. W. Pharr and the Rev. Joseph Auten spoke complimentary of the ministry of Mr. Klein.

THE ENDORSEMENT OF THOMAS SPROULE

The Rev. Thomas Sproule requested the endorsement of Presbytery for appointment as Chaplain in the United States Air Force (Reserve), which was granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. P. N. Gresham.

Paul Warren, Moderator
W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk
W. C. Cooper, Permanent Clerk

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

One Hundred and Fifty-Third Stated Session

FALL MEETING 1959

Asheville Presbytery met for its one hundred and fifty-third Stated Meeting in the Andrews Presbyterian Church, Andrews, North Carolina, on Tuesday, October 20, 1959, at 10:00 A. M. The Rev. Thomas Sproule, the last Moderator present, called Presbytery to order and offered the prayer.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk, W. G. Thomas, called the rolls and the following were present:

MINISTERS: Joseph Auten, R. D. Bedinger, B. B. Breitenhirt, Dan E. Carlton, W. C. Cooper, Riley Covin, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. Bruce Frye, W. J. Gammon, James L. Jackson, D. K. Langfitt, J. C. Lime, W. H. Marquis, R. E. McClure, Ben F. Ormand, W. W. Pharr, R. A. Potter, S. L. Rochester, Thomas Sproule, G. B. Talbot, W. G. Thomas and R. L. Torrence. (23)

CHURCHES: Andrews, L. B. Nichols; Arden, R. C. Hunter; Asheville First, Harry McDonnold and Dr. G. F. Parker; Black Mountain, D. C. McKenzie; Brevard-Davidson River, J. H. Truesdail; Brittains Cove, H. A. Sluder; Bryson City, P. E. Brintnall; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Franklin, H. T. Nolen; Friendship, Frank Byrd; Grace Covenant, J. L. Hunter; Hayesville, Eugene Denning; Hazelwood, G. S. Summerrow; Hendersonville, F. T. Blair; Ivy Park, T. G. Penland; Kenilworth, E. L. Hulme; Malvern Hills, Clyde Horton; Mills River, L. L. Burgin; Montreat, C. A. Stubbs; Murphy, C. W. Barrett; Swannanoa, C. S. Porter; Sylva, J. E. Thompson; Weaverville, Lawrence Penland; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; West Asheville, J. A. Anderson. (26)

VISITORS

Doctors John R. Hay, R. S. Hawks of Bluestone Presbytery, and G. Aiken Taylor were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

James Pippin, Student Pastor, W. H. Burnette, C. S. Fox, Wayne Fox, T. C. Gray, W. F. Manus, John Miller, H. M. Stewart, H. T. Shillinglaw, E. M. Vaught, Leon Walker, Sr., were introduced as visitors.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

The Rev. W. Riley Covin was presented a Certificate of Ordination and he was enrolled as a minister of this Presbytery upon signing the Ex Animo Statement.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Ruling Elder L. B. Nichols of the Andrews Church presented the Report of the Program Committee. The printed docket was approved as the order of business with the following additions: 1. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 and reconvene at 1:30, 2. That the report of the Centennial Committee, the Rev. Ben F. Ormand, chairman, be number "d" under Reports of Special Commissions and Committees, 3. That the appointment of the Standing Committees follow the report of the Program Committee.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETINGS

The Permanent Clerk, the Rev. W. C. Cooper, read the Minutes of the Called Meetings of August 22nd and September 22nd, 1959 which were approved.

SERMON AND COMMUNION SERVICE

The Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr., Moderator, read the Scriptures from I Peter 4:1-11, and preached the sermon on the theme, "The Suffering Christ".

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt and the Rev. Joseph Auten; assisted by Ruling Elders L. B. Nichols, Lawrence Penland, T. G. Penland, and Harold Sluder.

MEMORIAL TO THE REV. O. F. YATES

The Memorial to the late Rev. O. F. Yates was received and ordered printed. The Rev. W. J. Gammon offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Mr. Yates and in behalf of his family.

Reverend Orville Ford Yates was born, January 8th, 1876, in Calloway County, about fifteen miles northeast of Fulton, Missouri, near Williamsburg. He was a son of Thomas Yates, and wife, Estaline Langtry. He graduated from Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri with the Bachelor of Letters degree in June, 1905. That college class was rather an unusual one, only four and all were Student Volunteeers for Foreign Missions service and so entered. Rev. James T. McCutchan, now of Davidson, North Carolina, went to China; William G. Coxhead went under the Young Men's Christian Association to Mexico, and is now of St. Petersburg, Florida; Rev. Clarence McCall of the Christian Church, now of Claremont, California, went to Japan; Rev. Yates was licensed and ordained a minister by Presbytery of Missouri in the fall of 1908, November, after having graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary the previous June; and soon after ordination in 1908 he went as a Missionary under the Presbyterian Committee of Foreign Missions to Hwaianfu Ku, China. In July, 1909, Miss Ellen Peck Baskerville of Hampden-Sidney, Virginia, went as a missionary to China. She and the Rev. Yates were united in marriage in 1913, and served in China until they came on furlough to the states in 1940; but war conditions prevented their return to China. They moved to Montreat, North Carolina in 1946. Mr. Yates became a member of Asheville Presbytery in January, 1955. He served for one year the Presbyterian church at Burlington, North Carolina. His wife died in Montreat February 9th, 1948, but the Rev. Yates continued to live in his home in Montreat, until his

death, very sudden due to a heart attack, Thursday, about noon, September 24th, 1959 as he walked toward the post office for his mail. Services were conducted in Montreat Saturday, 2 P. M., by the Rev. George Bird Talbot, a friend of the Rev. Yates in China, assisted by the Rev. Stacy Farrior, retired missionary, and co-worker with the Rev. Yates in China, and the Rev. William J. Gammon of Montreat, who was in college with the Rev. Yates 1902-1905, and through his Seminary course, and as neighbor for ten years in Montreat. He was laid to rest Saturday 3 P. M., by the side of his wife, in the church cemetery of Swannanoa Presbyterian church, Swannanoa, N. C. He is survived by three daughters, Catherine, wife of Rev. E. H. Gartrell, missionaries to Brazil; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Carlton White, M. D., both missionaries under the World Mission Board of Presbyterian Church, for a few years, then under the government in Cambodia in medical work, and now under the government in medical, hospital work among the Indians in North Dakota; and Virginia, the wife of Dr. Charles Miller, a teacher for some years in the American University in Beirut, Lebanon, now a teacher in Grand Rapids, Michigan in Calvin College; and a sister of the Rev. Yates, Mrs. Hester Peters, of Innakalee, Florida and some grandchildren.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. J. Bruce Frye was elected Moderator by acclamation.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

The following ministers were excused from attendance upon this meeting of Presbytery: J. H. Gruver, William Kennedy, L. T. Newland, James H. Skelton, Wade C. Smith, R. L. Sommers, Warren Thuston, Paul Warren, John R. Williams, and Ruling Elder, O. E. Starnes, Jr., of the Oak Forest Church.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were read and disposed of as follows:

1. The requests of the Rev. P. N. Gresham to be restored to the active roll and that he be granted a certificate of dismission to Enoree Presbytery were approved.
2. The Certificate of Dismission of the Rev. John R. Hay from Albemarle Presbytery was referred to the proper place on the docket.
3. The Certificate of Dismission of the Rev. G. Aiken Taylor from Louisiana Presbytery was referred to the proper place on the docket.
4. The Certificate of Dismission of the Rev. A. F. Fogartie, D.D., from East Arkansas Presbytery was referred to an Adojurned Meeting of Presbytery.

5. From the Board of Ministers' Annuity and Relief was referred to the Committee on Ministers' Annuity and Relief.
6. From Dr. James Patton to keep the year 1963 open for a Capital Funds Campaign was referred to Presbytery's Council.
7. From the Montreat Church for a Called or Adjourned Meeting of Presbytery was referred to the proper time on the docket.

DAMAGE IN JAPAN

Dr. R. E. McClure read a letter describing the damage in Japan caused by the typhoon on September 26th.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, presented the report which was received and the recommendations adopted:

1. That Presbytery approve the Rev. R. L. Torrence as Stated Supply at Etowah from Nov. 1, 1959 to Nov. 1, 1960.
2. That the Rev. R. D. Bedinger be approved as supply at Brittain's Cove until March 12, 1960.
3. The committee has examined the call of the Montreat Church to the Rev. A. F. Fogartie, D.D., and found it in order, therefore recommend that it be approved.
4. That the Churches without pastors, and Dr. C. Grier Davis and Montreat be remembered in prayer.

RESIGNATIONS OF C. GRIER DAVIS AND THOMAS SPROULE

Dr. C. Grier Davis and the Rev. Thomas Sproule requested the dissolution of pastoral relationships between them and the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., as pastor and associate pastor respectively, effective November 30, 1959. Mr. Davis has been called to become President of the Mountain Retreat Association and Montreat-Anderson College; and Mr. Sproule to serve as assistant pastor of the First Church until a Sproule will serve as assistant pastor of the First Church until a

Ruling Elder Harry McDonnold of the Church read the action of the congregation concurring with the requests.

The requests of Dr. Davis and Mr. Sproule were granted.

Dr. G. F. Parker of the First Church read a statement from the Session which was ordered printed in the minutes.

To Asheville Presbytery

As Ruling Elders, representing the Session and the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, we have been directed by the Session to present to Asheville Presbytery this expression from our church and request that it be recorded in the minutes of the Presbytery.

Whereas Dr. Calvin Grier Davis and Mrs. Davis have served our church faithfully, unselfishly and devotedly for twenty-one years and have endeared themselves to the Church as a whole and to individuals especially during this long period, we express herein our sorrow and regret at the separation from this ministry, and we wish for them many years of successful and happy service in the work of the Church, in the fulfillment of their ministry for Jesus Christ our Lord.

Whereas Rev. Thomas Sproule has faithfully and earnestly served this Church and our people, and especially our youth for five years as Associate Pastor and this relationship is being severed in connection with the resignation of our Pastor, we express our appreciation for his ministry with us, and wish for him and Mrs. Sproule a successful and satisfying experience in his coming work as our Assistant Minister and in the fulfillment of his continuing ministry in our church in the work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dr. G. Farrar Parker
Harry McDonnold

October 20, 1959.

PRAYER

The Rev. J. C. Lime led Presbytery in prayer in behalf of the vacant Churches, and Dr. C. Grier Davis and the Montreat Association and College.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES: the Rev. Joe Auten, Chrm., and Ruling Elders Harold R. Sluder and Donald C. McKenzie.
2. JUDICIARY: the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt, Chrm., the Rev. J. C. Lime, and Ruling Elder Frazier T. Blair.
3. RESOLUTIONS: the Rev. James L. Jackson, Chrm., and Ruling Elders J. E. Thompson and R. C. Hunter.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

The certificate of dismission of Dr. John R. Hay from Albemarle Presbytery was read.

The certificate of dismission of Dr. G. Aiken Taylor from Louisiana Presbytery was read.

RECESS

After announcements were made Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30. The Rev. W. Riley Covin led in prayer and grace prior to the recess.

Presbytery re-convened at 1:30 P. M. with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. J. Bruce Frye.

APPRECIATION

Ruling Elder T. C. Gray of the Hayesville Church expressed appreciation for Presbytery's assistance in the new building project at Hayesville.

RECEPTION OF NEW MINISTERS

Dr. John R. Hay of Albemarle Presbytery, and Dr. G. Aiken Taylor of Louisiana Presbytery were examined on Experimental Religion, and views touching Theology, Church Government, and Sacraments. Each part of the examination was sustained as satisfactory separately and the examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory. They were enrolled upon signing the Ex Animo Statement.

DR. TAYLOR AND THE PRESBYTERIAN JOURNAL

Dr. G. Aiken Taylor was granted permission to serve as Editor of the Presbyterian Journal.

CHANGE IN PRESBYTERY'S MANUAL

The proposed change in the Manual was adopted:

MEETINGS

Asheville Presbytery shall hold TWO stated meetings each year on the Tuesday after the Third Sunday in January and July.

Asheville Presbytery shall ordinarily adjourn the January meeting to meet in "Adjourned Session" on the Tuesday after the Third Sunday in April, and the July meeting to meet in "Adjourned Session" on the Tuesday after the Third Sunday in October.

The January meeting shall be known as the "Annual Meeting" at which time the annual reports of the churches shall be presented and the annual election of officers and committee members shall be held.

These meetings shall ordinarily convene at 10:00 A. M., and each Stated Session shall be opened with a Sermon, and a Communion Service shall be celebrated in January and July.

MODERATOR - NOMINEE

The Rev. J. Bruce Frye, present Moderator, was elected Moderator-nominee for the Winter Stated Meeting in January 1960.

AMENDMENT TO THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER DISAPPROVED

The report of Committee on Proposed Amendment to the Book of Church Order on Union Churches was presented by the chairman, the Rev. W. W. Pharr. Presbytery disapproved the Proposed Amendment.

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. J. L. JACKSON

The Report of the Commission to Install the Rev. J. L. Jackson as pastor of the Malvern Hills Church was read by Dr. W. G. Thomas and was admitted to record:

TO INSTALL THE REV. JAMES L. JACKSON

The commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery for the purpose of installing the Rev. James L. Jackson as pastor of the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church met Sunday, August 9, 1959 at 7:45 P.M. in the pastor's study of the church. Present at this meeting were: the Rev. James L. Jackson, the pastor; Dr. W. G. Thomas of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church; Dr. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of the Asheville Presbytery; the Rev. C. R. Stegall of the Friendship Presbyterian Church; and Elder H. E. Lamb of the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Dr. Thomas, chairman of the commission. H. E. Lamb was elected to serve as secretary.

The Installation Service began at 8:00 P. M., opening with hymns by the congregation and special music by the choir. The invocation was given by Dr. Thomas and the sermon was delivered by Dr. McClure. Dr. Thomas explained the meaning of the installation and asked the constitutional questions, as required by the Book of Church Order, of pastor and the congregation both answering in the affirmative.

The charge to the new pastor was given by the Rev. Stegall and the charge to the congregation was given by Dr. Thomas. A closing prayer was then made by Dr. Thomas and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Jackson.

Following the service the commission met and approved the minutes and adjourned with prayer by the chairman.

Respectfully submitted,
H. E. Lamb, Secretary

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE REV. W. R. COVIN

The report of the Commission to Ordain and Install the Rev. W. R. Covin was read by the Rev. J. C. Lime, which was admitted to record:

TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL THE REV. WILLIAM RILEY COVIN

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to ordain and install Mr. William Riley Covin, as pastor of the Bethel Church, Route 2, Canton, N. C., met in the church, Sunday night, August 9, 1959, 7:45 o'clock, with the following present: Ministers, Joseph L. Auten, J. Clayton Lime, William H. Marquis; Elders, G. C. Summerow, C. Bruce Hunter; and visiting brethren Dr. Thomas H. Spence, Concord Presbytery, Mr. J. O. Covin, an elder in the First Presbyterian Church, Belton, S. C., and the father of Mr. William Riley Covin, and the Rev. John Eliason, Orange Presbytery.

The Rev. Auten opened the meeting with prayer and the Rev. Lime was elected clerk. The commission adopted an order for the service of worship, ordination and installation, with the Rev. Joseph L. Auten, presiding.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Auten, and prayer offered by the Rev. John Eliason, the constitutional questions, as required by the Book of Church Order, were propounded to the pastor elect and the congregation both answering in the affirmative.

After laying on of hands by the commission and a prayer by the Rev. Thomas Spence, Mr. William Riley Covin was declared duly ordained and installed pastor of the Bethel Church according to the rules of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

A charge was delivered to the new pastor by the Rev. Lime; and the Rev. Marquis delivered a charge to the congregation. The Rev. William Riley Covin pronounced the benediction.

Following the service the commission met and approved the minutes and adjourned with prayer by the chairman.

The Rev. J. Clayton Lime,
Secretary

NEGRO CHURCH COMMITTEE CONTINUED

The Committee on Negro Church was continued to report

in January 1960. The Rev. Joseph Auten was elected to succeed the Rev. W. R. Klein, who has moved to another Presbytery.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PLANS

The Rev. Ben Ormand, chairman, presented the report of the Centennial Committee which was adopted:

PRESBYTERY'S CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The theme of the Centennial is "Our Presbyterian Heritage and Mission." The Committee is basing all that is planned for the observance in 1961 upon the following conception that has been approved by the 1957, 1958, and 1959 Assemblies:

> This Committee is of the conviction that the effect of the observance will depend largely on the spirit and manner in which it is carried out. Accordingly it proposes that the Centennial program be designed primarily to point the Church forward. While our appreciation for the abiding value in our heritage should be deepened, we should be chiefly concerned to clarify our vision of our future role and receive fresh stimulus in the service of our Lord. Furthermore, the Committee hopes to fashion a program which will enlarge our horizon and vivify our sense of fellowship with all other Presbyterian and Reformed Churches throughout the world, both those which are older and those which have come into being as a result of the missionary enterprise. Our common traditions in doctrine, polity, worship and practice will be presented in such a way as to strengthen our sense of unity with the Calvinistic family, and through it with the Ecumenical Church.

GOALS:

The Centennial goals for the Presbyterian Church in the United States, approved by the 1958 and 1959 General Assembly, are:

1. To challenge our whole Church to a deepened awareness of our common historical heritage and mission as a member of the Reformed Family in the world, and to consider the distinctive contributions we can make as a member of the Presbyterian Church in the world today.

2. To strengthen and revitalize the spiritual life of our church people (a) by inspiring them to rededicate their lives and resources so that the Presbyterian way of life may be a living witness to the reality of the Christian claim; and (b) by centering our emphasis on evangelism in order to strengthen our sense of obligation and fulfill our mission to the unreached at home and abroad, praying earnestly that through the

Holy Spirit's ministration, the goal of one million members by the end of 1961, adopted by the General Assembly, may be substantially exceeded.

3. To make voluntary supplemental offerings during the Centennial year as an expression of our thanksgiving and dedication—one-half of the total received to be used in helping our sister Churches of the Reformed Faith in countries where they have suffered from war or other disasters; and one-half to be used in the promotion of evangelism, which will be a major emphasis of all Presbyterian bodies in America in 1960-61.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That October 15, 1961, be observed as Centennial Sunday.

2. That Presbytery meet the first Tuesday in October, 1961. (October 3rd).

3. That Presbyterial be invited to meet the first Tuesday in October, 1961, and come together with Presbytery for a popular meeting on "Our Presbyterian Heritage and Mission."

4. That the popular meeting be held the evening preceding the stated meetings of Presbytery and Presbyterial in October, 1961; the plans and details to be worked out by Presbytery's Centennial Committee.

5. That the Church Extension Committee of Presbytery be asked to present a study of the needs of Asheville Presbytery at the popular meeting of Asheville Presbytery and Presbyterial in October, 1961.

6. That the Senior High Conference in the summer of 1960 plan classes in Christian Witnessing, the plans and details to be worked out by Presbytery's Christian Education Committee.

7. That Christian Witnessing be emphasized in the fall meetings of Presbytery and Presbyterial, and in all fall rallies and district conferences of Young People and Adults in 1960, the plans and details to be worked out by Presbytery's Evangelism Committee.

8. That the Youth of Asheville Presbytery come together for their fall rally in a popular meeting on "Our Presbyterian Heritage and Mission," to be held on Sunday afternoon, October 8, 1961, the plans and details to be worked out by Presbytery's Christian Education Committee.

9. That the Men of Asheville Presbytery at their fall rally in 1961 use as their theme, "Our Presbyterian Heritage and Mission."

10. That the Executive Secretary inquire into and take advantage of any T.V. and visual aid material to be used on WLOS-TV in 1961.

11. That Presbytery's Council make money available for the expenses of Presbytery's Centennial Committee in the 1961 Budget.

12. That every Session appoint a Centennial Committee in the local Church to put forth the centennial emphasis in the local Church. This committee should be guided by the report of Presbytery's Centennial Committee and said committee should be appointed before 1960 and should include the Chairman of the Evangelism Committee and a representative from the Women of the Church.

13. That the local Centennial Committee consider the special study for the Centennial in the local congregation, using the Bible Study dealing with basic beliefs of the Reformed Church, the book by Dr. T. Watson Street on the history of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and the book dealing with the role of the Presbyterian Church in the world of tomorrow, written by Dr. E. T. Thompson.

14. That each Church be encouraged to use materials provided for Centennial Sunday and the Minister be encouraged to preach an appropriate sermon on Centennial Sunday "pointing the Church forward," calling our people to a new dedication to Christ and to sacrificial living in loyal service to Him.

15. That a voluntary special offering be received on Centennial Sunday—one-half of the total received to be used in helping our sister Churches of the Reformed Faith in countries where they have suffered from war or other disasters; and one-half to be used in the promotion of evangelism, which will be a major emphasis of all Presbyterian bodies in America in 1960-61; and that other Centennial offerings be taken at other times where deemed desirable or advisable by the local Centennial Committee.

16. That the local Centennial Committee consider conducting study classes in the local Church on Evangelism in the fall of 1960.

17. That each local Church Centennial Committee study its needs as the local Church faces the future.

18. That ALL programs connected with the observance of the Centennial emphasize "pointing the Church forward."

WORLD MISSION WORK SHOP

The Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr., Chairman of the Committee on World Missions made an announcement of the World Missions Work Shop.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. C. Grier Davis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the report which was adopted as follows:

1. That Dr. W. G. Thomas succeed Dr. C. Grier Davis as a member of the Church Extension Committee, effective in January 1960, and that Dr. Thomas be designated as Chairman, effective at that time.
2. That the Rev. Joseph Auten be named chairman of the Christian Education Committee succeeding the Rev. W. R. Klein in the class of 1960.

3. That the Rev. R. L. Sommers be made Chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The Rev. R. A. Potter presented the report of the Committee on Evangelism which was adopted. Pending the adoption of the report the Rev. Joe Auten spoke on Evangelism and led Presbytery in a Season of Prayer.

The Committee on Evangelism of Asheville Presbytery met on September 15 and make the following report and recommendations:

A study of the record of Asheville Presbytery over the past few years clearly and sadly reveals, that while membership growth has been encouraging, additions by profession of faith are far too few. For example, in 1910, communicants of the Presbytery numbered 1,946; while in 1959 they numbered 8,357. This is something over four times as many members in 1959 as in 1910. But in 1910, the minutes of the General Assembly show, that 168 were received on profession of faith in that year as compared with 279 in the current year, 1959. A gain of less than 70%. Thus, during this period, we find 400% increase in total communicants, but only 70% increase in professions of faith.

Growth in Asheville Presbytery, it is thus seen, is dependent largely on our receiving persons who have become Presbyterians in other parts of the country and persons from other denominations. In 1956 with 244 professions of faith and 7,909 communicants, it took about 32 members to win one person to Christ and the Church. Then in 1957 with 243 professions of faith and 8,115 communicants, it took 33 to win one. Last year, with 279 professions and 8,357 communicants, it still took 30 professing Christians to lead one person to a saving knowledge of Christ. Thirty of us, who are called personally by Christ to be witnesses for Him, to win one to Him! Certainly this condition is one that rightly evokes the admonition of James: "My Brethren, these things ought not so to be!" Apparently, another factor in the low Christian birth-rate within our Presbytery is the decreasing Sunday School enrollment and attendance percentage in comparison with the number of church members. For example, in the minutes of the General Assembly for the year 1910, the enrollment in our Church School in Asheville Presbytery was 1865; only 4% less than the church membership of that same year; or 1,946. But the current minutes of the General Assembly for 1959 report an enrollment in the church school of 5,642, as opposed to 8,357 communicants; 32% fewer Sunday School members than communicants. These cold figures soberly make known the apparent coldness of our hearts toward lost men and women about us and winning the same to a personal saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Using the above information as a spring-board, your Committee would like to strongly urge and recommend that each local congregation prayerfully

consider and evaluate themselves through their Session and Committee on Evangelism at the local level; using the enclosed check-chart and see how they stand as to THEIR effort toward the primary task of the Church; namely evangelism.

Further, your Committee recommends that each of the Churches in Asheville Presbytery, regardless of size, make a genuine effort to establish and develop within their midst a group of men, women, young people or all three, who are personally committed to Christ and personally concerned with the souls of the lost. This group might be known as "The Minute Men", "The Society of Andrews", or any other appropriate name. These persons would be available for personal contacts with those who have never been confronted intelligently and specifically with the challenge of Christ as their personal Saviour. Such a group should be trained and versed in this spiritual act by competent persons, either at a local or Presbytery level. Their availability and willingness should be publicized so that when the need was found — one or more of this group might go to share God's Salvation thru Christ, with the person in need. Such a group would not only be helpful for the Day by Day procedure of Evangelism in the local Church but for the preparation and follow-up of any other type of "one-shot evangelistic effort," which might be attempted by that Church.

Finally, the Chairman of this Committee wishes to express his thanks to Presbytery for allowing him to attend the workshop on Evangelism at Union Seminary this Summer. Due to the vital importance of the Program of Evangelism in the "Presbyterian Mission To The Nation," we would like to request ten minutes to report at the winter meeting of Presbytery concerning this workship.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman
Rev. Richard L. Sommers
Rev. E. D. Witherspoon
Rev. Robert A. Potter
Rev. M. H. Marquis
Rev. Joseph L. Auten
Mr. J. O. Williams
Mr. J. F. Dunn
Mr. Sam R. Patton
Dr. H. L. Bacon
Mr. Louis E. Smith
Mr. Charles Hensley

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

The Rev. Thomas Sproule presided while matters pertaining to Presbytery's Council were before the Presbytery.

The Rev. J. Bruce Frye presented the report on Presbytery's Council which was received as information.

MONTREAT COLLEGE

Dr. C. Grier Davis spoke in the interest of Montreat College. Presbytery referred to the Council the financial needs of Montreat College with the request that the Council report at the adjourned Meeting in November.

REPORT ON MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Dr. H. B. Dendy, chairman of the Committee on the Mountain Orphanage presented the report. Pending action on the report Presbytery heard Mr. Don McKenzie, Superintendent of the Home. The report was received as information.

MINUTES OF CHURCH COURTS

Dr. W. W. Pharr presented the report of the Committee on Minutes of Church Courts which was received as information; and the Clerks were commended for their diligence.

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The matter of expenses of Presbytery's representative to the meetings of the North Carolina Council of Churches was referred to Presbytery's Council.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Rev. Thomas Sproule presented the Committee of Christian Education report. Pending action Presbytery heard the Rev. W. C. Cooper, Chairman of sub-committee on Candidates; the Rev. Joseph Auten, Chairman of the Special Committee on Leadership Training; and Dr. I. M. Ellis, Director of Christian Education of the Synod.

Presbytery approved loans of $200 each to the following Candidates for the year 1959-60: John B. Trotti, and Holland McSwain of Union Seminary; Walter Beaty, Jr., and T. L. Llewelyn of Columbia Seminary; and Miss Jacqueline Gray and Miss Edith Murphy of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education.

The report of the Special Leadership Committee was adopted:

The report of the Christian Education Committee was received as information.

"REPORT OF SPECIAL LEADERSHIP SCHOOL COMMITTEE"

September 22, 1959

This committee has met twice, on August 17th, 1959, and September 21, 1959. The committee desires to report the following plans for the Leadership School.

The type of school will be a second series school consisting of ten hours instruction time.

The date of the school will be September 11-14, 1960 (four hours Sunday afternoon and evening, and two hours each, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.)

The place of the school will be the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville.

The Dean of the school will be Dr. John Folger, a ruling Elder of the Davidson River-Brevard Presbyterian Church.

The curriculum of the school will provide for the folllowing nine classes.

1. Guiding Nursery Children No. 221B
2. Teaching Kindergarten Children No. 231B
3. Teaching Primary Children No. 241B
4. Teaching Juniors No. 251B
5. Teaching Pioneers No. 321B
6. Teaching Adults No. 411B
7. Christian Stewardship No. 113B
8. Recreational Leadership No. 143B
9. Improving The Christian Education Program of The Church No. 520B.

The committee will need a budget of at least one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars to finance this school and recommends to Presbytery that this budget be provided by the six hundred ($600.00) dollar amount provided by the 1960 budget of the Christian Education Committee and a registration fee of two ($2.00) dollars for each pupil enrolled in the school. We recommend that the churches pay the reg. fee of their pupils.

The committee sets a goal of a minimum of 200 enrollment for the school and urges every member of Presbytery to work to exceed this minimum enrollment.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Auten, Chairman

MINISTERS' ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

Dr. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk, read the report of the Committee on the Ministers' Annuity and Relief which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

Your Committee calls attention to the fact that the Minister's Annuity Fund is the official plan of the Church and that through membership in it ministers are enabled, during the years of their active service, to make provision for themselves and their dependents for the years of their retirement.

Our outstanding need this year is a generous Joy Gift, greater than any we have ever had in order to take care of the additional expense we have due to giving our retired ministers, their widows and our lay personnel a Group Major Medical Plan. This plan is going to cost the Board $100,000 and will be financed out of our Ministerial Relief Funds. If this program is to be continued the Church will have to be more generous with us in the Joy Gift, also through the Benevolent Budget of the Church.

Therefore, we recommend:

First, That Presbytery urge again a generous supplemental Joy Gift offering on the part of all organizations of the Churches, since it is a major source of income with which the Board ministers to the aged servants of the Church.

Second, That our ministers continue to give the Board their enthusiastic and whole-hearted cooperation, and remember this great cause frequently in their prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul N. Gresham, Chairman

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Bills and Overtures Committee reported that they had no report.

The Judiciary Committee reported that they had no report.

The Rev. J. L. Jackson, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the report which was adopted: The Committee on Resolutions makes the following recommendations.

1. That we express our deep appreciation to the officers and members of the Andrews Church for their gracious entertaining of Presbytery; and especially to the women who provided coffee, donuts, and a delicious dinner.
2. That we commend the moderator and clerks for their faithful diligence in the leading of Presbytery.

COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Th Rev. R. L. Torrence, chairman of the Committee on the Executive Secretary reported that the committee had no report.

JANUARY MEETING AT OAK FOREST

The invitation from the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church to meet with them on the third Tuesday of January, January 19, 1960, at 10:00 A. M. was accepted.

ADJOURNED MEETING ON NOVEMBER 2, 1959

Presbytery voted to hold an adjourned meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina, on Monday, November 2, 1959, at 11 A. M.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes were read and approved.

The Moderator, the Rev. J. Bruce Frye adjourned Presbytery with prayer and the benediction.

J. Bruce Frye, Moderator
W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk
W. C. Cooper, Permanent Clerk

ADJOURNED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE
First Presbyterian Church
Asheville, N. C., November 2, 1959

The Presbytery of Asheville met in Adjourned Meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina, November 2, 1959 at 11:00 A. M., as by action of Presbytery on October 20, 1959.

The Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Moderator, convened Presbytery with prayer, and conducted the worship service.

The Stated Clerk, Dr. W. G. Thomas, called the roll of ministers and the following were present:

Joe Auten, R. D. Bedinger, B. B. Breitenhirt, D. E. Carlton, W. C. Cooper, Riley Covin, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. Bruce Frye, John R. Hay, James L. Jackson, D. K. Langfitt, J. C. Lime, W. W. Pharr, James H. Skelton, Jr., Richard L. Sommers, Thomas Sproule, C. R. Ste-

gall, Geo. Bird Talbot, G. Aiken Taylor, Warren F. Thuston, Robert L. Torrence, W. G. Thomas, Paul F. Warren.

The Permanent Clerk, the Rev. W. C. Cooper, called the roll of Churches and the following were represented:

Arden, R. C. Hunter; Asheville First, Harry McDonnold, and Louis E. Smith; Black Mountain, J. O. Williams; Bethel (H), Clifton S. Terrell; Bryson City, Kelly E. Bennett; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Franklin, Horace T. Nolen; Friendship, Frank E. Byrd; Grace Covenant, Joe L. Hunter; Kenilworth, Crawford Pearson; Malvern Hills, Clyde N. Horton; Mills River, L. L. Burgin; Montreat, L. Nelson Bell; Oak Forest, Rush Whitmire; Swannanoa, Paul Patton; Weaverville, Lawrence Penland; West Asheville, W. G. Lingo; Westminster, Wesley J. Potter.

VISITORS

Student Minister, James Pippin, and Ruling Elders, C. A. Stubbs, and J. Paul Teal, Jr., were introduced as visitors.

EXCUSED

Presbytery excused from attendance upon this meeting the following ministers: W. B. Kennedy, R. A. Potter, S. L. Rochester, and W. C. Smith.

RECEPTION OF THE REV. A. F. FOGARTIE

Dr. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk, read the Certificate of Dismission of the Rev. A. F. Fogartie from East Arkansas Presbytery.

Dr. A. F. Fogartie was examined on Experimental Religion, and his views on Theology, Church Government, and Sacraments, which were sustained as satisfactory separately. The examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory. Dr. Fogartie was enrolled as a member of Presbytery upon his signing the Ex Animo Statement.

The Call of the Montreat Church for the pastoral services of Dr. A. F. Fogartie, which previously had been found in order by the Commission on the Minister and His Work, was read and placed in Dr. Fogartie's hands, and he accepted the call.

Presbytery appointed the following Commission to Install Dr. A. F. Fogartie as pastor of the Montreat Church on Sunday, December 6, 1959, at 7:30 P. M. Dr. C. Grier Davis to preside, Dr. G. Aiken Taylor to preach the sermon, the Rev. W. J. Gammon to charge the pastor, Ruling Elder Joe Hunter to charge the congregation, and Ruling Elder W. H. McMurray. Two ministers and an elder shall constitute a quorum.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Dr. Paul F. Warren, chairman of Presbytery's Council, presented the report of the Council, which was adopted.

Presbytery's Council presents the following recommendations:

1. That Montreat College and Davidson College be removed from the list of Synod's causes and that they be placed under the Presbytery's causes.
2. That Davidson College remain in the 1960 budget as stated.
3. That Montreat College be put in the 1960 Asking budget for $20,000 and under Disbursements budget for $10,000.
4. That the expenses of Presbytery's representative to the North Carolina Council of Churches be borne by the Promotional Fund.

Pending the adoption of this report Dr. C. Grier Davis, President of Montreat College, read a history of the Relation of Montreat College to Asheville Presbytery. This history was ordered printed in the minutes.

THE RELATION OF MONTREAT COLLEGE TO ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Synod of Appalachia and Montreat College

In 1913 the Board of Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association offered the use of Montreat grounds and buildings to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. to be used for school purposes. At that time the Mountain Retreat Association was an independent corporation with no official connection with the General Assembly.

In 1914 an Ad Interim Committee was appointed which recommended to the 1915 General Assembly that a Normal School be established at Montreat to be governed by a Board of Trustees elected by the Synods. Nine Synods elected Trustees of the Montreat Normal School including the Synod of Appalachia.

The Synod of Appalachia was organized in 1915 at Bristol, Tennessee. At this first meeting the Committee on Schools and Colleges recommended that the Synod pledge its support to King College and Stonewall Jackson College and that the Synod "appoint three trustees on the board of the proposed normal school at Montreat." (Minutes of Synod

1915 p 19-20) Robert F. Campbell, W. T. Thompson, and T. S. Morrison were elected. At the organization meeting of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Campbell was elected chairman; Dr. Thompson, vice-chairman; and T. S. Morrison, treasurer. Dr. Campbell served as chairman of the Montreat College Board until about 1945.

In each of the subsequent minutes of the Synod of Appalachia, Montreat College made its report to the Synod along with King and Stonewall Jackson, and shared in the gifts to schools and colleges. The first break down of the amounts given to each institution occurs in the minutes of 1920 when Montreat is given 50%. It remained in the budget of the Synod of Appalachia until after I became a member of this Presbytery in 1938. I cannot find the first year in which it was left out.

Montreat College was a Synodical institution from its founding in 1916 until 1931 when the charter was amended to provide for the election of Trustees by the Board of Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association.

Asheville Presbytery and Montreat College

The first reference which I can find to Montreat College in the Minutes of Asheville Presbytery is in the minutes of the April meeting in 1921. The following recommendation was adopted: "That the Montreat School, which is an inter-Synodical Institution, be recognized as in a peculiar sense a valuable educational agency of Asheville Presbytery, within whose bounds it is situated, and that it be commended to the patronage and liberal support of our people, as one of our Presbyterial Schools."

In the same Minutes, April 1921, the following was adopted: "That the Presbytery appropriate, to Montreat Normal School, 25% of Presbytery's share of the receipts from the Synodical Campaign, and 25% of the Presbytery's share of the collections in our churches for schools and colleges."

At a called meeting of Asheville Presbytery on March 4, 1926, there is the first break down of percentages given to causes which provides 8% to Synod's Institutions, King and Stonewall, and 2% for Montreat Normal School. In subsequent years the following percentages are provided.

1926	King and Stonewall	8%	Montreat	2%
1927	"	6%	"	4%
1928	"	6%	"	6%
1929	"	6%	"	6%
1931	"	6%	"	6%
1933	"	7%	"	6%
1934	"	6.1%	"	6%
1935	"	6%	"	6%

1936	King College	5%	"	5%
1937	"	5%	"	5%
1938	"	5%	"	5%
1939	"	5%	"	5%
1940	"	5%	"	5%
1941	"	7%	"	5%
1942	"	5%	"	5%
1943	"	5%	"	5%
1944	"	5%	"	5%
1945	"	4.5%	"	4.5%
1946	"	4.5%	"	4.5%
1948	"	4.5%	"	4.5%
1949	"	3.75%	"	3.75%
1950	"	$ 7,000	"	$7000
1951	"	$ 3,000	"	$3000
1952	"	$ 3,500	"	$3500
1953	"	$ 7,500	"	$7500
1954	"	$ 7,500	"	$7500
1955	"	$ 6,023	"	$6023
1956	"	$ 6,120	"	$6120
1957	"	$ 6,000	"	$6000
1958	"	$ 6,000	"	$6000
1959	"	$21,285	"	$6000
1960	"	$23,894	"	$6000

This record shows:

1. That as a part of the Synod of Appalachia, Asheville Presbytery had a part in the founding of Montreat.

2. That Asheville Presbytery contributed to the support of Montreat College through the budget of the Synod of Appalachia from 1916 until about 1939.

3. That Asheville Presbytery put Montreat College in its budget in 1926 for 2% and King and Stonewall for 8%; in 1927 Montreat for 4% and King and Stonewall for 6%; from 1928 to 1934 Montreat for 6% and King and Stonewall for 6%; and 1935 to 1937 Montreat for 6% and King for 6%. Stonewall was closed in 1934.

This means that from 1926 to 1960, for 34 years, Montreat has been in the budget of Asheville Presbytery; that from 1928 to 1934, for 7 years, Montreat was in the budget for the same percentage as King and Stonewall combined; that from 1935 to 1957, for 23 years, Montreat was in the budget for the same percentage as King; and that Asheville Presbytery has contributed to the support of Montreat through the budgets of the Synod of Appalachia and Asheville Presbytery from its founding in 1916 to 1960 for 44 years; for 13 years, from 1926 to

1938, Asheville Presbytery supported Montreat through the budgets of both the Synod and the Presbytery.

The Importance of Montreat College to Asheville Presbytery

Since 1921 Asheville Presbytery has recognized Montreat College "as in a peculiar sense a valuable educational agency of Asheville Presbytery, within whose bounds it is situated."

The location of a college determines, to a large measure, its support. That is one of the reasons why our church has insisted upon Synodical and Presbytery control of educational institutions. The major support for Davidson comes from Charlotte, for King from Bristol.

When Montreat College is operating normally, more students will be from Asheville Presbytery than from any other area.

The presence of Montreat Conference Ground and College in this Presbytery is of far more value to the Presbytery than we can begin to measure.

The recognition of these facts constitutes our concern for Montreat College and the reason why, from its founding, this Presbytery has been deeply interested in its welfare and contributed toward its support.

The Importance of Asheville Presbytery to Montreat College

At no time has Asheville Presbytery had an ecclesiastical relation to Montreat College which gave it the right to elect trustees to serve on its board. Nevertheless, one or more members of Asheville Presbytery have served on the Board of Montreat College from the beginning until this day. This cannot be said of any other Presbytery in the General Assembly. For most of its history the Chairman of the Board has been a member of this Presbytery.

Because Montreat is in this Presbytery we are more intimately acquainted with Montreat College, we know its history, its problems, its worth to the Church of Christ.

Montreat College has applied for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The Executive Committee will act on that application in December. One of the questions which we must answer is: "How much support do you get from the Church?" Although the College is in the budget of churches in many parts of the General Assembly, the only church count which has it in its budget is Asheville Presbytery. To report to the Southern Association that Montreat College is in the budget for 1960 for $6000, of which we hope to receive $4,224 is a serious handicap. Accreditation is desperately needed to stabilize the relation of the College to the General Assembly, to the Colleges and Universities to which our students may wish to transfer, and to the prospective students. Montreat College has the dormitories, the library and the science equipment to provide a Christian education for more than 400 students. We will education only a fraction of that number until we are fully accredited.

MR. CRAWFORD PEARSON

The Moderator, the Rev. J. Bruce Frye, appointed Ruling Elder Crawford Pearson to the Resolution Committee.

RECESSED FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch with prayer and the grace by the Rev. R. L. Sommers.

RECONVENED

While seated at the tables Presbytery reconvened, and the Rev. J. L. Jackson, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the report which was adopted:

Be it resolved that:

1. We express our deep appreciation to the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., for their hospitality in having Presbytery meet in their Church.
2. We thank the Women of the First Church for the delicious lunch served the members of Presbytery.

THE REV. STANLEY BENNETT

Dr. L. Nelson Bell spoke of his recent trip to Brazil and his fellowship with our fellow Presbyter, the Rev. Stanley Bennett.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were read and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Presbytery adjourned to meet on the third Tuesday of January, (19th) 1960, in the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church, with prayer, especially remembering Ruling Elder, Walter Abernathy, and the benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. J. Bruce Frye.

J. Bruce Frye, Moderator
W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk
W. C. Cooper, Permanent Clerk

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Asheville, North Carolina
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SPRING MEETING
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MALVERN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator: Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Horse Shoe.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. W. G. Thomas, P. O. Box 6097, Asheville,—1962.
Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. C. Cooper, P. O. Box 245, Arden,—1963.
Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church Street, Asheville—1962.
Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.
Historian: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1961—Carl M. Sawyer, Kenilworth; 1962—George Stockton, Montreat; 1963—Roy P. Booth, Asheville 1st.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis; 1963—Joseph L. Hunter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Church Extension

1961—Rev. R. A. Potter, Rev. R. L. Torrence, C. A. Stubbs, John C. Arrowsmith.
1962—Rev. Joseph L. Auten, Joseph L. Hunter, S. A. Mann, O. E. Starnes, Jr.
1963—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Dr. L. B. McDonald.

Orphanage Work

1961—Carl R. Welte, Edward G. Roberts, Mrs. F. A. Plummer, Rev. R. D. Bedinger.
1962—C. E. Worley, J. Paul Teal, Jr., Aaron Prevost, Mrs. Wm. Charnock.
1963—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt, Chas. A. Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Christian Education

1961—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. J. L. Jackson, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. R. L. Sommers, Joe E. Rose, A. H. Bryson.
1962—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, George Stockton, L. B. Ordway, Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Lloyd B. Leonard.
1963—Rev. Joseph L. Auten, Chairman, Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Phillip L. Brintnall, Dr. John Folger.
The following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; W. A. Singleton, President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. Joe Reese, Chairman of Christian Education of Presbyterial; Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Rev. Thomas Sproule, Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Adult Advisor of Youth Work; Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Director of Senior High Conference, Rev. J. L. Auten, Director of Pioneer Camp, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Director of Junior Camp.

Presbytery's Council

1961—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Kelley E. Bennett.
1962—Rev. J. Bruce Frye, George Wing III, Harry K. McDonnold.
1963—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mark Sumner, Sam R. Patton.
The following, by virtue of office held: Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Moderator, Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk.

COMMISSION ON MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1961—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, L. H. McKay.

DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

1962—Rev. J. C. Lime, W. H. McMurray.
1963—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Rev. H. B. Dendy.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations: 1961—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Holland McSwain; 1962—Rev. R. L. Sommers, Chairman, J. L. Lewis; 1963—Rev. Paul F. Warren, J. A. Gray.

World Missions: 1961—Rev. W. J. Gammon; 1962—Crawford W. Pearson; 1963—Rev. A. F. Fogartie, Chairman.

Church Extension (Assembly): 1961—_____, W. H. McMurray; 1962—Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. Sam L. Rochester, Chairman; 1963—Rev. James L. Jackson, _____

Christian Education (Assembly): 1961—Rev. J. H. Skelton; 1962—J. R. Lewis; 1963—Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman.

Annuities and Relief: 1961—Rev. R. A. Potter; 1962—Rev. C. R. Stegall; 1963—Rev. L. T. Newland, Chairman.

Evangelism:
1961—Rev. R. A. Potter, Rev. W. H. Marquis, J. O. Williams, S. R. Patton.
1962—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, Rev. J. L. Auten, Dr. H. L. Bacon, Louis E. Smith.
1963—Rev. W. R. Covin, Rev. W. W. Pharr, R. C. Hunter, M. R. Wisenhunt.

General Fund Agencies: 1961—Rev. D. E. Carlton, Chairman; 1962—Rev. John R. Hay; 1963—B. L. McGlamery.

Examining Committees:
1961—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman.
Experimental Religion: The Moderator.
Theology: 1962—Rev. R. E. McClure; 1963—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman.
Church Government: 1961—Rev. S. L. Rochester; 1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman.
Sacraments: 1961—Rev. R. D. Bedinger; 1963—Rev. James L. Jackson, Chairman.
English Bible: 1962—Rev. G. Aiken Taylor; 1963—Rev. A. F. Fogartie, Chairman.
Academic and Seminary Studies: 1961_____; 1963—Rev. Thomas Sproule, Chairman.

Women's Work: 1961—C. J. McCarty; 1962—Rev. J. C. Lime; 1963—Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman.

Sessional Records: 1961—W. A. Singleton; 1962—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; 1963—Rev. Wm. R. Covin; with additional appointments by the Moderator.

Minutes of Church Courts: 1961—Rev. R. D. Bedinger; 1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman; 1963—Rev. John R. Hay.

Program: Moderator—Rev. J. Bruce Frye; Stated Clerk—Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host Pastor—Rev. J. L. Jackson; Ruling Elder from Malvern Hills.

North Carolina Council of Churches: 1963—Rev. S. L. Rochester, Chairman, Kelly E. Bennett.

Salaries of Ministers of Asheville Presbytery: 1961—W. P. Barnes, R. H. Reid; 1962—R. R. Clark, J. J. Stone; 1963—Kelly Bennett, Chairman, Richard E. Gordon.

Office of Executive Secretary: (Named by bodies they represent) Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman, Church Extension; Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Presbytery's Council; Rev. G. B. Talbot, Christian Education; Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Commission on Minister and His Work; J. Paul Teal, Jr., Mountain Orphanage; Mrs. J. J. Stone, Women of Presbytery.

Survey Representative: Rev. W. C. Cooper.

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Presbyterian Foundation: Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Ruling Elders Leon Walker, T. C. Gray, U. R. Bell, Mrs. Hugh Lamb.

Centennial Committee: Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, Rev. R. L. Sommers, _____, Holland McSwain, Mark Sumner, C. A. Stubbs, Mrs. L. H. McKay, Mrs. F. N. Disbrew.

Negro Church Committee: Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman, Rev. J. L. Auten, Rev. H. B. Dendy, O. E. Starnes, Jr., J. H. Flanagan.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY, ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY, JANUARY 1960

Name, Church, Institution and Class, Loan approved for 1959-1960.

Walter K. Beaty, Jr., Grace Covenant Church, Asheville, N. C., Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., Second Year, $200 Loan.

A. Blake Brinkerhoff, Montreat Church, Montreat, N. C., Union Theological Seminary, Senior Year.

J. Carlton Burrell, Hazelwood Church, Hazelwood, N. C., Belhaven College, First Year.

William R. English, Malvern Hills Church, Asheville, N. C., U. S. Armed Forces.

John E. Ellington, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C., Columbia Theological Seminary, First Year, $200 Loan.

William R. Johnson, First Church, Asheville, N. C., Columbia Theological Seminary, Senior.

William B. Leaman, Jr., Kenilworth Church, Asheville, N. C., Working.

Thomas L. Llewelyn, Montreat Church, Montreat, N. C., Columbia Theological Seminary, Senior, $200 Loan.

Holland McSwain, Jr., First Church, Murphy, N. C., Union Theological Seminary, Second Year, $200 Loan.

George E. Scott, First Church, Asheville, N. C., University of Virginia, Teaching and Graduate Student.

Hubert Sneed, First Church, Murphy, N. C., King College, Senior Year.

Frederick W. Streetman, Jr., First Church, Hendersonville, N. C., U. S. Armed Forces.

John B. Trotti, First Church, Asheville, N. C., Union Theological Seminary, Senior Year, $200 Loan.

George David Russell, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C., King College, First Year.

LICENTIATE

William A. Loquist, University of North Carolina, (Graduate Student.)

CANDIDATES FOR LAY SERVICE

Miss Jacqueline E. Gray, Friendship Church, Black Mountain, N. C., Presbyterian School Of Christian Education, Richmond, Va., Second Year, $200 Loan.

Miss Edith G. Murphy, Montreat Church, Montreat, N. C., Presbyterian School Of Christian Education, Richmond, Va., First Year.

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Bethel C		
Black Mountain	C. D. Thomas Old Black Mountain Hwy Black Mountain, N. C.	Sherman Long Black Mountain, N. C.
Brevard-Davidson River	Robert R. Bolt Fortune Cove or Rice St. Brevard, N. C.	Jerry Jerome S. Caldwell Street Brevard, N. C.
Brittains Cove	Harold Sluder R.F.D. 2, Box 68 Weaverville, N. C.	Mrs. Charles Hensley Rt. 2 Weaverville, N. C.
Bryson City	S. W. Black Bryson City, N. C.	James A. Sutton, Sr. Bryson City, N. C.
Canton	William P. Barnes 8 Bailey St. Canton, N. C.	George Robertson Canton, N. C.
Dillingham	W. C. Dillingham, Sr. Barnardsville, N. C.	G. W. Arrowood Barnadrsville, N. C.
Etowah	Harry Nicholson Rt. 1, Horse Shoe, N. C.	Miss Pearl Gash Etowah, N. C.
Franklin	John A. Bulgin Franklin, N. C.	J. Ward Long Franklin, N. C.
Friendship	Charlie A. Suttles General Delivery Black Mountain, N. C.	W. E. Norwood San Station Black Mountain, N. C.
Grace Covenant	Leon Walker, Sr. 114 Windsor Road Asheville, N. C.	Hugh MacNeill 144 Coleman Ave. Asheville, N. C.
Hayesville	Thomas C. Gray Hayesville, N. C.	T. C. Gray Hayesville, N. C.
Hazelwood	W. B. Winchester P. O. Box 127 Hazelwood, N. C.	R. D. Morgan Hazelwood, N. C.
Hendersonville	Frazier T. Blair 1201 Hyman Ave. Hendersonville, N. C.	L. A. Gossett 1202 Highland Ave. Hendersonville, N. C.

Churches	Clerk of Session	Treasurer
Highlands	Sidney L. McCarty Highlands, N. C.	C. J. Anderson Highlands, N. C.
Ivy Park	Thomas G. Penland 72 Grandview Road Asheville, N. C.	O. L. Whitson Rt. 2, Weaverville, N. C.
Kenilworth	Crawford Pearson 10 Kenilworth Dr. Asheville, N. C.	Ed Ervin Route 5, Box 407 Asheville, N. C.
Lakey Gap	Robert R. Clements Black Mountain, N. C.	William L. Clements, Jr. Black Mountain, N. C.
Malvern Hills	Walter M. Harbin 103 Middlemont Ave. Asheville, N. C.	Charles Munch 2 Panorama Dr. West Asheville, N. C.
Mills River	Mr. H. N. Clark R.F.D. 1, Horse Shoe, N. C.	Frank H. Burgin Fletcher, N. C.
Montreat	C. A. Stubbs Montreat, N. C.	George Stockton Montreat, N. C.
Morrison	C. Bryant McClure R.F.D. 2, Franklin, N. C.	Miss Winnie Bates Rt. 2, Franklin, N. C.
Murphy	C. W. Barrett P. O. Box 283 Murphy, N. C.	Robert M. White Murphy, N. C.
Oak Forest	S. A. Mann Rt. 3, Box 1454 Asheville, N. C.	G. M. Devlin 75 Wendover Dr. Asheville, N. C.
Swannanoa	W. H. McMurray, Sr. Swannanoa, N. C.	Roy W. Alexander Swannanoa, N. C. Office-Tel. Asheville AL 3-1818
Sylva	J. F. Dunn P. O. Box 28 Sylva, N. C.	D. M. Schuller Box 818, Sylva, N. C.
Waynesville	R. L. Prevost Hazelwood, N. C.	Chester La Fountaine 510 Boyd Ave. Waynesville, N. C.
Weaverville	Weaverville, N. C.	R. Reynolds Revis Weaverville, N. C.
West Asheville	J. T. Mastin 18 Winchester Place Asheville, N. C.	W. P. McLean 14 Stewart St. Asheville, N. C.
Westminster	W. L. Gettys 28 N. Pershing Drive Asheville, N. C.	W. F. McRoire 6 Canterbury Road Asheville, N. C.

DOCKET SCHEDULE

WINTER MEETING

Sermon by Moderator
Communion Service
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly
Reports of Presbytery Officers
Reports of Commissions — Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
- A. Executive Committees
  - Presbytery's Council
  - Home Missions
  - Mountain Orphanage
  - Education
- B. Permanent Committees
  - Office of Executive Secretary
  - World Missions
  - Nominations
  - Evangelism
  - Women's Work
  - Sessional Records
- C. Standing and Special Committees

New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

SUMMER MEETING

Sermon by Moderator or Sermons by Candidates
Communion Service
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissioners to General Assembly
Report of Commissions Minister and His Work
Report on Committees:
- A. Executive Committees
  - Presbytery's Council
  - Education, Presbytery
  - Home Missions, Presbytery
- B. Permanent Committees
  - Church Extension, Assembly
  - Christian Education, Assembly
- C. Standing and Special Committees

New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

SPRING MEETING

Devotional by Moderator
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
- A. Executive Committees
  - Presbytery's Council
  - Education
  - Mountain Orphanage
- B. Permanent Committees
  - General Fund Agencies
  - N. C. Council of Churches
- C. Standing and Special Committees

Report on Audits
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Nomination of Moderator
Reading of the Minutes
Adjournment

FALL MEETING

Devotional by Moderator
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
- A. Executive Committees
  - The Mountain Orphanage
  - Education
  - Home Missions
- B. Permanent Committees
  - Annuities and Relief
  - Minutes of Church Courts
- C. Standing and Special Committees

New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Nomination of Moderator
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOURTH
STATED MEETING
WINTER MEETING 1960

Asheville Presbytery met for its one hundred and fifty-fourth Stated Meeting in the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina at 10:00 A. M. on Tuesday, January 19, 1960. The Moderator, the Rev. J. Bruce Frye, conducted the Worship Service, and constituted Presbytery with prayer. He read the Scripture from Jeremiah 7:1 - 15. Mr. Frye delivered the sermon on the theme, "The Place Where God Dwells".

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. James L. Jackson and the Rev. G. Aiken Taylor, assisted by Ruling Elders, Clyde Horton, H. E. Lamb, S. A. Mann, and E. G. Roberts.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk, W. G. Thomas, called the role of ministers and the following were present:

Joseph L. Auten, Robt. D. Bedinger, B. B. Breitenhirt, Dan E. Carlton, W. C. Cooper, Riley Covin, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, A. F. Fogartie, J. Bruce Frye, William J. Gammon, John R. Hay, James L. Jackson, William B. Kennedy, Donn K. Langfitt, J. Clayton Lime, W. H. Marquis, R. E. McClure, Ben F. Ormand, W. W. Pharr, Robert A. Potter, S. L. Rochester, James H. Skelton, Thomas Sproule, C. R. Stegall, Richard L. Sommers, George Bird Talbot, G. Aiken Taylor, W. G. Thomas, W. F. Thuston, Robert L. Torrence, and Paul F. Warren. (32)

The Permanent Clerk, the Rev. W. C. Cooper, called the roll of Churches and the following were represented: Arden, B. P. Waddell; Asheville First, L. S. Rathbun and C. C. Swann; Bethel H., John Hardin; Black Mountain, Ross E. Taylor, Brevard, C. F. Allison; Brittains Cove, C. P. Hensley; Bryson City, Kelly E. Bennett; Canton, C. A. Stone; Franklin, B. L. McGlamery; Grace Covenant, Mark Sumner, Sr.; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerow; Hendersonville, D. W. Johnson; Highlands, Sidney McCarty; Ivy Park, J. C. Lunsford; Kenilworth, J. J. Stone; Lakey Gap, W. L. Clements, Jr.; Malvern Hills, E. G. Roberts; Mills River, D. W. Brittain; Montreat, John Miller; Murphy, W. A. Singleton; Oak Forest, O. E. Starnes, Jr.; Swannanoa, P. E. Patton; Sylva, J. E. Thompson; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, B. H. Evans; West Asheville, J. M. Clark; and Westminster, Chas. M. Horton. (28)

VISITORS

The Rev. W. R. Aughinbaugh of Charleston Presbytery and the Rev. C. W. Solomon of Union Presbytery, United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Mr. James A. Pippin, Student Minister of Hayesville, Mr. Philip Chase, Mr. J. L. Elwood, Mr. F. B. Gardner, Mr. R. H. Gibson, Sr., Mr. Clyde Horton, Miss Emily Hyatt, Mr. S. A. Mann, Mr. William McKay, Mr. D. C. McKenzie, Mr. C. A. Stubbs, and Mrs. H. M. Wright, were introduced as visitors.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Moderator-nominee, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. R. L. Sommers, Chairman of the Program Committee, welcomed Presbytery to the Oak Forest Church, and moved that the Docket be the Order of the Day with two additions: 1, That the report of the Committee on Nominations follow the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work; 2, That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 P. M. and re-convene at 1:30 P. M. The report was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator, the Rev. J. Bruce Frye, appointed the following Standing Committees:

BILLS AND OVERTURES: Mr. C. A. Stone, Mr. Ross Taylor, and the Rev. S. L. Rochester.

JUDICIAL: The Rev. C. R. Stegall, the Rev. Paul F. Warren and Ruling Elder, Mr. O. E. Starnes, Jr.

RESOLUTIONS: The Rev. A. F. Fogartie, and Ruling Elders, Mr. J. M. Clark, and Mr. J. P. Thompson.

ATTENDANCE EXCUSED

The following ministers were excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery: J. H. Gruver, L. T. Newland, Wade C. Smith, and J. Q. Wallace.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were read and disposed of as follows:

1. From Malvern Hills Church — referred to proper time on docket.
2. Certificate of the Rev. C. W. Solomon — referred to proper time on docket.
3. Certificate of the Rev. W. R. Aughinbaugh — referred to proper time on docket.
4. Report of Installation of the Rev. A. F. Fogartie — referred to proper time on the docket.
5. From Stated Clerk of the General Assembly — received as information.
6. From the four Presidents of the Seminaries — received as information.
7. From the Board of Annuities and Relief — received as information.
8. Report of Presbytery's Treasurer — referred to Presbytery's Council.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, presented the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. Approved the Rev. C. W. Solomon as Temporary Supply for six months (Jan. 1 to July 1, 1960) at Lakey Gap.
2. Approved and found in order the call from the Waynesville Church to the Rev. Wayne W. Aughinbaugh.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. Richard L. Sommers, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the report which was adopted as amended:

January 19, 1960

PERMANENT CLERK

W. C. Cooper to succeed himself

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

Roy P. Booth to succeed himself

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

CHURCH EXTENSION
- Rev. S. L. Rochester to succeed himself
- Rev. G. B. Talbot to succeed himself
- Dr. L. B. McDonald to replace F. B. Gardner '60
- John C. Arrowsmith to replace D. C. Hunter '61
- O. E. Starnes, Jr., to replace J. S. Howell '62

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE
- Rev. H. B. Dendy to succeed himself
- C. A. Allen to succeed himself
- Mrs. C. D. Thomas to succeed herself
- Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt to replace Rev. W. R. Klein '60

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
- Rev. Paul F. Warren to succeed himself
- Rev. Joseph L. Auten to succeed himself
- Rev. G. B. Talbot to succeed himself
- Rev. Thomas Sproule to succeed himself
- W. H. Arthur, Jr., to succeed himself
- Phillip L. Brintnall to succeed himself
- Dr. John Folger to fill vacancy in Class '60
- Rev. Warren Thuston to replace Rev. E. D. Witherspoon '62
- Rev. S. L. Rochester to replace Rev. D. P. McGeachy '62
- Lloyd Leonard to fill vacancy in Class '62

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL
- Mark Sumner to succeed himself
- Sam Patton to succeed himself
- Rev. H. B. Dendy to replace Rev. D. B. McGeachy '60
- H. K. McDonald to replace J. W. Byers '62

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

WORLD MISSIONS
Rev. A. F. Fogartie, Chairman, to replace Rev. C. R. Stegall '60

CHURCH EXTENSION (ASSEMBLY)
Rev. James L. Jackson to replace Rev. L. T. Newland '60

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ASSEMBLY)
Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman, to replace Rev. R. L. Torrence '60

ANNUITIES AND RELIEF
Rev. L. T. Newland, Chairman, to replace Rev. Paul Gresham '60

GENERAL FUND AGENCIES
B. L. McGlamery to replace C. G. Worley '60
Rev. John R. Hay to replace Rev. Calvin Thielman '62
Rev. Daniel E. Carlton to be Chairman

EVANGELISM
Rev. W. R. Covin to replace Rev. R. L. Sommers '60
Rev. W. W. Pharr to replace Rev. E. D. Witherspoon '60
R. C. Hunter to replace J. F. Dunn '60
M. R. Whisenhunt to replace Charles Hensley '60

SALARIES
W. P. Barnes '61
R. H. Reid '61
R. R. Clark '62
J. J. Stone '62
Kelly Bennett, Chairman '63
Richard E. Gordon

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Paul F. Warren to replace Rev. C. Grier Davis '60
J. A. Gray to replace Kelly Bennett '60

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Theology: Examiner, Rev. C. Grier Davis to replace Rev. C. R. Stegall '60
Alternate, Rev. R. E. McClure to fill vacancy

Sacraments: Examiner, Rev. James L. Jackson to replace Rev. J. B. Frye '60

Alternate, Rev. R. D. Bedinger to replace the late O. F. Yates '61

English Bible: Examiner, Rev. A. R. Fogartie to replace Rev. E. D. Witherspoon '60
Alternate, Rev. G. A. Taylor to replace Rev. S. L. Bennett '62

Academic and Seminary Studies: Examiner, Rev. Thomas Sproule to succeed himself

WOMEN'S WORK

Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman, to replace Rev. W. C. Cooper '60

SESSIONAL RECORDS

Rev. W. R. Covin to replace Rev. Thomas Sproule '60

MINUTES OF CHURCH COURTS

Rev. John R. Hay to replace Rev. W. H. Marquis '60

N. C. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Rev. S. L. Rochester to succeed himself
Kelly Bennett to succeed himself

NEGRO CHURCH COMMITTEE

Rev. J. L. Auten to replace Rev. W. R. Klein

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the dates of election of Ruling and Teaching Elders to various Presbytery offices and committees be recorded by Stated Clerk and said information be furnished to Chairman of Nominating Committee.
2. That the Stated Clerk notify the Executive of the N. C. Council of Churches of Asheville Presbytery's representatives to that body.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

Dr. Warren Thuston, Chairman of the Examining Committee, presented the Rev. W. R. Aughinbaugh of Charleston Presbytery, and the Rev. C. W. Solomon of Union Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

The Moderator, the Rev. J. Bruce Frye, examined Mr. Aughinbaugh and Mr. Solomon on experimental religion which was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. C. R. Stegall conducted the examination on views on Theology which was sustained as satisfactory.

Dr. W. W. Pharr conducted the examination on views on Church Government which was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. James L. Jackson conducted the examination on views on Sacraments which was sustained as satisfactory.

The Examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory and Mr. Aughinbaugh and Mr. Solomon were enrolled as ministers of the Presbytery upon signing the Ex Animo Statement.

THE REV. C. W. SOLOMON AT LAKEY GAP

Presbytery approved the Rev. C. W. Solomon as Temporary Supply at Lakey Gap for six months, Jan. 1 to July 1, 1960

THE REV. W. R. AUGHINBAUGH AT WAYNESVILLE

The call from the Waynesville Church for pastoral services of the Rev. W. R. Aughinbaugh was found in order and placed in his hands, and Mr. Aughinbaugh accepted the call.

COMMITTEE ON SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Moderator, the Rev. J. Bruce Frye, appointed the following to the Committee on Examination of Sessional Records: Ministers: G. B. Talbot, J. H. Skelton, and John R. Hay; and Ruling Elders: Mark Sumner, Cedric Stone, Charles Horton, and R. L. Prevost.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NEGRO WORK

Dr. C. Grier Davis, Chairman of the Special Committee on Negro Work, reported that they had no report.

INSTALLATION OF DR. A. F. FOGARTIE

The Rev. W. J. Gammon, Chairman of the Commission to Install Dr. A. F. Fogartie as Pastor of the Montreat Church, read the minutes of the Commission which were admitted to record.

The report of the Commission to Install the Rev. Arthur Fogartie, D.D. as pastor of the Montreat Church was read by the Rev. W. J. Gammon and is as follows:

The commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery for the purpose of installing the Rev. Arthur F. Fogartie, D.D. as pastor of the Montreat Church met Sunday night, December 6, 1959 at 7:15 P. M. in the Gaither Chapel. Present at this meeting were: the Rev. W. G. Thomas, serving as chairman in the absence of the Rev. C. Grier Davis, the Rev. William J. Gammon, the Rev. G. Aiken Taylor and ruling elder W. H. McMurray, Sr. Visiting brethren, Arthur F. Fogartie, Merle C. Patterson, East Alabama Presbytery, C. A. Stubbs, Dr. L. Nelson Bell and George Stockton.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. G. Thomas and the Rev. W. J. Gammon was elected to serve as secretary. The Rev. Merle C. Patterson and Dr. L. Nelson Bell were invited to offer prayers during the Installation Service.

The Installation Service began at 7:30 P. M., opening with hymns by the congregation and special music by the Montreat Choir. The Rev. W. G. Thomas offered the invocation and the sermon was delivered by the Rev. G. Aiken Taylor. The Scripture lesson being Luke, Chapter 10. The subject of the sermon was "The Patterns of Service". The chairman, the Rev. W. G. Thomas, explained the meaning of the installation service and propounded the constitutional questions, as required by the Book of Church Order, of pastor and the congregation both answering in the affirmative.

The charge to the new pastor was given by the Rev. W. J. Gammon and the charge to the congregation was given by Ruling Elder W. H. McMurray, Sr. A prayer was offered by Dr. L. Nelson Bell and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Arthur F. Fogartie.

Following the service the commission met and approved the minutes and adjourned with prayer by the chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Gammon, Secretary

INSTALLATION COMMITTEE FORMS

The motion carried that the Stated Clerk word and mimeograph a form to be used by Commissions installing ministers.

After announcements, the host, the Rev. Richard L. Sommers, recessed Presbytery at 12:30 P. M. with prayer and the grace.

RESOLUTIONS

At lunch, Dr. A. F. Fogartie, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, made an oral report which was unanimously adopted.

PRESBYTERY RE-CONVENES

The Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Moderator, re-convened Presbytery at 1:30 P. M. with prayer.

COMMISSIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following were elected commissioners to the 1960 General Assembly:

MINISTERS, principals: Thomas Sproule, W. H. Marquis, and H. B. Dendy; alternates: C. G. Davis, Ben F. Ormand, and R. L. Sommers.

ELDERS, principals, C. A. Stone, Dr. C. L. Newland, and Fred Davidson; alternates: Charles Hensley, Ben L. McGlamery, and Crawford Pearson.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S TREASURER

Dr. W. G. Thomas, Presbytery's Treasurer, presented the report which was admitted to record.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S FUNDS

January 19, 1960

RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES:	
Andrews	$ 25.16
Arden	71.78
Asheville, First	587.93
Bethel C	7.03
Bethel H	28.86
Black Mountain	119.88
Brevard-Davidson River	164.65
Brittain's Cove	14.80
Bryson City	37.74
Canton	95.46
Dillingham	52.17
Etowah	29.97
Franklin	49.95
Friendship	55.50
Grace Covenant	118.77
Hayesville	9.99
Hazelwood	79.18
Hendersonville	330.78
Highlands	32.19
Ivy Park (1958)	6.12
Ivy Park	8.88
Kenilworth	191.29
Lakey Gap	17.02
Malvern Hills	77.70
Mills River	58.09
Montreat	57.35
Morrison	3.33
Murphy	56.24
Oak Forest	87.32
Swannanoa	75.48
Sylva	31.82
Waynesville	$ 122.10
Weaverville	154.66
West Asheville	199.80
Westminster	35.52
FROM CLERKS:	
W. C. Cooper — Annuity dues	2.50
W. G. Thomas — Annuity dues	10.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$3,107.01

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Assembly	1,704.15
Synod	417.85
Printing Minutes	639.40
Salary (W. G. Thomas)	400.00
Salary (W. C. Cooper)	100.00
Mailing Minutes	47.08
Office Expense	96.78
Minister and His Work Commission	73.75
Clerk's Annuity	50.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$3,529.01
Balance on hand January 13, 1959	3,235.10
Receipts	3,107.01
Total Receipts for year	6,342.11
Total Disbursements	3,529.01
BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 15, 1960	$2,813.10

REPORT OF CENTRAL BENEVOLENCES TREASURER

Dr. R. E. McClure, Central Treasurer, presented his report which was received as information.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Dr. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk, presented the incomplete annual Statistical Report to the General Assembly, and was authorized to complete the report and forward it to the General Assembly.

COMMISSION TO INSTALL THE REV. W. R. AUGHINBAUGH

The Commission for the Installation of the Rev. W. R. Aughinbaugh as Pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, Feb. 7, at 7:30 P. M. was appointed as follows: Dr. W. G. Thomas, preside; the Rev. Ben F. Ormand, preach the sermon; the Rev. W. H. Marquis, charge the congregation; Ruling Elder Edward Roberts, charge the Pastor; and Ruling Elder J. L. Elwood, secretary.

RESIGNATION OF THE REV. DONN K. LANGFITT

The Rev. Donn K. Langfitt resigned as pastor of the Franklin Church and requested dissolution of pastoral relationship effective Feb. 1, 1960 and that he be granted a certificate of dismission to Potomac Presbytery. Ruling Elder, B. L. McGlamery, representative from the Franklin Church, stated that the Church concurred with the pastor's request. Mr. Langfitt's requests were granted.

WOMEN'S WORK

The Rev. W. C. Cooper, Chairman of Women's Work, presented a report which was received as information and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That Presbytery hear Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, President of the Church of Asheville Presbytery, pending adoption of this report.
2. That Presbytery be led in a prayer of gratitude unto God for the fine service and accomplishments by the Women of the Church, and supplication for God's continuing blessings.

MRS. W. B. FERGUSON SPEAKS

Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, President of the Women of the Church, presented her report which was received as information.

The Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Moderator led Presbytery in the prayer of thanksgiving and supplication in behalf of the service of the Women of the Church.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Dr. Paul Warren, Chairman of Presbytery's Council, presented the report which was adopted as amended:

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL TO MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY, January 19, 1960

The Presbytery's Council met on January 18, 1960 in the Green Room of the S&W Cafeteria in Asheville. The following members were present: J. B. Frye, George Wing, III, Sam Patton, Kelley Bennett, R. E. McClure, W. G. Thomas and Paul F. Warren.

The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer, after which the following guests were introduced: Dr. C. Grier Davis, President of Montreat College; Dr. H. B. Dendy and Mr. Edward Roberts, trustees of Mountain Orphanage; and Mr. R. L. Torrence, from the Committee on the Executive Secretary.

THE COUNCIL HEARD THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

1) Dr. Davis explained the position of Montreat College with reference to the State Board of Education, and requested that the Council consider recommending to the Presbytery that Montreat be made an affiliate institution of Asheville Presbytery.

2) The trustees of the Mountain Orphanage explained that the Mountain Orphanage in 1959 received through the Presbytery $40,096.86, which forced them to borrow from their reserve fund a sum of $8,200. The Orphanage requested the Council to put them in the 1960 budget for $45,000 from the Presbytery, but according to the budget set up at the summer meeting of Presbytery, the Orphanage was only put in for $42,000. The trustees asked that the Presbytery's Council replace enough to overcome the deficit of 1959, thus making the Mountain Orphanage total through the Presbytery's budget $50,200.

3) The report from the Committee on the Executive Secretary.

4) The report from the Committee on Christian Education.

The Council is anxious to continue the plan of asking the churches in the Presbytery to accept not only the total amount requested for benevolences, but the amount that each cause needs in terms of dollars and cents, until every church in the Presbytery has met each cause in the budget in full.

The Council hopes that the Presbytery will continue to approve the plan whereby a more equitable distribution of benevolent monies can be made to all the divisions; namely, General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery. The plan is that insofar as possible each benevolent cause will receive its proportionate share of money in terms of dollars and cents.

To do this, it was necessary that total budgeted contributions, both designated and undesignated, be considered in the division, always keeping in mind that all designated money shall be transmitted in full to the cause to which it is designated.

The total amount of money expected for all budgeted benevolences for 1960 was ascertained by a canvass of each church in the Presbytery during the month of September, and in the cases where no response was received, the amount from those churches was estimated on the basis of the giving in 1959. The results of this canvass reveal that our anticipated receipts for 1960 will be $175,000.

It was decided that the division should continue to be on the congregational level rather than the Presbytery level, in order to insure that each church would share in the work of each cause and to prevent a few churches from carrying the burden of any one cause and requiring little or nothing from the remainder.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COUNCIL MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

1) That Montreat College be made an affiliated Presbyterian College of Asheville Presbytery.

2) That the apportionment of $42,000.00 for the Mountain Orphanage from Presbytery's 1960 Budget be continued as was adopted during the 1959 Summer Meeting of Presbytery; and that the Presbytery's Council and the Trustees of Mountain Orphanage meet as soon as possible to discuss the problems related to the Mountain Orphanage, and that a report be presented to the April meeting of Presbytery with recommendations.

3) That the report from the Committee on the Executive Secretary be approved by the Council, and read on the floor of Presbytery at its meeting on January 19th.

4) That the Council recommend the following changes in view of the request of the Christian Education Committee with regard to the work of the Committee, and the campsite:

a) Increase the askings for the Christian Education Committee from $1,500 to $2,000.

b) Increase the askings for campsite from $2,500 to $3,000.

5) On the basis of anticipated receipts of $175,000, your Council recommends the following apportionment for budgeted benevolences be adopted:

ASSEMBLY CAUSES

World Missions	$ 33,722.29	
Church Extension	10,470.16	
Christian Education	5,153.11	
Annuities & Relief	5,315.77	
General Fund Agencies	8,106.56	
Inter-Church Agencies	121.07	
TOTAL		$ 62,988.76

SYNOD CAUSES

King College	$ 14,308.99	
Union Seminary	1,861.47	
Louisville Seminary	930.79	
Christian Education	5,013.92	
Church Extension	121.07	
TOTAL		$ 22,236.24

PRESBYTERY CAUSES

Mountain Orphanage	$ 42,000.00	
Church Extension	29,100.00	
Christian Education	2,000.00	
Promotion	3,000.00	
Campsite	3,000.00	
Montreat College	10,000.00	
Davidson College	675.00	
TOTAL		$ 89,775.00
GRAND TOTAL		$175,000.00

The Council has made a breakdown for each church for each cause, and this will be mailed out to the churches for their information, provided the Presbytery approves of this over-all division.

6) That the salary of the Stated Clerk be increased from $400 to $600 per year and the salary of the Permanent from $100 to $150 per year.

7) That the per capita tax for 1960 be increased from 45c to 46c.

RULING ELDER F. B. GARDNER

Ruling Elder F. B. Gardner was granted the privilege of the floor and he called Presbytery's attention to the fact that the docket of the spring meeting would have an hour for the presentation of the most essential items which would be considered during the General Assembly meeting at Jacksonville, Florida.

REPORT OF SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman of Sessional Records Examining Committee, presented the report which was adopted:

1. That churches not having Sessional Records at the January meeting of Presbytery be directed to bring same to the April meeting, namely: Andrews, Bethel of Cherokee, Grace Covenant, Highlands, Ivy Park, and Weaverville.
2. That all other Sessional Records be approved as corrected.
3. That Clerks of Sessions and others in speaking of elders being sent to Presbytery be admonished to use the correct term, "representatives."

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Dr. H. B. Dendy, Chairman of the Mountain Orphanage, presented the report which was received as information. Pending action on the report, Presbytery heard Mr. Don McKenzie, Superintendent of the Orphanage.

The Audited report of the Treasurer of the Mountain Orphanage for the year ending September 30, 1959 was placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

CHURCH EXTENSION REPORT

The Chairman of Presbytery's Church Extension Committee, Dr. W. G. Thomas, made the report which was received as information.

Dr. R. E. McClure, Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions, presented the report which was received as information.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Rev. Joseph L. Auten, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, presented the report which was received as information and the following recommendation was approved: That Presbytery approve a loan of $200 by the Board of Christian Education to Candidate John E. Ellington for the School year 1959-60.

Mr. Philip Chase spoke concerning the Youth Fellowship Flying Squadron and Mr. F. B. Gardner spoke on Synod's Vocational Guidance program.

INCREASE IN SALARIES

The Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, the Rev. Ben Ormand, presented the balance of the report which was adopted: That the following Churches be granted authority to raise their pastors salaries and commended: West Asheville from $5,000 to $5,800; Oak Forest from $4,480 to $4,940; Bryson City from $4,150 to $4,500; Asheville First to Mr. Sproule from $4,500 to $5,400; Friendship from $2,450 to $2,695 — total $4,500; Malvern Hills from $3,250 to $3,575; Mills River from $3,420 to $3,900; Westminster to $720; Ivy Park from $400 to $440, and Dillingham from $2,000 to $2,280.

The recommendation of the Church Extension Committee to raise all Home Mission basic salaries from $4,350 to $4,500 was adopted.

WORLD MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman of the Committee on World Missions, presented the report which was received as information.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman of the Committee on Office of the Executive Secretary, presented the report which was adopted:

Your Committee submits the following recommendations to Asheville Presbytery, January 19, 1960:

1—That Asheville Presbytery authorize the establishment of a separate budget to finance, in part for 1960, the office of the Executive Secretary.

2—That the balance now on hand and carried as an account under the name of the "Presbytery's Council" be changed to "Office of Executive Secretary", ... $2,000.00

3—That the amount in the 1960 Benevolence Budget of the Presbytery for "Promotion" be increased from $100.00 to 3,000.00

4—That the "Reserve Balance" carried in the account of the Central Treasurer be transferred to the account of the "Office of Executive Secretary" 700.00

5—That The Mountain Orphanage be asked to contribute $125.00 monthly to the office in lieu of the present arrangement by which they pay one half of the salary of the office secretary and overhead of office costs, or a total of 1,500.00

(On the basis of maximum budget cost for 1960, as by the Church Extension committee this would be $2,585.00)
(On the basis of net actual cost in 1959, $2,117.04)

6—That on the basis of income estimated above, in the amount of $7,200.00

A—That the amount in the Benevolence Budget for 1960 for Church Extension in the Presbytery be reduced by $2,900, and added to "Promotion" as provided above (Rec. 3)

B—That the following spending budget for 1960 be approved:

Overhead Office Costs: telephone, postage, printing insurance, etc. etc.	$2,000.00
Repair and replacement for building.....	200.00
New Office Equipment, as needed	250.00

Our Mountain Work	3,000.00
Other Items, including expenses of Commission on Minister and His Work, Council on Evangelism, Representatives on N. C. Council of Churches, etc.	500.00
Expenses of Presbytery's Council, the details of which will be determined by the Council.	300.00
	$6,250.00

7—That a study be made of the advisability of setting up the Office of the Executive Secretary in 1961 on a complete budget including salaries, and if feasible a budget to accomplish this be presented to Presbytery's Council in time for action in July 1960.

RESOLUTIONS

Dr. A. F. Fogartie, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions presented the report which was adopted by standing vote: "The Presbytery of Asheville, in session January 19, 1960 at the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church, expresses deep appreciation to the pastor, officers, and women of the Church for the splendid entertainment afforded us in this meeting. We pray God's continued blessing upon the work of the Oak Forest Church".

BILLS AND OVERTURES

C. A. Stone, Chairman of the Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that they had no report.

THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

The Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman of the Committee on Judicial business, reported that no business had come to them and they had no report.

SPRING MEETING AT MALVERN HILLS

The invitation of the Malvern Hills Church to Presbytery to meet with them on Tuesday, April 19, 1960 at 10:00 A. M. was accepted.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

The Permanent Clerk, the Rev. W. C. Cooper, read the minutes which were approved.

SPRING ADJOURNED MEETING—April 19, 1960

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina, on Tuesday, April 19, 1960 at 10:00 A. M. with the benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. J. Bruce Frye.

Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Moderator
Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk
Rev. W. C. Cooper, Permanent Clerk

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date		*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1949	Winter	Mountain Orphanage	Rev B. Hoyt Evans
	Spring	Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
	Summer	Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
	Fall	Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950	Winter	Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
	Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
	Summer	Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
	Fall	Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951	Winter	West Asheville	C. G. Worley
	Spring	Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
	Summer	Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
	Fall	Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952	Winter	Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
	Spring	Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
	Summer	Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
	Fall	Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953	Winter	Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
	Spring	Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
	Summer	Canton	S. W. Black
	Fall	Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954	Winter	Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
	Spring	Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
	Summer	Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
	Fall	Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955	Winter	West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
	Spring	Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
	Summer	Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
	Fall	Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956	Winter	Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
	Spring	Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
	Summer	Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
	Fall	Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule
1957	Winter	Grace Covenant	Rev. Thomas Sproule
	Spring	Brevard-Davidson River	F. B. Gardner
	Summer	Waynesville	F. B. Gardner
	Fall	Weaverville	Rev. Paul F. Warren
1958	Winter	Franklin	Rev. Paul F. Warren
	Spring	Sylva	James S. Howell
	Summer	Black Mountain	James S. Howell
	Fall	Murphy	Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III
1959	Winter	Friendship	Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III
	Spring	Asheville First	Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr.
	Summer	Bryson City	Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr.
	Fall	Andrews	Rev. J. Bruce Frye
1960	Winter	Oak Forest	Rev. J. Bruce Frye

PRESBYTERY'S STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR YEAR 1959

(Statistics taken from reports of Churches to Stated Clerk. For detail breakdown of Gifts to Assembly Budget Items see Assembly Minutes, when printed. Summary total, only, shown below.)

Post Office	Churches	Pastors or Supplies	Ruling Elders	Deacons	Added on Profession	Total Membership	Baptism: Adult	Baptism: Infant	Sunday School Enrollment	Budgeted Benevolences: Assembly	Budgeted Benevolences: Synod	Budgeted Benevolences: Presbytery	Budgeted Benevolences: Total Budgeted	Non-Budgeted: Assembly	Non-Budgeted: Synod	Non-Budgeted: Presbytery	Congregational	Miscellaneous	Total All Benevolences	Current Expenses	Building Funds	Grand Total All Contributions
Andrews, Andrews		Vacant	3	4	—	62	—	—	56	223	73	321	617	12	—	20	—	—	649	4199	2400	7248
Arden, Arden		W. C. Cooper, P.	10	12	5	198	3	4	160	696	287	944	2029	73	—	12	—	15	2133	9362	3900	15416
Asheville, First		Thomas Sproule, Asst. P.	46	20	21	1575	13	22	649	13070	4938	27992	45000	1120	2460	2765	—	1503	54745	63643	—	118436
	Grace Covenant	Paul F. Warren, P.	12	12	12	343	7	3	243	2908	1502	5654	11066	120	—	60	—	3	11251	32707	1382	46340
	Kenilworth	Joseph L. Auten, P.	21	22	4	390	4	3	490	2297	840	3333	6470	382	—	113	—	221	7165	21125	4589	32179
	Malvern Hills	James L. Jackson, P.	9	12	7	195	7	6	173	549	196	991	1736	290	—	113	2	—	2149	8099	3776	14024
	Oak Forest	R. L. Sommers, P.	7	12	4	241	2	8	168	2063	213	2963	7126	301	129	233	—	—	7790	10936	—	18726
	West Asheville	W. G. Thomas, P. SC.	15	30	12	332	3	10	300	2043	719	3347	6111	32	—	166	—	222	6531	29095	10043	43871
	Westminster	B. B. Breitenhirt, P.	6	9	2	125	—	2	120	533	111	548	1192	174	11	470	126	—	1973	3554	16234	21761
Barnardsville, Dillingham		Daniel E. Carlton (2) P.	5	7	1	140	1	—	117	232	73	335	640	51	—	13	—	—	704	3113	49	3866
Black Mtn., Black Mtn.		Vacant	14	12	—	250	—	2	149	1723	396	2402	4727	181	—	113	—	—	5021	12216	12900	31137
Friendship		C. R. Stegall, P.	6	6	9	174	6	—	130	826	194	826	1345	204	—	42	—	1550	3143	5473	6181	14797
Lakey Gap		C. W. Solomon, SS.	3	2	7	54	—	1	50	125	47	168	338	—	—	—	—	—	338	235	194	696
Brevard, Brevard,-D.R.		Ben F. Ormand, P.	12	11	11	463	5	12	326	2661	1160	4132	8319	173	273	548	—	194	9309	19446	12200	40949
Bryson City, Bryson City		Sam L. Rochester, P.	4	6	2	97	1	2	70	1381	431	1690	3501	201	225	71	—	32	4123	7095	190	11313
Canton, Canton		J. C. Lime, P.	12	15	—	254	—	3	173	944	155	989	2088	220	—	420	70	89	2894	12480	4835	20011
Bethel		Wm. R. Covin, P.	4	5	3	68	3	5	70	161	43	174	377	20	—	176	—	—	573	2310	129	3212
Etowah, Etowah		R. L. Torrence, SS.	7	7	2	81	1	—	54	305	100	431	839	—	—	8	—	—	847	2139	5510	8523
Franklin, Franklin		Vacant	8	10	—	134	—	2	92	606	69	554	1229	113	—	110	—	—	1461	7644	—	9105
Morrison		(David C. White, Stu. S.)	2	1	1	13	1	—	60	74	26	106	206	—	—	—	—	—	206	800	—	1006
Hayesville, Hayesville		(James A. Pippin, Stu. S.)	2	—	1	50	1	—	42	43	—	175	220	20	3	13	—	—	256	1450	5554	10262
Haselwood, Haselwood		Wm. H. Marquis, P.	3	9	5	218	5	7	132	1190	—	1423	2612	60	3	39	—	292	3018	13043	7676	23737
Hendersonville, First		Warren F. Thuston, P.	19	13	5	500	5	9	435	5404	599	7965	17968	146	—	181	—	—	17407	54960	31193	83560
Highlands, Highlands		Vacant	5	6	—	81	—	—	43	304	97	455	891	46	100	20	—	—	1067	6008	—	7065
Horse Shoe, Mills River		J. Bruce Frye, P.	10	8	2	148	3	1	123	573	327	1321	2420	107	21	168	—	—	2716	7711	714	11141
Montreat, Montreat		A. F. Fogartie, P.	7	4	3	147	1	1	87	2313	556	2613	5486	462	—	276	325	2554	9103	7007	1773	18433
Murphy, Murphy		Robert A. Potter, P.	6	6	7	158	5	1	96	981	228	534	1864	86	178	73	100	32	4500	9970	5391	19941
Swannanoa, Swannanoa		G. Bird Talbot, P.	11	12	4	366	2	1	119	1551	716	1996	4265	90	—	73	—	35	1389	5083	4661	11072
Sylva, Sylva		Vacant	4	6	3	93	2	3	120	422	168	619	1209	23	—	65	—	—	43	33	—	68
Unaka, Bethel		(Jas. A. Pippen (2), Stu. S.)	1	—	—	19	—	—	21	4	—	35	39	—	—	16	—	—	4749	16521	—	21270
Waynesville, Waynesville		Wayne R. Anginbaugh, P.	10	11	3	223	3	4	120	1645	637	2439	4721	—	—	28	—	1949	14350	11579	2500	28429
Weaverville, Weaverville		H. B. Dendy, P.	3	13	21	455	27	8	326	5498	427	4660	10585	1162	11	649	—	—	1066	2136	148	3338
Brittains Cove		R. D. Bedinger, SS.	4	3	0	46	3	—	49	399	106	373	878	107	—	16	—	—	201	942	—	1143
Ivy Park		Daniel E. Carlton (2), P.	2	1	1	35	—	—	35	108	16	101	220	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1960 Number of Churches 34.		Totals, Dec. 31, 1960	300	300	196	8221	119	128	5662	66002	15673	82591	158266	6002	2512	9046	648	8685	188212	381110	148108	714430
1958 Number of Churches 36.		Totals, Dec. 31, 1958	290	311	279	8287	134	159	5642	44364	9819	93491	146628	3580	4139	6173	2046	4347	167422	351183	217166	735771
1957 Number of Churches 35.		Totals Dec. 31, 1957	271	312	243	8113	131	144	5670	53079	15943	82414	152356	3207	6336	2769	1106	3902	172673	322258	136711	681544

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MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY *of* ASHEVILLE

OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES

STATED MEETING

SUMMER 1960

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black Mountain, North Carolina
July 26, 1960

Called Meeting — June 21, 1960
Called Meeting — August 12, 1960

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FALL 1960
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Hendersonville, North Carolina
Tuesday, October 18, 1960 — 10:00 A. M.

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator: Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. W. G. Thomas, P. O. Box 6097, Asheville, — 1962.

Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. C. Cooper, P. O. Box 245, Arden, — 1963.

Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 28 Church Street, Asheville, — 1962.

Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

Historian: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1961—Carl M. Sawyer, Kenilworth; 1962—George Stockton, Montreat; 1963—Roy P. Booth, Asheville 1st.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis; 1963—Joseph L. Hunter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Church Extension

1961—Rev. R. A. Potter, Rev. R. L. Torrence, C. A. Stubbs, John C. Arrowsmith.
1962—Rev. Joseph L. Auten, Joseph L. Hunter, S. A. Mann, O. E. Starnes, Jr.
1963—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Dr. L. B. McDonald.

Orphanage Work

1961—Carl R. Welte, Edward G. Roberts, Mrs. F. A. Plummer, Rev. R. D. Bedinger.
1962—C. E. Worley, J. Paul Teal, Jr., Aaron Prevost, Mrs. Wm. Charnock.
1963—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt, Chas. A. Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Christian Education

1961— Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. J. L. Jackson, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. R. L. Sommers, Joe E. Rose, A. H. Bryson.
1962—Rev. Wiley Covin, Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, George Stockton, L. B. Ordway, Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Lloyd B. Leonard.
1963—Rev. Joseph L. Auten, Chairman, Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Phillip L. Brintnall, Dr. John Fulger.

The following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; W. A. Singleton, President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. Joe Reese, Chairman of Christian Education of Presbyterial; Rev. R. W. Gray and Mrs. Fred Hellman, Adult Advisors of Youth Work; Rev. R. W. Gray, Director of Senior High Conference; Rev. J. L. Auten, Director of Pioneer Camp, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Director of Junior Camp.

Presbytery's Council

1961—Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt, Chairman; Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Kelly E. Bennett.
1962—Rev. R. W. Gray, George Wing III, Harry K. McDonnold.
1963—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mark Sumner, Sam R. Patton.
Assistants—Rev. W. F. Thuston, Thomas Lamb, Robert C. Hunter.

The following by virtue of office held: Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Moderator, R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk.

COMMISSION ON MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1961—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, L. H. McKay.
1962—Rev. J. C. Lane, W. H. McMurray.
1963—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Rev. H. B. Dendy.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations: 1961—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Holland McSwain; 1962—Rev. R. L. Sommers, Chairman, J. L. Lewis; 1963—Rev. Paul F. Warren, J. A. Gray.

World Missions: 1961—Rev. W. J. Gammon; 1962—Crawford W. Pearson; 1963—Rev. A. F. Fagartie, Chairman.

Church Extension (Assembly): 1961—W. H. McMurray; 1962—Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. Sam Rochester, Chairman; 1963—Rev. James L. Jackson.

Christian Education (Assembly): 1961—Rev. J. H. Skelton; 1962—J. R. Lewis; 1963—Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman.

Annuities and Relief: 1961—Rev. R. A. Potter; 1962—Rev. C. R. Stegall; 1963—Rev. L. T. Newland, Chairman.

Evangelism:
1961—Rev. R. A. Potter, Rev. W. H. Marquis, J. O. Williams, S. R. Patton.
1962—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, Rev. J. L. Auten, Dr. H. L. Bacon, Louis F. Smith.
1963—Rev. W. R. Covin, Rev. W. W. Pharr, R. C. Hunter, M. R. Wisenhunt.

General Fund Agencies: 1961—Rev. D. E. Carlton, Chairman; 1962—Rev. John R. Hay; 1963—B. L. McGlamery.

Examining Committees:
1961—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman.
Experimental Religion: The Moderator.
Theology: 1962—Rev. R. E. McClure; 1963—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman.
Church Government: 1961— Rev. S. L. Rochester; 1963—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman.

DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Sacraments: 1961—Rev. R. D. Bedinger; 1963—Rev. James L. Jackson, Chairman.

English Bible: 1962—Rev. G. Aiken Taylor; 1963—Rev. A. F. Fogartie, Chairman.

Academic and Seminary Studies: 1961—Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh; 1963—Rev. Thomas Sproule, Chairman.

Women's Work: 1961—C. J. McCarty; 1962—Rev. J. C. Lime; 1963— Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman.

Sessional Records: 1961—W. A. Singleton; 1962—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; 1963—Rev. Wm. R. Covin; with additional appointments by the Moderator.

Minutes of Church Courts: 1961—Rev. R. D. Bedinger; 1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman; 1963—Rev. John R. Hay.

Program: Moderator—Rev. J. Bruce Frye; Stated Clerk—Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host Pastor—Ruling Elder from Host Church.

North Carolina Council of Churches: 1963—Rev. S. L. Rochester, Chairman, Kelly E. Bennett.

Salaries of Ministers of Asheville Presbytery: 1961—W. P. Barnes, R. H. Reid; 1962—R. R. Clark, J. J. Stone; 1963—Kelly Bennett, Chairman, Richard E. Gordon.

Office of Executive Secretary: (Named by bodies they represent) Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman, Church Extension; Sam Patton, Presbytery's Council; Rev. G. B. Talbot, Christian Education; Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Commission on Minister and His Work; J. Paul Teal, Jr., Mountain Orphanage; Mrs. J. J. Stone, Women of Presbytery.

Survey Representative: Rev. W. C. Cooper.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Presbyterian Foundation: Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Ruling Elders, Leon Walker, T. C. Gray, U. R. Bell, Mrs. Hugh Lamb.

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Study Committee: Christianity and Health — The Rev. R. W. Gray, the Rev. A. F. Fogartie and Ruling Elder W. H. McMurray.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY, JANUARY 1960

Name, Church, Institution and Class, Loan approved for 1959-1960.

Walter K. Beaty, Jr., Grace Covenant Church, Asheville, N. C., Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., Second Year, $200 Loan.

J. Carlton Burrell, Hazelwood Church, Hazelwood, N. C., Belhaven College, First Year.

Philip Edward Chase, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C.

William R. English, Malvern Hills Church, Asheville, N. C., U. S. Armed Forces.

John E. Ellington, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C., Columbia Theological Seminary, First Year, $200 Loan.

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William R. Johnson, First Church, Asheville, N. C., Columbia Theological Seminary, Senior.

William B. Leaman, Jr., Kenilworth Church, Asheville, N. C., Working.

Holland McSwain, Jr., First Church, Murphy N. C. Union Theological Seminary, Second Year, $200 Loan.

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Hubert Sneed, First Church, Murphy, N. C., King College, Senior Year.

Frederick W. Streetman, Jr., First Church, Hendersonville, N. C., U. S. Armed Forces.

John B. Trotti, First Church, Asheville, N. C., Union Theological Seminary, Senior Year, $200 Loan.

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DOCKET SCHEDULE

WINTER MEETING

Sermon by Moderator
Communion Service
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly
Reports of Presbytery Officers
Reports of Commissions — Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Home Missions
Mountain Orphanage
Education
B. Permanent Committees
Office of Executive Secretary
World Missions
Nominations
Evangelism
Women's Work
Sessional Records
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

SUMMER MEETING

Sermon by Moderator or Sermons by Candidates
Communion Service
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissioners to General Assembly
Report of Commissions Minister and His Work
Report of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Education, Presbytery
Home Missions, Presbytery
B. Permanent Committees
Church Extension, Assembly
Christian Education, Assembly
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

SPRING MEETING

Devotional by Moderator
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Education
Mountain Orphanage
B. Permanent Committees
General Fund Agencies
N. C. Council of Churches
C. Standing and Special Committees
Report on Audits
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Nomination of Moderator
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Adjournment

FALL MEETING

Devotional by Moderator
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
The Mountain Orphanage
Education
Home Missions
B. Permanent Committees
Annuities and Relief
Minutes of Church Courts
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Nomination of Moderator
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

CALLED MEETING

PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

Central Presbyterian Church

Bristol, Tennessee, June 21, 1960

The Presbytery of Asheville met pursuant to an order of Synod in the Central Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tennessee, June 21, 1960 at 5:30 P. M.

The following request was presented to the Synod of Appalachia by the Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Moderator of Asheville Presbytery.

"This is to request the Synod of Appalachia to convene a meeting of the Presbytery of Asheville immediately following the afternoon business session, June 21st, for the purpose of authorizing the appointment of additional personnel to assist Presbytery's Council in the work of stewardship promotion."

The Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Moderator, convened Presbytery with prayer.

The Stated Clerk, the Rev. W. G. Thomas, called the roll of ministers and the following were present:

W. R. Aughinbaugh, J. L. Auten, R. D. Bedinger, B. B. Breitenhirt, W. C. Cooper, W. R. Covin, H. B. Dendy, J. B. Frye, J. L. Jackson, W. B. Kennedy, R. E. McClure, B. F. Ormand, Jr., S. L. Rochester, R. L. Sommers, Thomas Sproule, G. B. Talbot, G. A. Taylor, W. G. Thomas, R. L. Torrence, and P. F. Warren. (20)

The Permanent Clerk, the Rev. W. C. Cooper, called the roll of Churches and the following were present:

Asheville First, Louis Smith; Bethel, (H), C. S. Terrell; Bryson City, Kelly Bennett; Hendersonville, L. B. McDonald; Oak Forest, Hugh Lamb; Waynesville, James L. Elwood; Weaverville, Lawrence Penland; and West Asheville, T. R. Clark. (8)

Mr. Roland Glover and Mr. J. W. Heintzleman, Seminary Students working in the Presbytery this summer, were introduced as visitors.

Presbytery voted to increase the number of members on Presbytery's Council by three to assist with the work (non-voting members until the Manual is changed). The Committee on Nominations was instructed to bring in the nominations at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Churches were requested to set date for Stewardship Promotion to joint meeting of Church officers between Sept. 15th and Oct. 15th, 1960.

The Moderator, the Rev. J. Bruce Frye, adjourned Presbytery with prayer.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

One Hundred and Fifty-Fifth Stated Session

SUMMER MEETING 1960

Asheville Presbytery met for its one hundred and fifty-fifth Stated Meeting in the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, Black Mountain, North Carolina at 10:00 A. M. on Tuesday, July 26, 1960. The Rev. C. R. Stegall, the last Moderator present, presided and constituted Presbytery with prayer, and led the worship. Candidate Fred F. Guthrie preached a sermon based on John 3:1-20, and candidate J. Davis Whitesides preached a sermon on Romans 12: 1-2.

The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Fogartie and the Rev. W. R. Covin, assisted by the Ruling Elders of the Host Church: Dr. C. D. Thomas, Donald McKenzie, J. O. Williams and Frank Wade.

The Stated Clerk, the Rev. W. G. Thomas, presented the Memorials to the late Rev. Wade C. Smith and the late Rev. John R. Hay which were admitted to record.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk, called the roll of ministers and the following were present:

W. R. Aughinbaugh, Walter P. Baldwin, R. D. Bedinger, B. B. Breitenhirt, Dan E. Carlton, W. C. Cooper, W. R. Covin, C. G. Davis,

H. B. Dendy, A. F. Fogartie, J. Bruce Frye, W. J. Gammon, James L. Jackson, W. B. Kennedy, J. C. Lime, W. H. Marquis, R. E. McClure, L. T. Newland, Ben F. Ormand, Jr., W. W. Pharr, S. L. Rochester, James H. Skelton, Jr., C. W. Solomon, R. L. Sommers, Thomas Sproule, C. R. Stegall, G. B. Talbot, G. Aiken Taylor, W. G. Thomas, W. F. Thuston, R. L. Torrence, P. F. Warren. (32)

The Rev. W. C. Cooper, Permanent Clerk, called the roll of Churches and the following were represented:

Arden, C. G. Worley; Asheville First, Clyde Blair and C. H. Lindsley; Bethel (H), C. S. Rollins; Black Mountain, D. C. McKenzie; Brevard-Davidson River, C. L. Newland; Brittain's Cove, C. P. Hensley; Bryson City, K. E. Bennett; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Franklin, B. L. McGlamery; Friendship, F. E. Byrd; Grace Covenant, A. T. Fishel; Hazelwood, E. A. Williamson; Hendersonville, L. H. McKay; Highlands, Charlie Anderson; Ivy Park, T. G. Penland; Lakey Gap, W. L. Clements, Jr.; Malvern Hills, J. Z. Russell; Mills River, H. N. Clark; Montreat, C. C. Crowell; Murphy, Holland McSwain; Oak Forest, H. T. Shillinglaw; Swannanoa, W. H. McMurray; Waynesville, D. F. Whitman; Weaverville, Lawrence Penland; West Asheville, H. P. Mitchell; Westminster, J. B. Patton. (27)

VISITORS

The following ministers were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: J. R. Cunningham of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Joseph Dunglinson of Tuscaloosa Presbytery, A. Allen Gardner, Jr., of Southwest Georgia Presbytery, R. W. Gray of Pee Dee Presbytery, Joseph Hopper of Lexington-Ebenezer Presbytery, and R. T. L. Liston of Holston Presbytery.

The following visitors were introduced: Dr. K. K. Anderson of Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School; Seminary Students, D. R. Glover, J. W. Heintzleman, J. A. Pippin, J. B. Trotti, D. C. White, J. D. Whitesides, and R. O. Whitney; and G. A. Abbott, C. M. Arthur, L. N. Bell, J. R. Bulgin, F. H. Burgin, R. Clark, J M. Coleman, Paul Ellis, C. S. Fox, F. B. Gardner, Harry McDonnold, A. T. Morrison, J. F. Morrison, M. O. Morrison, W. E. Norwood, L. B. Ordway, T. H. Rankin, A. E. Reid, S. S. Smith, C. S. Terrell, Jr., R. C. Vodak, Grant Wade, R. S. Webb, A. P. Wemyss, Jr., E. E. White, J. O. Williams, M. L. Williams, R. R. Williams, Sr.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Moderator-Nominee, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mr. Donald McKenzie, Ruling Elder of the Black Mountain Church welcomed Presbytery and presented the report of the Program Committee which was adopted as follows: 1. That the Docket distributed by the Stated Clerk be the Order of the Day with these additions: (A.) That Presbytery recess for lunch at 1:00 P. M. and reconvene at 2:00 P. M. (B.) That the report of the Committee on Nominations be subhead "e" under item 7, section "B" — Permanent Committees. (C.) That the Special Committee on Mountain Orphanage's report be a part of the Report of Presbytery's Council.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Moderator, appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures: the Rev. Wayne Aughinbaugh, Chairman, the Rev. James L. Jackson, and Ruling Elder, Don McKenzie.

Judiciary: The Rev. Riley Covin, Chairman, the Rev. R. L. Sommers, and Ruling Elder Al Clark.

Resolutions: The Rev. Warren Thuston, Chairman, the Rev. Bird Talbot, and Ruling Elder H. D. Shillinglaw.

ATTENDANCE EXCUSED

The following ministers were excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery: J. L. Auten, J. H. Gruver, R. A. Potter, and J. R. Williams.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were read and disposed of as follows:

1. From Hendersonville Church—referred to proper time on docket.
2. Resignation of Dr. R. D. Bedinger was accepted and referred to Nomination Committee.

3. Request of Licentiate W. A. Loquist for dismissal to Concord Presbytery was granted.
4. Candidate A. B. Brinkerhoff's request for dismissal to Holston Presbytery was granted.
5. From Synod's Centennial Committee referred to Presbytery's Committee on Centennial.
6. The Moderator's appointment of Special Committee to Sponsor the 1960 Thanksgiving Offering Drive for the Mountain Orphanage was read and is as follows: G. Aiken Taylor, Chairman, C. A. Stone, R. S. Webb, Aaron Prevost, Jr., D. C. Hunter, James L. Jackson, J. O. Williams, R. E. McClure, Mrs. O. J. Wynne, and Mrs. Clarence Trotti.
7. Request of Trustees of Mountain Orphanage—referred to proper time on docket.
8. Revised Form of Government and Revised Rules of Discipline of General Assembly—referred to proper time on the docket.
9. From Stated Clerk of the General Assembly—referred to time for new and unfinished business.
10. From Assembly's Committee on Christianity and Health—referred to time for new and unfinished business.
11. Recommended Budget for Office of the Treasurer of Presbytery—referred to Presbytery's Council.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

The Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Chairman of the Council, presented the Council's report.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Time for lunch having arrived announcements were made. Presbytery recessed for lunch with prayer by the Rev. P. F. Warren.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

While at the dinner tables the Rev. W. F. Thuston, Chairman, presented the report of the Resolutions Committee which was adopted by standing unanimous vote:

"The facilities of this fine, new church have been most adequate and placed at our full disposal. This has expedited the work of this Presbytery at the current meeting and contributed to the comfort and welfare of the members and visitors. The

membership of the church has been more than gracious in the provision of music, instruments of worship, direction, information and refreshment.

At this time we would recommend a united audible vote of thanks and appreciation for this generous hospitality; particularly this excellent, expertly prepared and graciously served meal. We further recommend that as a demonstration of our appreciation — we stand and express thanks with united applause."

PRESBYTERY RECONVENES

Presbytery reconvened with prayer by the Rev. J. C. Lime at 2 P. M.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

The docket was amended to continue the report of Presbytery's Council. The report of the Council as amended was adopted unanimously.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

In the area of stewardship Asheville Presbytery has made considerable gains in recent years. However, two major problems still confront us: 1) The wide variance between the benevolence askings and the actual contributions, and 2) The inequity of distribution between the various causes in the benevolence budget.

These problems can best be highlighted by a look at the record for 1959. Asheville Presbytery approved an "askings budget" of $217,267. When all receipts were in the budget was subscribed in the amount of $161,266, which represented only a 74.2% fulfillment of our benevolence obligations.

The second problem is a part of the first, and reveals that of this 74.2% fulfillment, Assembly's Causes received 70.3% of their askings, Synod's Causes received 49.6% of their askings, while Presbytery's Causes received 85.3% of their askings. The problem may be further pointed up by a look at the inequity of distribution within the Assembly Causes as revealed in the following table.

Causes	*Askings*	*Gifts*	*Percentage*
World Missions	$42,647	$32,247	75.61%
Church Extension	$17,173	$ 9,723	56.62%
Christian Education	$ 7,908	$ 4,594	58.09%

Annuities & Relief	$ 4,786	$ 6,776	141.58%
General Fund Agencies	$12,575	$ 6,457	51.35%
Inter-Church Agencies	$ 222	$ 205	92.34%
Total	$85,311	$60,002	70.33%

Of 83 Presbyteries in the General Assembly in 1959 Asheville Presbytery ranked 49th in the percentage of fulfillment of the Assembly askings. Of the 4 Presbyteries in the Synod of Appalachia in 1959 Asheville Presbytery ranked a very poor 4th in the percentage of its fulfillment of its Synod askings.

A look at the per capita giving record of the churches of Asheville Presbytery in comparison to each other, and to the averages of the General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery, demonstrates where the responsibility for this situation ultimately rests.

Note should be taken to the following exceptions to the support of the total program of the church:

Bethel (C) contributed *only* to Assembly's Church Extension and Presbytery's Church Extension.

Hazelwood contributed nothing to Inter-Church Agencies, nor to any of the five agencies of Synod.

Morrison contributed nothing to Annuities & Relief or Inter-Church Agencies.

Bethel (H), Friendship, Ivy Park, Lakey Gap, Waynesville, and Weaverville contributed nothing to Inter-Church Agencies.

The record for the first half of the current year indicates that such exceptions are still being practiced by some churches, and that some churches are not remitting their benevolences on a regular basis. Despite this it is encouraging to note that Asheville Presbytery will probably give more money to benevolences this year than at any other period in its history. However, the basic problem still remains, and to them we must address ourselves as we prepare for 1961.

At the meeting of the General Assembly in Jacksonville the proposed budget for Assembly Causes was $9,456,230. This budget was adopted unanimously. At the meeting of the Synod of Appalachia in Bristol, Virginia, the Synod's share in the Assembly budget was presented as being $611,107. The various causes of the Synod proposed a budget of $250,000. Because of a revised system of apportionment Asheville Presbytery's share in these two budgets is less than the year before. Our share of the Assembly budget is $84,333. Our share of the Synod budget is $34,000. The total budgets and the apportionments to the four Presbyteries was adopted unanimously.

The proposed budget of the Presbytery Causes to be presented today will total $126,550, for a grand total of $244,883. If we continue at our present rate we can expect to raise about 75% of this amount.

Here is the problem. There seems to be something inherently wrong in a system whereby our Commissioners to the General Assembly vote unanimously to adopt a budget; whereby our representatives to Synod unanimously ratify the Assembly's budget, and unanimously adopt the Synod's budget; and, whereby the members of Presbytery unanimously ratify the budgets of the Assembly and Synod, and unanimously adopt the budget of Presbytery, and *fail to support it 100%.*

We have no moral right to approve these budgets if we do not mean to fulfill them. We could absolve ourselves of the guilt of lying by accepting only a percentage of these askings, but this would not absolve us from shirking our responsibility as Presbyterians to support the total program of the Church.

The answer does not lie in a partial acceptance of the askings, for they are legitimate and pressing needs, but in raising the money necessary to meet the total askings.

Towards this end your Council has determined to put on an intensive promotional campaign during the Fall to enlist the support of every local church and every Presbyterian in fulfilling these askings. By prayerful concern, by education, by hard work and sacrifice, all through the grace of God, we are confident that this can be accomplished.

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The Council wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. That in light of the following figures, Presbytery adopt an "askings budget" for 1961 of $244,833; and, that the churches be challenged to raise this as the minimum needs of the various causes.

Assembly Causes	*1960 Askings*	*1961 Askings*	
World Missions	$ 40,633	$ 41,026	
Church Extension	16,358	16,944	
Christian Education	7,983	8,115	
Annuities and Relief	4,564	4,537	
General Fund Agencies	12,648	13,474	
Inter-Church Agencies	212	237	
	$ 82,398	$ 84,333	up 2.35%
Synod Causes			
King College	$ 23,894	$ 21,760	
Seminaries (UTS & LTS)	4,712	4,080	
Christian Education	8,376	7,888	
Church Extension	219	272	
	$ 37,201	$ 34,000	down 8.6%

Presbytery Causes			
Mountain Orphanage	$ 41,081	$ 46,900	
Church Extension	29,100	37,000	
Office of Exec. Secretary	3,000	15,000	
Christian Education	5,000	7,650	
Montreat-Anderson College	20,000	20,000	
Davidson College	1,000	———	
	$ 99,181	$126,550	up 27.58%
Total	$218,780	$244,883	up 11.94%

2. That the "disbursements budget" be worked out after the Every Member Canvass has been completed, and be submitted to Presbytery for action at the January 1961 meeting.

3. That enrollment at the Leadership School, September 11-14, be strongly encouraged, with special attention being given by all Elders and Deacons to the course, "Christian Stewardship," to be taught by Dr. Bob S. Hodges, Jr.

4. That the Every Church Canvass be conducted during the period, September 15-October 15, and that the roll of the churches be called today for the purpose of obtaining a date during that period when a team of visitors can meet with the officers of each local church.

5. That during the Every Church Canvass each church seek to commit themselves to a definite percentage of their budget for benevolences, and that by December 20th, each church submit to the Chairman or Presbytery's Council the amount of money that this percentage can be expected to yield.

6. That the Stewardship Emphasis Season begin October 1st and continue through November 20th; that November 13th be designated as Every Member Canvass Sunday, and that the theme of the canvass be, "Acknowledge God's Priority."

7. That the churches make use of the Executives of the Assembly's Boards and Agencies during the Stewardship Season in promoting the total program of the church. (Arrangements for these speakers can be made only through the Presbytery's Council).

8. That the Presbytery Tax for 1961 be increased from 46c to 55c.

9. That cognizance be taken of the proposed campaign for King College and Campus Christian Life to be conducted throughout the Synod during the first three months of 1961, and that the churches be urged to assume their share in the goal set for Asheville Presbytery.

10. That the Manual of Presbytery, in the first paragraph under "Presbytery's Council," be amended to read:

"There shall be a Presbytery's Council, composed of twelve members, at least seven of whom shall be Ruling Elders or Deacons, together with the Stated Clerk and Executive Secretary by virtue of their office, which shall be considered an Executive Committee of Presbytery," and to make correction of second paragraph of the Manual to agree with the first paragraph.

11. That the Presbytery approve a program for acquainting the churches with the work of the Mountain Orphanage. The program will involve visits by representatives from the Orphanage. The churches are encouraged to invite the representatives by contacting Dr. G. Aiken Taylor, chairman of the special Thanksgiving Offering Committee, during the period between this meeting and Thanksgiving Day, November 24.

EVERY CHURCH CANVASS

Ruling Elder Kelly E. Bennett called the roll of Churches for the Every Church Canvass Schedule.

RECEPTION OF NEW MINISTERS

The certificates of transfer of the Rev. A. Allen Gardner, Jr. of Southwest Georgia Presbytery, the Rev. Robert William Gray of Pee Dee Presbytery, and the Rev. Joseph Hopper of the Presbytery of Lexington - Ebenezer were read and Presbytery ordered their reception pending their examination.

The Moderator, the Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., examined these ministers on experimental religion and the examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis conducted the examination on views on Theology which was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. W. W. Pharr conducted the examination on their views on Church Government which was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. James L. Jackson conducted the examination on Sacraments which was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory and the three ministers were to be enrolled as ministers of this Presbytery upon signing the Ex Animo Statement.

MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, read the Call from the Black Mountain Church, Black Mountain, N. C., to the Rev. R. W. Gray, and the Call from the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., to the Rev. Allen A. Gardner, Jr., and recommended that the calls be found in order and placed in their hands, which was done, and they accepted the calls.

RECEPTION OF CANDIDATES

Candidate J. David Whitesides' certificate from Norfolk Presbytery was read and he was received as a Candidate and ordered to be examined for ordination, and Candidate Fred F. Guthrie of Greenbrier Presbytery was received as a Candidate and ordered to be examined for ordination.

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Moderator, examined these candidates on experimental religion and the examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis conducted the examination on their knowledge and beliefs on Theology which was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. W. W. Pharr conducted the examination of the candidates on Church Government which was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. James L. Jackson conducted the examination on Sacraments which was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. A. F. Fogartie conducted the examination on English Bible which was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. Thomas Sproule reported on their Theses and Exegeses and Educational qualifications which were sustained as satisfactory.

Their sermons were commended and sustained as satisfactory.

The examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, read the call to J. David White-

sides and Fred F. Guthrie which were found in order and placed in their hands, and each accepted the call.

PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

Presbytery heard the Rev. J. R. Cunningham, President of the Presbyterian Foundation, present the work and opportunities of the Foundation.

SUPPLY FOR LAKEY GAP

The Rev. C. W. Solomon was approved as supply at Lakey Gap Church for the six months, July 1st - December 31st, 1960.

COMMISSIONS TO INSTALL AND ORDAIN

Presbytery appointed the following Commissions:

1. To Ordain and Install Mr. J. D. Whitesides as pastor of the Sylva Church, Sylva, N. C., Sunday, Sept. 18, 1960 at 4:30 P. M.: The Rev. J. L. Auten to preside, the Rev. W. G. Thomas to charge the pastor, the Rev. R. E. McClure to charge the congregation and the Rev. W. R. Covin, and Ruling Elders S. A. Gray, Grayson Pearson and W. P. Whitesides. The Rev. J. B. Whitten of Norfolk Presbytery was invited to preach the sermon, and the Rev. Joseph Dunglinson, Tuscaloosa Presbytery, and Dr. Hilton Seals, Orange Presbytery, be invited to sit as visiting brethren.

2. To Ordain and Install Mr. F. F. Guthrie as pastor of the Franklin Church, Franklin, N. C., Sunday, August 7, 1960 at 7:30 P. M.: The Rev. R. E. McClure, chairman, the Rev. G. A. Taylor to preach the sermon, the Rev. W. R. Covin to charge the pastor, Ruling Elder Holland McSwain to charge the congregation and Ruling Elder B. L. McGlamery; and Dr. D. H. Seals of Orange Presbytery invited to sit as a visiting brother.

3. To Install the Rev. Robert W. Gray as minister of the Black Mountain Church, Sunday, August 7, 1960, at 7:30 P. M.; Ministers: W. W. Pharr, to preach the sermon, H. B. Dendy to preside, J. F. Ligon of Pee Dee Presbytery invited to sit as a visiting brother and to charge the pastor, and L. T. Newland; and Ruling Elders: J. Paul Teal to charge the congregation, and W. H. McMurray.

4. To Install the Rev. A. Allen Gardner as minister of the Asheville First Church, Sunday, Sept. 4, 1960, at 11:00 A. M. or 8:00 P. M.; Ministers: Thomas Sproule to preside, R. E. McClure to charge the pastor, C. Grier Davis to charge the congregation, and Sam B. Hay of Tuscaloosa Presbytery invited to preach the sermon; and Ruling Elders: Lawrence McKay and R. R. Williams, Sr.

PRAYER

Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. W. W. Pharr in behalf of the new ministers received into the Presbytery and in behalf of the Rev. Thomas Sproule, who leaves for a year of study.

RABUN GAP - NACOOCHEE SCHOOL

Dr. K. K. Anderson, President of Rabun Gap - Nacoochee School, spoke to Presbytery concerning the work of this school.

DR. R. T. L. LISTON

Dr. R. T. L. Liston, President of King College, spoke to Presbytery about the challenge at King College.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The commissioners to the General Assembly—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, W. H. Marquis, and Thomas Sprule; and Ruling Elders: Fred Davidson, Ben L. McGlamery, and C. A. Stone, made their reports, and they were commended for their diligence.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Rev. G. B. Talbot presented the report of the Christian Education Committee and the Rev. R. L. Sommers, sub-chairman on Camps, made an oral report. The reports were received as information.

REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman of the Committee on Church Extension, presented the report for the Committee which was received as information.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF ASSEMBLY

The Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee of the General Assembly, presented the report which was received as information.

REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE OF ASSEMBLY

The Rev. S. L. Rochester, Chairman of Church Extension Committee of the General Assembly, reported that they had no report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The Rev. W. H. Marquis presented the report of the Committee on Evangelism which was received as information.

SESSIONAL RECORDS REPORT

The Rev. W. Riley Covin presented the report on Sessional Records which was received as follows: "The Minutes of the Highlands Church were examined and approved with two exceptions." The exceptions were written in the Sessional Record.

REPORT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Rev. R. L. Sommers, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, presented the report of the Committee which was approved as follows:

1. That R. H. Reid, Ruling Elder of the Arden Church, be appointed to the Centennial Committee, replacing Ruling Elder Mark Sumner.
2. That Dr. R. D. Bedinger's request to be relieved of the responsibility to write the Chapter on the Mountain Orphanage be accepted with regret and that this matter be left in the hands of Dr. R. E. McClure, who has been given the responsibility to write the History of Asheville Presbytery.

NO REPORTS

The Special Committee on Salaries of Ministers reported that the Committee had no report.

The Centennial Committee stated that the Committee had no report.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Bills and Overtures Committee stated that they had no report.

The Judicial Committee reported that they had no report.

The Resolutions Committee's report had been adopted at the lunch hour.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The request of the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage for a clarification of the recommendation adopted by Presbytery during the 1960 Spring Meeting concerning the creation of an Endowment Fund of the Mountain Orphanage (see 1960 Minutes, page 13, last paragraph) was answered as follows: The Board of Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage is requested to re-word the recommendation or submit additional recommendations to the Fall Meeting of Presbytery, October 18, 1960, and that the recommendations be sent to the ministers and clerks of sessions before the Fall Meeting.

MINISTER OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENTS

The Citation from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly on the Minister of the Word and Sacraments was docketed for the Fall Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTIANITY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Th Moderator was authorized to appoint a Study Committee on Christianity and Health which is to report to the Fall Meeting. The Moderator, the Rev. Ben F. Ormand Jr., appointed on this Committee the Rev. R. W. Gray, the Rev. A. F. Fogartie, and Ruling Elder W. H. McMurray.

ADDITIONS TO PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, the Rev. R. T. Sommers, Chairman, Presbytery placed the Rev.

W. F. Thuston, and Ruling Elders Thomas Lamb and Robert C. Hunter as assistants to Presbytery's Council.

CHANGE OF MANUAL

The motion carried that the members of the Committee on Nominations be nominated from the floor of Presbytery instead of by the Nomination Committee. Final action on this change of the Manual was tabled for the Fall Meeting.

FALL MEETING TO BE HELD IN HENDERSONVILLE

The invitation of the Hendersonville Church for Presbytery to meet with them on Tuesday, October 18, 1960, at 10:00 A. M. was accepted.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

The minutes of this meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the Called Meeting of June 21, 1960 at Synod were ordered to be edited and admitted to record.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. Ben F. Ormand, to meet at the Hendersonville Church on Tuesday, October 18, 1960 at 10:00 A. M.

Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Moderator
Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk
Rev. W. C. Cooper, Permanent Clerk

CALLED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

First Presbyterian Church

Asheville, N. C., August 12, 1960

The Presbytery of Asheville met pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina, August 12, 1960, at 2:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order and convened in prayer by the Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Moderator.

ROLL

The roll was called and the following were present:

MINISTERS: W. R. Aughinbaugh, J. L. Auten, R. D. Bedinger, B. B. Breitenhirt, D. E. Carlton, W. C. Cooper, H. B. Dendy, J. B. Frye, Fred F. Guthrie, J. L. Jackson, R. E. McClure, B. F. Ormand, R. L. Sommers, Thomas Sproule, C. R. Stegall, W. G. Thomas and P. F. Warren (17)

CHURCHES REPRESENTED: Asheville First, R. Stanford Webb; Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Ivy Park, T. G. Penland; Malvern Hills, J. Z. Russell; Mills River, L. L. Burgin; Oak Forest, H. T. Shillinglaw; Sylva, J. A. Gray; Waynesville, D. F. Whitman; and Weaverville, Lawrence Penland. (9)

ATTENDANCE EXCUSED

The following requests to be excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery were granted: C. Grier Davis and William B. Kennedy.

THE CALL

The call for this meeting was read and found in order and is as follows:

August 1, 1960
Asheville, N. C.

Brethren:

Constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina, on Friday, August 12th, 2:30 p. m., for the transaction of the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To hear and act upon the request of the Rev. J. Bruce Frye for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between him and the Mills River Church; and to grant him the privilege of laboring outside the bounds of the Presbytery as Assistant to the President of King College, Bristol, Tennessee.
2. To hear and act upon the resignation of the Rev. J. Bruce Frye as a member of the Presbytery's Council; and as a member of the Christian Education Committee; and to hear and act upon a report of the Nominating Committee as to his successors on the committees, and further to name a chairman of the Presbytery's Council.
3. To hear and act upon a request from the Church Extension Committee for the appointment of a Special Committee from mem-

bers of the present Church Extension Committee, as well as representatives from other organizations within the Presbytery. This committee will study the needs of the present Home Mission Fields and the opportunities of developing other fields; and if the way be clear to plan and promote a Special Campaign for additional funds to be used for Church Extension work. This committee will also plan and promote the Church Extension Season Offering in 1961. The committee will report to the Fall Meeting of Presbytery, October 18, 1960.

4. To transact any business growing out of the above.

Ben F. Ormand, Moderator

THE BUSINESS

1. PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP DISSOLVED

The request of the Rev. J. Bruce Frye that the pastoral relationship between him and the Mills River Church be dissolved effective August 31, 1960 and granted by a standing vote after Presbytery had heard Ruling Elder L. L. Burgin, representative of the Church.

Mr. Frye was granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery. Several ministers spoke complimentary of the service of Mr. Frye in the Presbytery, and Mr. Frye expressed his appreciation.

2. THE RESIGNATIONS:

The Rev. J. Bruce Frye's resignations from Presbytery's Council and the Christian Education Committee were accepted.

3. COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

The Rev. R. L. Sommers, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, presented the report of the Committee which was adopted:

1. That the Rev. Robert Gray fulfill the unexpired term of the Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Class of 1962, on Presbytery's Council.
2. That the Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt, Class of 1961, be named as Chairman of Presbytery's Council, succeeding the Rev. J. Bryce Frye.

The Committee on Nominations was instructed to bring in a report on the vacancy on the Christian Education Committee to the Fall Meeting.

4. CHURCH EXTENSION:

The motion was made that a Committee to plan and promote a

Special Campaign for additional funds to be used for Church Extension work within the Presbytery be appointed. The motion carried.

The Moderator was instructed to appoint this Committee after consultation with the Chairman of Presbytery's Committee on Church Extension.

MINUTES AND ADJOURNMENT

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the benediction by the Rev. Paul F. Warren, especially remembering Stanley L. Bennett, J. Bruce Frye, Thomas Sproule and special work and services within the Presbytery.

Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Moderator
W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk
W. C. Cooper, Permanent Clerk

APPENDIX

WADE C. SMITH

June 1, 1869 - May 16, 1960

Memorial written by The Rev. Dr. H. B. Dendy

Wade Cothran Smith, the modern apostle of personal work, author of the "Little Jetts" and Associate Editor of the Presbyterian Journal, died at his home in Weaverville, N. C., May 16, 1960, after an extended illness.

Whether in the White House by invitation of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, to tell the First Lady of the Plum Tree Mountain Mission School, or in the company of a gang of neighborhood boys over to the house for a "3-Saucer Party" (three saucers of ice cream and cake) this man of God made friends like few other people ever made frinds and won them to a closer walk with his Lord.

The author of some nine books, whose writings have been translated into French, Chinese, Hindustani and other languages, Wade C. Smith will best be remembered for the "Little Jetts" and "Say Fellows," features which ran in the Sunday School Times for nearly 43 years, as well as for his most famous work, the TESTAMENT FOR FISHERS OF MEN which sold well over 600,000 copies.

Born in Rome, Georgia, Wade Smith's first job was with Western Union. Then, after a stint on the Atlanta Constitution and the Chicago Board of Trade as a telegrapher, he gave up the communications life and became a cotton broker in Alabama and then in Jackson, Mississippi. While trying to make enough money to build a big home "on

the avenue" in Jackson, under the sign, "W. C. Smith—Cotton Exporter," disaster came upon him in the form of a fire which destroyed his cotton compress and $40,000 worth of staple, putting him out of business.

Starting again from scratch, with a wife and a family of six children coming along, Wade Smith this time oriented his life in terms of a more humble dependence upon God and an earnest searching of His will. "It took the complete ruin of my business to bring me to the path the Lord wanted me to follow," he later said.

Still in Jackson, it wasn't long before he was asked to serve as superintendent of the Sunday School. Not long after he was named to head all Presbyterian Sunday School work in Mississippi.

Next came the "Little Jetts" and a number of books: SAY FELLOWS, ON THE MARK, GET SET, NEW TESTAMENT EVANGELISM. He was invited to come to Richmond to become editor of Onward magazine and the Missionary Survey. His stay in Richmond lasted from 1915 to 1921 when, still a layman, he was called to the pastorate of the "Church-by-the-Side-of-the-Road, Greensboro, N. C.

Then it was at age 52, that he was licensed and subsequently ordained to the Gospel ministry. During his four-year pastorate in Greensboro, the congregation increased from 35 to 335, and the TESTAMENT was published.

In 1925 Wade Smith left Greensboro. During the next twenty years, as extension worker, but especially as an evangelist, he became known across the length and breadth of the land for his "personal work" approach. In meetings and clinics, thousands of laymen and ministers were trained in soul-winning and the Lord added His blessing to this ministry.

In the late afternoon of his life Wade Smith took up again the work of a congregation, becoming minister of the Community Church, Fontana Dam, N. C., at the age of 79! Under his leadership the congregation was organized and a new church was constructed.

From this work, in 1953, Wade Smith came to the PRESBYTERIAN JOURNAL as Associate Editor. And it was as if life had begun all over again.

At the end God was pleased to manifest His favor in a way seldom seen today. During the summer of 1959, abdominal surgery disclosed that Wade Smith had an inoperable cancer in its advanced stages. The doctor gave him little more than 30 days in which to live. But he confidently asserted that he yet had work to finish. The abdominal growth stopped growing. Wade Smith went back to his "Little Jetts," to his "Say Fellows," to his Men's Bible Class in the Weaverville Church, to his work on the JOURNAL.

The last class he taught was on a Sunday in April, 1960. And readers of the Sunday School Times will continue to benefit from his features through June of 1960. Despite weakness and discomfort, he kept up his work almost until the very end. The JOURNAL for April 27 was the last he proof-read . . . . catching several mistakes missed by the editor.

Few men in this generation, or any other, have walked more closely with God as did Wade C. Smith. In the criterion of the Master, he is one of the great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

He is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth, with whom he lived; and by a son, Dr. Cothran G. Smith, pastor of the Christiansburg, Va., church; and by a son, James L. Smith, a scientist at Oak Ridge, Tenn.; by six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

JOHN RICHARDS HAY

Memorial written by The Rev. Dr. R. E. McClure

Rev. John Richards Hay, servant of God, minister of the gospel, and member of Asheville Presbytery, was called to his eternal home on Tuesday morning, June 14, 1960.

Dr. Hay was born at Liberty Hill, S. C., on October 3, 1888, and was one of three brothers in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., sons of Frederick J. and Annie Richards Hay. He was educated at Davidson College where he graduated as Salutatorian of his class of 1914, Columbia Theological Seminary, and received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Davidson College.

Upon his ordination by Harmony Presbytery in 1914, he became pastor of the Wedgefield group in South Carolina. In 1915 he accepted a call of the Brevard and Davidson River Churches in Asheville Presbytery, serving there until 1925 except for an interval in YMCA work in the Army and Chaplain's school of the Army during the First World War. He was for two years pastor of the church at Clover, S. C., then went as pastor of the First Church, Hickory, N. C., in 1927, where he served for over twenty-five years, then became pastor for a few years at Ahoskie, N. C., in Albemarle Presbytery, until retirement.

Surviving Dr. Hay are his widow, Mrs. Sara Craig Hay, three sons, Rev. Edward C. Hay, Jacksonville, Fla., Dr. Samuel H. Hay, Toccoa, Ga., and John R. Hay, Jr., of Kingsport, Tenn., his two minister brothers, both retired, Dr. Samuel H. Hay of Columbia, S. C., Dr. Fred J. Hay of Dillon, S. C.; four sisters, Mrs. Leland B. Salters of Florence, S. C., Mrs. A. L. McCaskill and Miss Lisle Hay of Marion, S. C., and Mrs. S. M. Huntley of Batesville, Ark.; and a number of grandchildren.

Dr. Hay had been active in puplit supply after retirement to the time of his death, having preached his last sermon at Andrews, N. C., on May 22nd. He was planning to return to Andrews on Sunday, June 5th, but was prevented by his sudden illness the preceding Saturday. His home-going was nine days later. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Chester, S. C., after memorial services at the Purity Presbyterian Church of Chester.

His parents had been connected with the Farm School, now Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, near Asheville, and he attended this school before entering Davidson College. Having had a part of his early education within the bounds of Asheville Presbytery, and lived as a pastor here, he retired to spend his last year of earthly life within the bounds and as a member of this Presbytery.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1950 Winter	—Sylva	J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956 Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
Summer	—Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule
1957 Winter	—Grace Covenant	Rev. Thomas Sproule
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	F. B. Gardner
Summer	—Waynesville	F. B. Gardner
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. Paul F. Warren
1958 Winter	—Franklin	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Spring	—Sylva	James S. Howell
Summer	—Black Mountain	James S. Howell
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III
1959 Winter	—Friendship	Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr.
Summer	—Bryson City	Rec. C. R. Stegall, Sr.
Fall	—Andrews	Rev. J. Bruce Frye
1960 Winter	—Oak Forest	Rev. J. Bruce Frye
Spring	—Malvern Hills	Rev. J. Bruce Frye
Summer	—Black Mountain	Rev. Ben F. Ormond, Jr.

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FALL 1960

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Hendersonville, North Carolina
October 18, 1960

NEXT MEETING
WINTER 1961

MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montreat, North Carolina
Tuesday, January 17, 1961 — 10:00 A. M.

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator: Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. W. G. Thomas, P. O. Box 6097, Asheville, — 1962.

Permanent Clerk: Rev. W. C. Cooper, P. O. Box 245, Arden, — 1963.

Treasurer Benevolence Funds: Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church Street, Asheville, — 1962.

Executive Secretary: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

Historian: Rev. R. E. McClure, at same address.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1961—Carl M. Sawyer, Kenilworth; 1962—George Stockton, Montreat; 1963—Roy P. Booth, Asheville 1st.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1961—Rev. C. Grier Davis; 1962—Joseph L. Hunter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Church Extension

1961—Rev. R. A. Potter, Rev. R. L. Torrence, C. A. Stubbs, John C. Arrowsmith.
1962—Rev. Joseph L. Auten, Joseph L. Hunter, S. A. Mann, O. E. Starnes, Jr.
1963—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Dr. L. B. McDonald.

Orphanage Work

1961—Carl R. Welte, Edward G. Roberts, Mrs. F. A. Plummer, Rev. R. D. Bedinger.
1962—C. E. Worley, J. Paul Teal, Jr., Aaron Prevost, Mrs. Wm. Charnock.
1963—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt, Chas. A. Allen, Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Christian Education

1961—Samuel Smith, Rev. J. H. Skelton, Rev. J. L. Jackson, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. R. L. Sommers, Joe E. Rose, A. H. Bryson, Sam Smith.
1962—Rev. Wiley Covin, Rev. Wm. H. Marquis, George Stockton, L. B. Ordway, Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Lloyd B. Leonard.
1963—Rev. Joseph L. Auten, Chairman, Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. G. B. Talbot, Rev. Thomas Sproule, W. H. Arthur, Jr., Phillip L. Brintnall, Dr. John Folger.

The following by virtue of office held: Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary; W. A. Singleton, President of Men of Presbytery; Mrs. Joe Reese, Chairman of Christian Education of Presbyterial; Rev. R. W. Gray and Mrs. Fred Hellman, Adult Advisors of Youth Work; Rev. R. W. Gray, Director of Senior High Conference; Rev. J. L. Auten, Director of Pioneer Camp, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Director of Junior Camp.

Presbytery's Council

1961—Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt, Chairman; Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Kelly E. Bennett, Robert C. Hunter.
1962—Rev. R. W. Gray, George Wing III, Harry K. McDonnold.
1963—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mark Sumner, Sam R. Patton, Rev. W. F. Thuston, Thomas Lamb.

The following by virtue of office held: Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Moderator, R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk.

COMMISSION ON MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1961—Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, L. H. McKay.
1962—Rev. J. C. Lime, W. H. McMurray.
1963—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Rev. H. B. Dendy.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Nominations: 1961—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Holland McSwain; 1962—Rev. R. L. Sommers, Chairman, J. L. Lewis; 1963—Rev. Paul F. Warren, J. A. Gray.

World Missions: 1961—Rev. W. J. Gammon; 1962—Crawford W. Pearson; 1963—Rev. A. F. Fogartie, Chairman.

Church Extension (Assembly): 1961—W. H. McMurray; 1962—Rev. W. C. Cooper, Rev. Sam Rochester, Chairman; 1963—Rev. James L. Jackson.

Christian Education (Assembly): 1961—Rev. J. H. Skelton; 1962—J. R. Lewis; 1963—Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman.

Annuities and Relief: 1961—Rev. R. A. Potter; 1962—Rev. C. R. Stegall; 1963—Rev. L. T. Newland, Chairman.

Evangelism:
1961—Rev. R. A. Potter, Rev. W. H. Marquis, J. O. Williams, S. R. Patton.
1962—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman, Rev. J. L. Auten, Dr. H. L. Bacon, Louis E. Smith.
1963—Rev. W. R. Covin, Rev. W. W. Pharr, R. C. Hunter, M. R. Wisenhunt.

General Fund Agencies: 1961—Rev. D. E. Carlton, Chairman; 1962—Rev. J. D. Whitesides; 1963—B. L. McGlamery.

Examining Committee:
1961—Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman.
Experimental Religion: The Moderator.
Theology: 1962—Rev. R. E. McClure; 1963—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman.
Church Government: 1961— Rev. S. L. Rochester; 1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman.

DIRECTORY — ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Sacraments: 1961—Rev. R. D. Bedinger; 1963—Rev. James L. Jackson, Chairman.

English Bible: 1962—Rev. G. Aiken Taylor; 1963—Rev. A. F. Fogartie, Chairman.

Academic and Seminary Studies: 1961—Rev. Wayne A. Aughinbaugh, chairman; 1963—Rev. R. A. Potter.

Women's Work: 1961—C. J. McCarty; 1962—Rev. J. C. Lime; 1963— Rev. C. R. Stegall, Chairman.

Sessional Records: 1961—W. A. Singleton; 1962—Rev. R. A. Potter, Chairman; 1963—Rev. Wm. R. Covin; with additional appointments by the Moderator.

Minutes of Church Courts: 1961—Rev. R. D. Bedinger; 1962—Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman; 1963—Rev. Fred F. Guthrie.

Program: Moderator—Rev. Ben F. Ormand; Stated Clerk—Rev. W. G. Thomas; Host Pastor—Ruling Elder from Host Church.

North Carolina Council of Churches: 1963—Rev. S. L. Rochester, Chairman, Kelly E. Bennett.

Salaries of Ministers of Asheville Presbytery: 1961—W. P. Barnes, R. H. Reid; 1962—R. R. Clark, J. J. Stone; 1963—Kelly Bennett, Chairman, Richard E. Gordon.

Office of Executive Secretary: (Named by bodies they represent) Rev. R. L. Torrence, Chairman, Church Extension; Sam Patton, Presbytery's Council; Rev. G. B. Talbot, Christian Education; Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Commission on Minister and His Work; J. Paul Teal, Jr., Mountain Orphanage; Mrs. J. J. Stone, Women of Presbytery.

Survey Representative: Rev. W. C. Cooper.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Presbyterian Foundation: Rev. Paul F. Warren, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. S. L. Rochester, Rev. W. C. Cooper, Ruling Elders, Leon Walker, T. C. Gray, U. R. Bell, Mrs. Hugh Lamb.

Centennial Committee: Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Chairman, Rev. R. L. Sommers, Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Holland McSwain, R. H. Reid, C. A. Stubbs, Mrs. L. H. McKay, Mrs. F. N. Disbrew.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Walter K. Beaty, Jr., Grace Covenant Church, Asheville, N. C., teaching school, Hartsville, S. C., $400 Loan.

J. Carlton Burrell, Hazelwood Church, Hazelwood, N. C., Belhaven College, Second Year.

Philip Edward Chase, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C., Wake Forest College, First Year.

William R. English, Malvern Hills Church, Asheville, N. C., U. S. Armed Forces.

John E. Ellington, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C., Columbia Theological Seminary, Second Year, $200 Loan.

Robert William Hoyer, Hendersonville Church, Hendersonville, N. C., teaching in Bristol, Va.

William R. Johnson, First Church, Asheville, N. C., Columbia Theological Seminary, Senior.

William B. Leaman, Jr., Kenilworth Church, Asheville, N. C., working in Charlotte, N. C.

Holland McSwain, Jr., First Church, Murphy, N. C., Union Theological Seminary, Senior, $400 Loan.

George E. Scott, First Church, Asheville, N. C., University of Virginia, Teaching and Graduate Student.

Hubert Sneed, First Church, Murphy, N. C., Columbia Theological Seminary, First Year, $200 Loan.

Frederick W. Streetman, Jr., First Church, Hendersonville, N. C., U. S. Armed Forces.

John B. Trotti, First Church, Asheville, N. C., Graduate Student at Yale.

George David Russell, Waynesville Church, Waynesville, N. C., King College, Second Year.

CANDIDATE FOR LAY SERVICE

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Canton	William P. Barnes 8 Bailey St. Canton, N. C.	George Robertson Canton, N. C.
Dillingham	W. C. Dillingham, Sr. Barnardsville, N. C.	G. W. Arrowood Barnardsville, N. C.
Etowah	Harry Nicholson Rt. 1, Horse Shoe, N. C.	Miss Pearl Gash Etowah, N. C.
Franklin	John A. Bulgin Franklin, N. C.	J. Ward Long Franklin, N. C.
Friendship	Charlie A. Suttles General Delivery Black Mountain, N. C.	W. E. Norwood San Station Black Mountain, N. C.
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Churches	Clerk of Session	Treasurer
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Kenilworth	Crawford Pearson 10 Kenilworth Dr. Asheville, N. C.	Ed Ervin Route 5, Box 407 Asheville, N. C.
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Mills River	Mr. H. N. Clark R.F.D. 1, Horse Shoe, N. C.	Frank H. Burgin Fletcher, N. C.
Montreat	C. A. Stubbs Montreat, N. C.	George Stockton Montreat, N. C.
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DOCKET SCHEDULE

WINTER MEETING

Sermon by Moderator
Communion Service
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly
Reports of Presbytery Officers
Reports of Commissions — Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
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Presbytery's Council
Home Missions
Mountain Orphanage
Education
B. Permanent Committees
Office of Executive Secretary
World Missions
Nominations
Evangelism
Women's Work
Sessional Records
C. Standing and Special Committees
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SUMMER MEETING

Sermon by Moderator or Sermons by Candidates
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Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissioners to General Assembly
Report of Commissions Minister and His Work
Report of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
Presbytery's Council
Education, Presbytery
Home Missions, Presbytery
B. Permanent Committees
Church Extension, Assembly
Christian Education, Assembly
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SPRING MEETING

Devotional by Moderator
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Reception of Ministers and Candidates
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A. Executive Committees
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FALL MEETING

Devotional by Moderator
Organization of Presbytery
Reception of Ministers and Candidates
Calls for Pastors and Supplies
Reports of Commissions Minister and His Work
Reports of Committees:
A. Executive Committees
The Mountain Orphanage
Education
Home Missions
B. Permanent Committees
Annuities and Relief
Minutes of Church Courts
C. Standing and Special Committees
New and Unfinished Business
Place of Next Meeting
Nomination of Moderator
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

ADJOURNED MEETING

FALL MEETING 1960

Asheville Presbytery met in an Adjourned Meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, North Carolina on Tuesday, October 18, 1960 at 10:00 A. M. The Rev. Ben F. Ormond, Jr., Moderator, conducted the devotion and convened Presbytery with prayer.

Certificates of Ordination were presented to the Rev. Fred F. Guthrie and the Rev. James D. Whitesides and they were enrolled as ministers of Asheville Presbytery after signing the Ex Animo Statement.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk, called the roll of ministers and the following were present:

W. A. Aughinbaugh, Joseph Auten, Walter P. Baldwin, R. D. Bedinger, Dan E. Carlton, W. C. Cooper, Riley Covin, H. B. Dendy, A. F. Fogartie, J. Bruce Frye, William J. Gammon, A. Allen Gardner, Jr., Fred F. Guthrie, Jr., Joseph Hopper, James L. Jackson, J. C. Lime, W. H. Marquis, R. E. McClure, Ben F. Ormand, W. W. Pharr, Robert A. Potter, James H. Skelton, Richard L. Sommers, G. Aiken Taylor, W. G. Thomas, W. F. Thuston, Robert L. Torrence, Paul F. Warren, J. D. Whitesides. (29)

The Rev. W. C. Cooper, Permanent Clerk, called the roll of Churches and the following were represented:

Arden, Robert C. Hunter; Asheville First, R. P. Booth and D. B. Burns; Black Mountain, Ross E. Taylor; Brevard-Davidson River, Walter K. Straus; Bryson City, J. V. McHan; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Franklin, Horace T. Nolen; Hayesville, W. F. Manus; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerrow; Hendersonville, L. H. McKay; Ivy Park, T. G. Penland; Kenilworth, James T. Watson; Malvern Hills, E. L. Pierce; Montreat, C. A. Stubbs; Oak Forest, Edgar J. Duckworth; Sylva, J. E. Thompson; Weaverville, B. H. Evans; West Asheville, L. R. Orders; Westminster, W. J. Potter. (19)

ATTENDANCE EXCUSED

The following ministers were excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery: B. B. Brietenhirt, J. H. Gruver, W. B. Kennedy, L. T. Newland, S. L. Rochester, C. W. Solomon, Thomas Sproule, C. R. Stegall, G. B. Talbot

VISITORS

Dr. I. M. Ellis, Knoxville Presbytery, was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The following visitors were introduced: Miss Bessie Mae Stribling, Synod's Church Extension Worker; H. W. Heintsleman, Student Pastor at Hayesville; Charles M. Horton; Donald C. McKenzie; A. G. Randolph, Jr.; J. F. Watt, Missionary to the Congo; and Mrs. J. Bruce Frye, Bristol, Tennessee.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. Warren F. Thuston presented the report of the Program Committee and moved that the docket be the Order of the Day, and the following be added, the election of a Moderator-Nominee be item 9A; that the Rev. J. Bruce Frye of King College be heard at 12:15 P. M.; that World Missions be given five minutes immediately following Communications; and that Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 P. M., and reconvene at 1:30 P. M. The report was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Moderator, appointed the following Standing Committees:

BILLS AND OVERTURES: The Rev. A. Allen Gardner, Chairman; the Rev. G. Aiken Taylor, and Elder R. C. Hunter.

JUDICIARY: The Rev. A. F. Fogartie, Chairman; the Rev. J. D. Whitesides, and Elder G. C. Summerrow.

RESOLUTIONS: The Rev. Walter P. Baldwin, Chairman; the Rev. Fred F. Guthrie, and Elder Walter K. Straus.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were read and disposed of as follows:

1. From Montreat Church — referred to proper time on docket.
2. From Hazelwood Church — referred to proper time on docket.
3. The appointment by the Moderator, the Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., of the Committee to study the Form of Government and The Rules of Discipline revised for the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. are: Bird Talbot, Chairman, L. T. Newland, C. A. Stubbs, and Dr. C. D. Thomas.
4. The request of the Rev. C. R. Stegall that the pastoral relationship between him and the Friendship Church be dissolved effective January 22, 1961 was granted due to the fact that he would be seventy years old January 21, 1960. The request that he be placed on the Honorably Retired Roll, effective January 22, 1961 was also granted.

MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev. Marion A. Boggs, Moderator of the General Assembly, was invited to address the Presbyterians of the Presbytery on December 8, 1960, at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., and the Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, was requested to promote the meeting.

WORLD MISSION WORK SHOPS

The Rev. A. F. Fogartie, Chairman of the Committee on World Missions, made an announcement about the World Mission Work Shops to be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Sunday, October 23, 1960.

AMENDMENTS TO PRESBYTERY'S MANUAL

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk, read the proposed amendments to the Manual of Presbytery, which were adopted:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

A. PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

There shall be a Presbytery's Council, composed of twelve members, at least six of whom shall be Ruling Elders or Deacons, together with the Stated Clerk and the Executive Secretary and

the Moderator, who shall be ex-Officio members, which shall be considered an Executive Committee of the Presbytery.

Each of the twelve elected members shall serve for a term of three years each, and ordinarily shall not serve for more than six consecutive years, and on such a schedule whereby the term of office of FOUR members shall expire at each January meeting. The chairman shall be designated by the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

A. MINISTERS' SALARIES

There shall be a Permanent Committee on Ministers' Salaries, composed of six laymen. Each of the six elected members shall serve for a term of three years each, and ordinarily shall not serve for more than six consecutive years, and on such a schedule whereby the term of office of TWO members shall expire at each January meeting. The Chairman shall be designated by the Presbytery.

B. EVANGELISM

There shall be a Permanent Committee on Evangelism, composed of twelve members, at least six of whom shall be laymen.

Each of the twelve members shall serve for a term of three years each, and ordinarily shall not serve for more than six consecutive years, on such a schedule whereby the term of office of two ministers and two laymen shall expire at each January meeting. The Chairman shall be designated by the Presbytery.

The responsibility of said committee shall be to promote Evangelism throughout Asheville Presbytery.

C. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

There shall be a Nominating Committee of the Presbytery composed of six members, at least three of whom shall be laymen, elected upon nomination from the floor of Presbytery for a term of three years each, so that a minister and a layman shall be elected at each January meeting of the Presbytery, and no member shall be eligible to succeed himself until the expiration of at least three years.

The recommended changes in the Manual concerning the Committees of the Presbyterian Foundation, and The Minutes of the Church Courts were docketed for the January Meeting. The Stated Clerk was requested to word for insertion within the Manual the responsibilities of the following Permanent Committees: Presbyterian Foundation, Evangelism, Ministers' Salaries, and The Minutes of Church Courts.

1960 REVISED FORM AND RULES

The 1960 Revised Form of Government and the Revised Rules of Discipline were approved by separate votes.

THE DIRECTORY FOR WORSHIP

A Commission composed of the Rev. G. Aiken Taylor, Chairman; the Rev. Wayne Aughinbaugh, the Rev. J. C. Lime and Ruling Elders James F. Howell and R. F. Prevost was elected to study the draft of "The Directory for Worship, and the Life and Work of the Church", and to forward suggestions to the Chairman of the Assembly's Ad Interim Committee on the Revision of the Book of Church Order by November 15, 1960.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

The reports of the Commissions to Install the Rev. Robert W. Gray and the Rev. A. Allen Gardner, Jr., were admitted to record and are as follows:

THE REV. ROBERT W. GRAY

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to Install the Rev. Robert W. Gray as Pastor of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church met at Black Mountain, North Carolina at 7:00 P. M., on August 7, 1960, and was opened with prayer by the Chairman.

The following members of the Commission were present: The Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman; the Rev. W. W. Pharr, the Rev. L. T. Newland and Ruling Elder W. H. McMurray.

The Rev. H. B. Dendy presided as Chairman and W. H. McMurray was named Clerk.

The following was invited to sit with the Commission: The Rev. J. F. Ligon of Pee Dee Presbytery who was invited to charge the pastor.

The Commission approved an "Order of Worship" for the service and confirmed the following parts: The Rev. H. B. Dendy to preside and to propound the constitutional questions,

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the Rev. W. W. Pharr to preach the sermon, the Rev. J. F. Ligon to charge the Pastor and W. H. McMurray to charge the Congregation.

The Commission adjourned to meet in the presence of the Congregation. The order of service was followed. The sermon topic was "Preach the Word", and the scripture text was Colossians 1:1-20. The constitutional questions were each answered in the affirmative by the Minister, and by the Congregation, as required by the Book of Church Order.

The Rev. Robert W. Gray, was duly Installed as pastor of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, Black Mountain, N. C., after which the Chairman declared him properly Installed according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order.

A charge was delivered to the Pastor and to the Congregation, and the service was concluded with the Benediction pronounced by the newly installed Pastor.

The Commission met following the service and approved the minutes.

The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman

Attest: W. H. McMurray, Clerk
Date: August 7, 1960

THE REV. A. ALLEN GARDNER, JR.

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to Install the Rev. A. Allen Gardner, Jr., as Pastor of the Asheville First Church met at First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 10:45 A. M., on September 4, 1960, and was opened with prayer by the Chairman.

The following members of the Commission were present: Rev. Thomas Sproule, Chairman; the Rev. C. Grier Davis, the Rev. R. E. McClure, and Ruling Elders R. R. Williams and Lawrence H. McKay.

Mr. Sproule presided as Chairman and Dr. McClure was named Clerk.

The following were invited to sit with the Commission: the Rev. Samuel H. Hay, D.D., of Tuscaloosa Presbytery, father-in-law of the minister, who had been invited to preach the sermon.

The Commission approved an "Order of Worship" for the service and confirmed the following parts: Mr. Sproule to preside and to propound the constitutional questions, Dr. Hay to preach the sermon, Dr. McClure to charge the Pastor and Dr. Davis to charge the Congregation.

The Commission adjourned to meet in the presence of the Congregation. The order of service was followed. The sermon topic was "The Heart Of It All", and the scripture text was I Corinthians 13. The constitutional questions were each answered in the affirmative by the Minister, and by the Congregation, as required by the Book of Church Order.

The Rev. A. Allen Gardner, Jr., was duly installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, after which the Chairman declared him properly installed according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order.

A charge was delivered to the Pastor and to the Congregation, and the service was concluded with the Benediction pronounced by the newly installed Pastor.

The Commission met following the service and approved the minutes.

The closing prayer was offered by Dr. Hay.

Thomas Sproule, Chairman

Attest: R. E. McClure, Clerk
Date: September 4, 1960

The Reports of the Commission to Ordain and Install Candidates Fred F. Guthrie, Jr., and James Davis Whitesides were admitted to record and are as follows:

FRED F. GUTHRIE, JR.

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to Ordain and Install Fred F. Guthrie, Jr., to the Gospel Ministry and as Pastor of the Franklin Church met at Franklin, N. C., at 7:15 P. M., on August 7, 1960, and was opened with prayer by the Chairman.

The following members of the Commission were present: Dr. R. E. McClure, Chairman, Dr. G. Aiken Taylor, the Rev. Wm. R. Covin and Ruling Elders Holland McSwain, and Ben L. McGlamery.

Dr. R. E. McClure presided as Chairman and Mr. B. L. McGlamery was named Clerk.

The following were invited to sit with the Commission: Dr. D. Hilton Seals, physician and member of Orange Presbytery, who read the scripture and offered the evening prayer.

The Commission approved an "Order of Worship" for the service and confirmed the following parts: the Chairman to preside and to propound the constitutional questions, Dr. Taylor to preach the sermon, Mr. Covin to charge the Pastor and Mr. McSwain to charge the Congregation.

The Commission adjourned to meet in the presence of the Congregation. The order of service was followed. The sermon topic was "A Pattern of Service", and the scripture text was Luke 10:1-20. The constitutional questions were each answered in the affirmative by the Candidate, and by the Congregation, as required by the Book of Church Order.

Fred F. Guthrie, Jr., knelt and was duly Ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, after which the Commission extended to him the right hand of fellowship and the Chairman declared him properly Ordained and Installed according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order.

A charge was delivered to the Pastor and to the Congregation, and the service was concluded with the Benediction pronounced by the newly ordained and installed Pastor.

The Commission met following the service and approved the minutes.

The closing prayer was offered by Dr. Seals.

R. E. McClure, Chairman

Attest: B. L. McGlamery, Clerk
Date: August 7, 1960

JAMES DAVIS WHITESIDES

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to Ordain and Install James Davis Whitesides to the Gospel Ministry and as Pastor of the Sylva Presbyterian Church met at the church at 4:15 P. M., on September 18, 1960, and was opened with prayer by the Chairman.

The following members were present: Rev. Joseph Auten, Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. Wm. R. Covin, and Ruling Elders J. A. Gray and W. Crawford Pearson.

Mr. Auten presided as Chairman and Dr. McClure was named clerk.

Also present were Rev. D. Hilton Seals, of Orange Presbytery, and Ruling Elder W. P. Whitesides, member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, of Haywood County, N. C.

In the absence of Rev. J. B. Whitten formerly approved to preach the sermon and Rev. W. G. Thomas to charge the minister, the commission named Mr. Covin to charge the minister and approved Dr. Seals, also a practicing physician living in Sylva, to preach the sermon.

Mr. W. P. Whitesides, father of the candidate was invited to sit with the commission and both Dr. Seals and Mr. Whitesides were invited to share in the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery in the ordination.

The Commission approved an "Order of Worship" for the service and confirmed the following parts, in addition to those mentioned above, namely: Mr. Auten to preside, propound the constitutional questions and offer the Ordination Prayer and Dr. McClure to charge the congregation.

The Commission adjourned to meet in the presence of the Congregation. The order of service was followed. The sermon topic was "The Ministry of the Church," and the scripture text was Ephesians four. The constitutional questions were each answered in the affirmative by the Candidate and Congregation, as required by the Book of Church Order.

Mr. Whitesides knelt and was duly Ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, after which the Commission extended to him the right hand of fellowship and the Chairman declared him properly Ordained and Installed according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order.

A charge was delivered to the Pastor and to the Congregation, and the service was concluded with the Benediction pronounced by the newly ordained and installed Pastor.

The Commission met following the service and approved the minutes.

The Commission adjourned and was dismissed with prayer by Mr. Pearson.

Joseph Auten, Chairman
By R. E. McC.

Attest: R. E. McClure, Clerk
September 18, 1960.

THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING COMMITTEE

The Rev. G. Aiken Taylor, Chairman, presented the following report which was adopted:

The churches of Asheville Presbytery have graciously received the deputation teams sent out to visit the churches in behalf of the Mountain Orphanage and the committee anticipates a generous Thanksgiving Offering this year for the benefit of The Mountain Orphanage.

CHRSTIANITY AND HEALTH

The Rev. A. F. Fogartie reported for the Study Committee on Christianity and Health and recommended that Presbytery not appoint a committee on Christianity and Health. The recommendation was adopted.

THE CENTENNIAL

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., chairman of the Centennial Committee, made an oral report which was received as information and the committee was commended for its diligence.

KING COLLEGE AND THE CAMPUS CHRISTIAN LIFE CAMPAIGN

The Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Assistant to the President of King College, presented the Campaign for $1,200,000 for King College and the program of Campus Christian Life at state institutions. J. E. Thompson, chairman of the Committee on Campus Christian Life at Western Carolina College, and T. D. Hunter, Jr., trustee of King College, spoke in the interest of the campaign.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

The Rev. Joseph Auten, the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, and the Rev. Walter P. Baldwin led Presbytery in a season of prayer in behalf of our country.

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30 P. M., and the Rev. Robert Torrence returned thanks.

The Rev. Walter P. Baldwin, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented a partial report which was unanimously adopted. (See page 23)

RECONVENED

At 1:30 P. M., the Rev. James L. Jackson reconvened Presbytery with prayer.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, presented a report which was received as information and the recommendations were adopted and are as follows:

1. That the Rev. R. L. Torrence be approved as Stated Supply for six months, beginning November 1, 1960, at the Etowah Church, and request the Church Extension Committee in cooperation with the Etowah Church to explore the possibilities of securing a full time resident minister.
2. That the Rev. Kennedy Smartt, a member of Atlanta Presbytery, be approved as Stated Supply for the Morrison Church, beginning October 1, 1960.
3. That the Rev. S. C. Farrior, a member of Concord Presbytery, be approved as temporary Supply for the Brittains Cove Church, beginning October 1, 1960.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENTS

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., read the Study paper, "The Office of the Minister and the Word and Sacraments", and an Ad Interim committee was appointed as follows: Ministers: A. Allen Gardner, Jr., Chairman; W. C. Cooper, Fred F. Guthrie, Jr., and Ruling Elder, George Abbott. The committee is to report at the January Meeting.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Rev. Joseph Auten, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee, presented the report which was received as information and the following Adult Advisors to the Senior High Council were approved: the Rev. Robert W. Gray, Chairman, the Rev. Fred Guthrie, Jr., Mrs. Fred Heilman, and Miss Bea Earnest.

The Rev. W. C. Cooper, Sub-chairman of the Committee on Candidates for the Gospel Ministry, read the roll of Candidates and recommended the loans from the Board of Christian Ed-

ucation of $200 each for Candidates Holland McSwain, Jr., and Hubert Sneed. The loans were approved.

The Committee on Candidates was requested to have personal conferences with all Candidates.

CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman of the Church Extension Committee, presented the Committee's report which was adopted.

Asheville Presbytery authorized the appointment of a Special Committee from members of the present Church Extension Committee, as well as representatives from other organizations within the Presbytery.

This committee is to study the needs of the present Home Mission Fields and the opportunities for developing other fields; and, if the way be clear, to plan and promote a Special Campaign for additional funds to be used for Church Extension work. This committee will also plan and promote the Church Extension Season in 1961.

The following committee was appointed by the Moderator of Asheville Presbytery, the Reverend Ben F. Ormand, Jr.:

Chairman:

Mr. C. A. Stone, 18 Stancliff Drive, Oak Forest, Asheville, N. C.

From present Church Extension Committee:

The Rev. R. L. Torrence, 17 D'Arcy Lane, Asheville, N. C.; O. E. Starnes, 90 School Road, Asheville, N. C.; and Mr. J. L. Hunter, 41 Lotus Place, Asheville, N. C.

From Presbytery's Council:

The Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt, 6 Violet Hill Circle, Asheville, N. C.

Chairman of Outreach of the Young People:

Miss Barbara Ruth White, 201 Laurel Circle, Black Mountain, N. C.

Chairman of Church Extension of the Women of Presbytery:

Mrs. B. D. Phillips, R.F.D., Horse Shoe, N. C.

President of Men of Presbytery:

President of Women of Presbytery:

Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, Weaverville, N. C.

Members at large:

Duncan C. Hunter, Brevard, N. C.

George F. Wing, III, 1218 Third Avenue, West, Hendersonville, N. C.

Ex-officio members:

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Chairman of Church Extension Committee.

The Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary.

Pending action on the report Presbytery heard Miss Bessie May Stribling, Synod's Church Extension Worker. Presbytery expressed appreciation to Miss Stribling for her excellent service.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman of the Mountain Orphanage, introduced Mr. Donald McKenzie, Superintendent of the Orphanage, who expressed the Orphanage's appreciation for the co-operation and support of the Churches.

Dr. Dendy then presented the following report which was adopted:

The request made by Presbytery during the 1960 Summer Meeting (See Minutes, page 23) for the Board of Trustees to re-word the recommendation adopted during the 1960 Spring Meeting (See Minutes, page 13) was answered as follows: The Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage respectfully propose that the original recommendation be amended in the following way: The words "the Endowment Fund" be changed to read "a special fund". Presbytery approved this change.

ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

The Annuities and Relief Committee had no report.

MINUTES OF CHURCH COURTS

The Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman of the Committee on Minutes of Church Courts, presented the report which was adopted.

The Printed Minutes of Asheville Presbytery for 1960 have been examined. These minutes seem to give an accurate record of the proceedings of Presbytery. They show careful arrangement of the records; the printing is very fine; and the index is most useful. Presbytery is to be commended for having two such capable and careful Clerks to handle these matters.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. R. L. Sommers, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the report which was adopted.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. That Rev. Davis Whitesides fulfill the term of the late Rev. John R. Hay, Class of 1962, of the General Fund Agencies.
2. That Rev. Fred Guthrie fulfill the term of the late Rev. John R. Hay, Class of 1963, of the Minutes of Church Courts.
3. That Mr. Sam Smith fulfill the term of Rev. J. Bruce Frye, Class of 1961, of the Christian Education Committee.
4. That Rev. R. A. Potter fulfill the term of Rev. Tom Sproule, Class of 1963, as alternate of the Academic and Seminary Studies of the Examining Committee.
5. That Rev. Wayne Aughinbaugh, Class of 1961, be named as Chairman of the Academic and Seminary Studies of the Examining Committee.

EVANGELISM

The Rev. Warren F. Thuston, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, introduced J. F. Watt, missionary to the Congo, who spoke on the conditions in the Congo. Mr. Thuston presented the report of the Committee which was received as information.

SALARIES OF MINISTERS

The Committee on Salaries of Ministers had no report.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., made an oral report on Presbytery's Council which was received as information.

BENEVOLENT RECEIPTS

The Rev. R. E. McClure informed Prebytery that receipts for the first eight months of this year for the Benevolent Causes were slightly higher than last year.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

The Rev. A. F. Fogartie, Chairman of the Judicial Committee, reported no business.

BILLS AND OVERTURES

The Rev. A. Allen Gardner, Jr., Chairman of the Bills and Overtures Committee, reported no business.

RESOLUTIONS

The Rev. Walter P. Baldwin, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the report which was adopted:

The Presbytery expresses its sincere appreciation to the pastor, officers, and members of the First Church, Hendersonville, for the gracious hospitality extended to the members of the Presbytery at its fall meeting. We are grateful to the Women of the Church for their time and effort expended in preparing and serving the delicious noon meal to Presbytery. The Presbytery congratulates the First Church for its excellent new facilities erected for the glory of God and for witness to the Gospel of Christ.

The Presbytery thankfully acknowledges the leading of God in all of the aspects of this meeting. The efficiency and understanding of the Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Executive Secretary of the Presbytery have enabled the Presbytery to complete its business with dispatch. The Presbytery recognizes with special gratitude the faithful participation of elders both in this meeting of Presbytery and in all the work of the Presbytery and strongly encourages, for the future, representation by an elder of every church in the Presbytery.

KING COLLEGE AND CAMPUS CHRISTIAN LIFE CABINET

The Moderator, the Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., appointed the following representatives to Synod's Cabinet on the Financial Campaign for King College and Campus Christian Life: Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Warren F. Thuston, A. Allen Gardner; Laymen: Dr. Harry L. Bacon, Dr. R. A. Porter, S. C. Settle.

ELDER DONALD McKENZIE ELECTED MODERATOR-NOMINEE

Ruling Elder Donald McKenzie was elected Moderator-nominee.

WINTER MEETING — MONTREAT

The invitation of the Montreat Church, Montreat College and the Montreat Association, Montreat, N. C., for Presbytery to meet with them on Tuesday, January 17, 1961 at 10:00 A. M. was accepted.

PRAYER

Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. A. Allen Gardner, the Rev. J. D. Whitesides, and the Rev. W. H. Marquis, with special emphasis upon the Congo.

THE REV. I. M. ELLIS

The Rev. I. M. Ellis, Director of Christian Education of the Synod, addressed Presbytery in relationship to conflicting dates of the meeting of the Presbyteries of Synod.

MINUTES APPROVED

The Rev. W. C. Cooper, Permanent Clerk, read the Minutes which were approved.

PRESBYTERY ADJOURNED

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Moderator, adjourned Presbytery with prayer and the Benediction, to meet in the Montreat Church, Montreat, N. C., on Tuesday, January 17, 1961 at 10:00 A. M.

The Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr., Moderator

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, Stated Clerk

The Rev. W. C. Cooper, Permanent Clerk

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1950 Winter	—Sylva	J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams
1951 Winter	— West Asheville	C. G. Worley
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. J. R. Crook
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	E. G. Roberts
Fall	—Brevard-Davidson River	Rev. W. W. Preston
1952 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. D. Smith
Spring	—Malvern Hills	H. E. Barkley
Summer	—Etowah	Rev. D. E. Williams
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. E. K. Brown
1953 Winter	—Swannanoa	Dr. L. Nelson Bell
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. M. Fountain
Summer	—Canton	S. W. Black
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. G. B. Talbot
1954 Winter	—Hazelwood	Rev. R. A. Potter
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. Robert R. Collins
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. Warren F. Thuston
1955 Winter	—West Asheville	Rev. J. Rupert McGregor
Spring	—Montreat	Rev. Robert Hart
Summer	—Malvern Hills	Rev. George N. Clayman
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. Stanley L. Bennett
1956 Winter	—Mills River	Kelley E. Bennett
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. W. R. Klein
Summer	—Hendersonville	Rev. W. R. Klein
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. Thomas Sproule
1957 Winter	—Grace Covenant	Rev. Thomas Sproule
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	F. B. Gardner
Summer	—Waynesville	F. B. Gardner
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. Paul F. Warren
1958 Winter	—Franklin	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Spring	—Sylva	James S. Howell
Summer	—Black Mountain	James S. Howell
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III
1959 Winter	—Friendship	Rev. D. P. McGeachy, III
Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. C. R. Stegall, Sr.
Summer	—Bryson City	Rec. C. R. Stegall, Sr.
Fall	—Andrews	Rev. J. Bruce Frye
1960 Winter	—Oak Forest	Rev. J. Bruce Frye
Spring	—Malvern Hills	Rev. J. Bruce Frye
Summer	—Black Mountain	Rev. Ben F. Ormond, Jr.
Fall	—Hendersonville First	Rev. Ben F. Ormand, Jr.

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HOLSTON PRESBYTERY MINUTES

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Holston NS (1838-65) all
NS, 1838-58; United S, 58-64. See under Holston.

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Historical Survey
of
Holston Presbytery.
From its first meeting in 1828 to the meeting
at Meadow Creek Church,
Sep't. 11, 1919.
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At a meeting of the Synod of Tennessee held at Rogersville, Oct. 11, 1826, an overture was introduced asking that the Presbytery of Abingdon, in view of the vast territory included within its bounderies, be divided into two Presbyteries, the new Presbytery to be called Holston. The first session of the new Presbytery was held at Hebron church, January, 1, 1827. Rev. Jas. Gallaher was chosen Moderator. The record of this session show that there were seven Ministers; four young men were taken under the care of Presbytery as candidates for the ministry; two others were examined and licensed to preach; in fact the records for the next several years show that hardly a meeting of Presbytery was held without the reception of one or more candidates for the gospel ministry.

At the meeting of Presbytery held at New Providence, Sep't. 30, 1837 the calm waters of Presbyterianism were troubled when the Commissioners to the last Assembly made their report. That Assembly had abrograted the Plan of Union formed in 1801 between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church and the General Association of Connecticut. This Plan of Union was formed for the purpose of facilitating the preaching of the gospel among the peoples of Presbyterian and Congregational descent in Western Reserve District in Ohio and in Western New York. These regions were filled with Congregational imigrants from New England and Presbyterians from further south. As to the results, the Plan of Union was a great success in bringing about fellowship; but it opened the way to Congregationalize the districts where it was applied; and strong efforts were made to pervert these districts to Congregationalism. Two agencies were to be used to further the work of the churches in this Union, the American Educational Society and the American Home Mission Society. But in the course of time the first named agency "was educating Men

England young men in New England theological and ecclesiastical actions and filling the Presbyterian church with them". And the American Home Missionary Society "made large, patient and peristent and continued efforts to swallow up the Board of Domestic Missions of the Presbyterian church".

Holston Presbytery passed a resolution in which the action of the Assembly was characterized as "an arbitrary assumption of power". It indorsed the two Societies which had been the cause of the strife, recommended them "to the prayers and patronage" of the church; it also went on record by commending the acts of the last Assembly as "a mournful exhibition of party strife." . . . . .presenting " a picture of misguided zeal, alarming to every friend of civil as well as religious liberty in our free country". The records that follow reveal nothing of the trouble which was to rend the church in twain.

On Oct. 4, 1838 Presbytery met at Salem. On the 5th. this record appears:- "A majority of the members of Holston Presbytery having this day seceded from the Presbyterian church, by giving their formal votes in favor of adhering to the seceding New School Assembly" . . . . ."We therefore, being not a quorum for the performance of the business of Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow hoping that a quorum may attend". This was signed by Samuel R. Cook and Jas. A. Lyons, Minister and six Elders. The next day there was another meeting. It appears that "having no hope of the attendance of a quorum at this place", they adjourned to meet at Rogersville on Oct. 12, at which time and place the Synod of Tennessee was to meet.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Rev. Samuel R. Cook was chosen Moderator. One of the first acts of Prestytery was to appoint a Committee to wait upon the Stated Clerk of the seceding portion of the Presbytery in an endeavor to secure from him the records of Presbytery. For some reason Presbytery was unable to get the desired records for, for several years, the Stated Clerk would report that he had not secured the Minutes. A resolution was adopted in which mention was made of the seceding brethren who had appropriated to itself the name of the "Constitutional Assembly". "Believing that the appropriation of descriptive names does not impart nature to things, nor prove that the names are applicable, Presbytery, ought, in view of the Constitution, and the facts in the case to adopt the following resolution". This resolution was to the effect that Holston Presbytery recognized the Assembly of which Rev. R. S. Plummer was Moderator as the "true General Assembly of the church, and that as

such we will adhere to it!. And the Assembly of which Dr. Fisher was Moderator as a body organized in opposition to the Standing Rules of the Assembly and therefore as not being the constitutional General Assembly of the church.

Of course there was strife over this unhappy division. Quoting from the records of 1839 are these words:--"Reflecting on the delapidated state of the Presbyterian church in East Tennessee . . . . . the destruction of the order, harmony, and peace of the churches, and the alienations, strifes, envyings, intolerance, are divisions, that have existed for many years"--and so on into the resolution which follows. But the Christian spirit of the brethren who stood for the orthodox principles of our church were prompted to pass a resolution that "those who adhere to us as the true Holston Presbytery, show to their seceding brethren all that liberality in respect to property, which equity and charity will admit of". The attitude of the Presbytery toward the seceding brethren is further evinced by an "expression of opinion touching a reunion in form and feeling". It was that "we will meet them with the same confidence and fraternal regard that we would extend to ministers coming to us from a sister Presbytery of our own church. And from the records of the New School Holston Presbytery we find a resolution to the effect that the members of Presbytery are to cultivate a spirit of "Christian love and fellowshil" between 'ourselves and the Old School ministry".

In the meeting of 1838 the following record is made with reference to the decision of the Rogersville church not to secede from the Presbytery. "That this Presbytery heartily concur in the decision and approve the firm, decisive stand the church has taken for the evangelical, orthodox, doctrine of our Confession of Faith as taught in the Bible; and their strict adherence to the discipline, and order of our church".

Both the Old School and the New School Presbyteries went on record as to their attachment to the Confession of Faith. Before the division Presbytery recorded that their "attachment to the Confession of Faith is sincere, and unabated," and they earnestly prayed that "this Confession may continue to be observed in the enlarged and heavenly spirit of our fathers". This same Presbytery, in 1845, referred to the "wide-spread family of the church, holding to the great truth: of the Scripture, so clearly taught in our Confession of Faith". If ministers came into the Old School

Prestytery from the New School Prestytery they were examined very closely as to their soundness in the doctrines of the church; and if they were received it was because there was no difference in the views of the one seeking admission to the Prestytery.

On August, 18, 1861 Presbytery met at Salem church. On the 17th. the Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Assembly reported that they had been unable to procure a copy of the Minutes; but from a report of the action of the Assembly as printed in the "Philadelphia Presbyterian" they offered certain resolutions, the conclusions of which were that the Presbytery condemned the action of the Assembly in making allegiance to the government of the United States a condition of membership in the church. The action was also condemned further as a violation of the constitution in making a new term of membership in the church. And for these reasons, said the report, "we treat it as null and void". Further action was posponed for the present.

On November 23 Presbytery met at Leesburg at which time another resolution was adopted:- "In view of the unhappy condition in which as a people, we have been involved politically and ecclesiastically, and whereas we have hoped and prayed, that whatever might befall us politically, the Presbyterian church might be able to keep the unity of the spirit. Yet since we cannot shut out eyes to the fanatical intolerance developed in the last General Assembly, and believing and feeling that a continued connection between the Northern and Southern divisions of the Old School Prestyterian church, even if possible would not be to edification, and consequently not desirable, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That having previously disapproved and condemned the action of the last General Assembly, and declared our purpose to treat said action as null and void, we now after the developements made since that action solemnly and in the fear of God, declare our connection with the Old General Assembly dissolved.

Resolved, 2nd. That Prestytery appoint Rev. J. N. Elliott principle and R and Rev. Jas. D. Tedlock, alternate, as delegates to the Convention to meet in Augusta, Ga., Dec. 4, 1861, to represent this Prestytery in the deliberations of that body".

This historical review would be incomplete if no mention were made of the New School Holston Prestytery. This reference must

occupy but a small place in this review as we are without the records from the date of the rupture till 1860.

In 1857 the southern contingent of the New School body withdrew from its Assembly because it had adopted a paper on slavery which was considered unconstitutional as virtually making slave holding a matter of discipline. This resulted in the establishment of the United Synod of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America at Knoxville, Tenn. in 1858. The statistical report to this Synod in 1862 was that the Presbytery had seven ministers and thirteen churches.

In 1864 the United Synod and the Old School Assembly. At the meeting held at Cold Spring, April, 6, 1864, a resolution was adopted wherein the Commissioners to the United Synod, which would hold its next meeting at Dublin, Va., presumably in May of 1864, should vote in favor of the union. But from a resolution passed at Blountville, in June, 1865 the New School Presbytery voted "for the time to maintain its distinct and separate position till Providence shall unfold more clearly the path of duty". This was called forth in view of the failure of the Synod of Tennessee and the Synod of Nashville to ratify the union of the Synod and the Assembly.

The Old School Presbytery met at Leesburg on Aug., 25, 1865. This meeting was to "consult and argue on some course of action that will be best calculated to secure harmony among our churches and as far as possible harmonize the Presbyterian element of this section of our country". A lengthly resolution was adopted, concluding with: "That as the Holston Presbytery of the United Synod is of one mind and destiny with ourselves, and as the two Presbyteries have already been united by the joint action of our General Assembly and the United Synod, that we now on our part heartily concur in this action, and that we select Bristol as the place, and the first Friday in September next as the time, for our next regular meeting. This time and place being selected for the purpose of meeting said Presbytery, then and there, to consumate said union--it being also the time and place of their next regular meeting.

Prestytery met in Bristol according to adjournment. A communication from the New School Presbytery was read in which they were willing to meet the Old School Presbytery the next day at

nine o'clock. The Old School Presbytery passed a resolution which was transmitted to the New School body. "Resolved that this Presbytery reciptocate the sentiment and feeling of the resolution received from the Holston Presbytery (N. S.) and that we meet said Presbytery at nine o'clock tomorrow morning".

On September 2, the Old School and the New School Prestyteries met to consumate a union which the brethren thanked Almighty God for. The resolution read:- "Whereas in the plan of union adopted by the General Assembly and the United Synod it is recommended that that Presbytery shall retain its name and succession which has the major number of ministers, and whereas it appears that the two Presbyteries have the same name and an equal number of ministers; therefore Resolved that we the members of the two bodies do now proceed to elect officers of Holston Presbytery and that in all other respects we do heartily adopt the plan of union proposed by the General Assembly and the United Synod. Resolved further that the Records and all funds belonging to the two bodies be delivered to the officers elected."

But a complete union was not effected. At the meeting in 1885 a resolution was introduced, and through error recorded as passed, but afterward crossed, to unite the two churches at Rogersville. But when Presbytery met in Rogersville in September, 1886 a resolution was adopted that the 1st. and 2nd. churches be and the same are hereby united into one. . . .to be styled and known as the Rogersville Presbyterian church in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U. S." Such a resolution, with no remarks that it was voted down, would lead one to believe that the union was consumated. But the following record appears in the Minutes of 1881. "Resolved that Presbytery has heard with heartfelt gratification that the 1st. and 2nd. churches of Rogersville have taken steps looking to a union of said churches" . The 1st.Presbyterian church at Rogersville has the cordial consent of Presbytery to cooperate with the 2nd. church in attempting to secure union should the church deem it advisable so to do, looking to the advancement of God's Kingdom on earth". Rev. J. C. Cowan was authorized , as an Evangelist, to organize a church in Rogersville in connection with this Presbytery. In the Minutes of 1882 definite information was furnished Presbytery, Rev. J. C. Cowan

being absent, that the church had been organized at Rogersville; that the church was entered on the roll of churches; and Elder J. M. Rogan took his seat in Prestytery as its first representatave.

What of the life of the church during these years? To read the Narratives one would not be impressed with the fact that they were records of the past religious life of the church. On the contrary these Narratives might, with few exceptions, be substituted for the Narratives sent to the Assembly today.

Presbytery had its difficulties with licantiates and ministers. Churches were frequently censored for failure to send representatives to Prestytery. Very often Presbytery adjourned for the want of a quorum.

As we read the records from the 90's. on we are struck with the lack of missionary spirit in the Presbytery as revealed in the reports of the Home Missionary Committee. One of the problems of the Presbytery was that of Home Missions. Whether an Evangelist or a superintendent, selected from the Presbytery or without its bounds, should be selected;--how best to arouse Home Mission interest in the churbhes;-- compo aint that a majority of the churches had Stated Supplie rather than pastors;-- laments that the great Home Mission cause did not advance--these eere some of the Problems of the Home Mission Committee. Reading the reports from 1876 on for a number of years, one is struck with the lack of system, an ignorance of what was best, the passing of resolutions relative to Home Missions only to be rescinded the next year, in the department of Home Missions. Another fact strikes the reader; A vast Missionary territory in which churches were organized with a few members, allowed to languish with an occasional preaching service or none at all, and then finally distanded and the members advised to unite with some other Presbyterian church near by.

Ever since the erection of the Presbytery the boundry lines have been the Virginia state line on the north, the North Carolina state line at the juncture of Virginia, Tenessee and North Carolina on the east and south; but the western boundry has been very esantic, extending at one time as far west as Jonesville in Rosne and Madisonville in Monroe Counties.

After the division into two Prestyteries, while no line is referred to in the records, the records of the New School Presbytery claim as the western boundry the territory east of a line drawn approximately from the S. W. corner of Greene County north west to Cumberland Gap, leaving Tazwell church on the west.

In the early years after the division the Old School Presbytery had most of its churches in the western part of the original Holston Prestytery;. but in later years, from 1857 to 1865, the Old School Prestytery had under its cate churches as far east as Leesburg and Providence in Washington County. And yet in 1839 Prestytery directed Rev. A. A. Doak, Missionary of the Assembly's Board, to preach at Blountville, New Bethel, Rocky Spring, Jonesboro and Elizabethton.

In 1839 the Assembly extended the bounory lines of Prestytery; but no record was made as to the extent of the change. In 1840 Prestytery met at Knoxville. A resolution was introduced making the 1st. church of Knoxville a part of Holston Prestytery. This resolution was adopted after the elder from that church had given ample evidence that, while the records of the New School Prestytery claimed the church, the church had no seceded when the division came about; "but on the contrary had formally and explicately declared their adherence to the Old School Assembly."

In 1846 a resolution was adopted in which it was recommeded that Holston Prestytery be divided into two Prestyteries; "that the Synod of West Tenessee be requested to divide said Prestytery by a straight line running from Cumberland Gap, through Sandridge and intersecting the state line of North Caroline; that that portion lying west of said line be known as Knoxville Prestytery and that portion lying east be known as Holston Prestytery. The Synod granted this request.

In April, 1876, in dividing the Prestytery among the Winisters, for Missionary labor, the western boundry of Claiborn County from Cumberland Gap south and the western boundries of Grainger, Jefferson and Servier Counties, was made the western boundry of the Prestytery. At this time missionary work was carried on in Lee County, Virginia, north of Claiborn County in Tenessee. This territory Holston Prestytery asked Abingdon Prestytery for, a request which was refused.

When the Appalachian Synod was erected, that portion of Concord Presbytery comprised in the Counties of Avery, Mitchell, Watauga and Yancey became a part of Holston Presbytery.

There are 18 Counties in the Presbytery, convering territory approximately 115 miles long by 80 miles wide. According to the Assembly's Minutes of 1918 Holston Presbytery has 48 churches. There are 14 pastorates, 13 churches supplied, 12 churches vacent and 9 supplied by Missionaries. There are 25 ministers, 13 of whom are pastors; they also supply 14 churches. There is one Domestic Missionary, 3 ministers who are teachers and domestic Missionaries, 1 Evangelist, 1 Assembly's Superintendent, 1 College President, 1 College professor, 1 Army Chaplian, 3 infirm Ministers and 11 Candidates for the gospel ministry, 3 of whom are in some branch of the Army or Navy. Holston Presbytery has 23 preaching points or Mission stations.

Including the present session there have been 91 stated meetings of Holston Presbytery.

SPRING MEETING

Rogersville, Tenn.,
April 15, 1919.

The 92 stated meeting of Bolston Presbytery met in the Rogersville Presbyterian church, Tuesday, April 15, 1919 at 7:30 p.m.
At the request of the retirning Moderator, Rev. Edgar Tufts, whose illness prevented him from attending Presbytery, Rev. Chas B. Boyles preached the opening sermon from 1 Jno. 4: 8, 16.
Rev. Lynn R. Walker, the last retiring Moderator present called the Presbytery to order and led in prayer.

The following were present during the meetings of Presbytery:-

Pittinger J. B.	(1)	McIver D. W.	(1)
Barrop Ben	(S)	Harris J. A.	(2)
Wenius J. F.	(1)	Scherer Tilden	(S)
Pearson W. T.	(1)	King Robert	(2)
Thompson Geo. B.	(1)	Carson C. C.	(2)
Doyle W. Bruce	(1)	Hall J. P.	(2)
Boyle Chas B.	(1)	Bowerson W. T.	(1)
McWillen J. L.	(1)	Walker Lynn R.	(1)

The following churches were represented during the meetings of Presbytery:-

Mossy Creek.	Moser J. R.	(1)
Bristol First	Fain Jno.	(S)
Arcadia	Newland J. W.	(1)
Jnohson City First	Newman J. B.	(1)
Leesburg.	DeVault F. R.	(1)
New Bethel	Gross J. F.	(1)
Blountville	Anderson S. A.	(1)
Rogersville	Moser S. T.	(1)
Banner Elk.	Pearcy R. E.	(1)
Morristown	Hanson J. D.	(1)
Newport	Willis G. W.	(1)
Pleasant Grove	Thomas Jos. J.	(S)

Organization

Rev. W. Bruce Doyle, Moderator.
Rev. J. F. Wenius, Temporary Clerk.

Devotional Committee.

The Devotional committee made its report as follows:-

9 a.m.	to	9½ SO a.m. Devotional
9½ SO	"	12½ SO a.m. Business.
2½ SO	"	5½ SO p.m. Business.
7: SO	"	Adjournment.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator to meet tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY

Presbytery met at 9 a.m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. T. Pearman.

Courtesies.

Rev. Thos. Delaney, Roanoke Presbytery.
Rev. C. A. Lundy, M. E. South.
Rev. H. H. Cassady, Presbyterian church, U. S. A.

The minutes of last nights session were read and approved.

Adoption of Manual.

The unfinished business, the adoption of the Manual was taken up. It was considered seriatim.

Presbytery took recess till 11½15 o'clock.

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by Rev. W. Bruce Doyle on "Stewardship".

Presbytery took recess till 4 p. m.

Presbytery re-convened at 4 o'clock.

Adoption of Manual.

The consideration of the Manual was continued. It was adopted as a whole.

Salary of Stated Clerk.

The salary of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer was raised to $100.00

Mooresburg church.

Rev. Lynn R. Walker reported that he was unable to visit the Mooresburg church and take up with them the subject of the Presbyterial and Synodical Tax. Presbytery instructed him to visit that place at his convenience.

Communications.

Communications from the following were read and referred to their respective committees:-

Overture from Meadow Creek church touching the matter of Trustees.
Communication from Assembly's Committee on Stewardship dealing with Stewardship.
Requests from Candidates G. R. Faw, Hiram Brooks to be transferred to other Presbyteries.
Communication from Candidate R. E. Piercy that he be dismissed as a candidate

Standing Committees.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:-

✓Bills and Overtures:- Lynn R. Walker, J. D. Hanson, C. C. Carson.
✓ Judicial:- J. L. McWilliams, J. H. Newman.
✓ Sessional Records:- Chas B. Boyles, J. F. Gross, C. C. Carson, Fred. Thomas.
✓ Narrative to Assembly:- W. T. Bowerson, J. W. Newland.
✓ Finance:- F. R. DeVault; G. W. Willis.
✓ Minutes of Synod:- Lynn R. Walker, R. E. Piercy.
✓ Statistical Reports:- W. T. Pearman, J. R. Moser.
✓ Devotional:- D. W. McIver, S. B Moser.
✓ Leave of Absence:- J. F. Wenius, S. R. Anderson.

Time and Place of next meeting.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of Rev. Edgar Tufts to meet at Banner Elk in the fall.

Commission to install W. Bruce Doyle.

The Commission to install Rev. W. Bruce Doyle made its report as follows:-

> Your Commission would report that their duty was performed on the fifth Sabbath in March.
> Rev. J. B. Bittinger presided, preached the sermon and propounded the constitutional questions and charged the people. Rev. A. N. Penland charged the pastor.
>
> J. B. Bittinger, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to Finance Committee to which J. F. Wenius had been added as a member.

Evangelistic powers granted to W. Bruce Doyle.

Presbytery granted Evangelistic powers to Rev. W. Bruce Doyle with reference to the White Pine part of his field.

Overture to the Assembly.

The following Overture was ordered sent to the Assembly:-

> Can the Session of a church having a pastor hold a legal meeting without the pastor as Moderator, some Elder of that church acting as such but without the sanction of said Minister?

Additions to Committees.

The following were added to certain committees ti act for this meeting of Presbytery:-

> Sabbath School and Publication:- J. P. Ball; J. H. Newman.
> Orphanage:- Chas B. Boyles; J. A. Harris.

Presbytery took recess till 7:30 p.m.

Night Session

Presbytery met at 7:30 p.m. and engaged in a service in the interest of Home Missions led by Rev. J. B. Bittinger. Addresses were made by C. C. Carson, J. H. Hall, W. Bruce Doyle and J. A. Harris.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY.

Presbytery met at 9 a.m. The devotional exercises were led by Rev. J. A. Menius.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Commissioners to Assembly.

Principles

Rev. Tilden Scherer. Elder L. Rolfe.

Alternates.

Rev. J. A. Harris. Elder James Alles.

Presbytery took recess till 11 o'clock.

Presbytery reconvened and heard a sermon by Rev. Robert King on Evangelism.

King College.

Rev. Tilden Scherer was heard in the interest of King College.

Presbytery took recess till 2:30 p.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations recommended that the nominations of the present Home Mission Committee with reference to the future Home Mission committee be accepted by Presbytery.

Resignation of Rev. J. B. Bittinger.

Presbytery accepted the resignation of Rev. J. B. Bittinger as Chairman of the Home Mission committee.

Resignation of Rev. J. B. Bittinger as pastor of Mossy Creek Group;

Presbytery accepted the resignation of Rev. J. B. Bittinger as pastor of the Mossy Creek group of churches, the churches having concurred with the pastor is his request for the dossolution.

Transfer of Rev. J. B. Bittinger.

Presbytery granted to Rev. J. B. Bittinger a Transfer to the Presbytery of Winchester.

Resolutions referring to the resignation of Rev. J. B. Bittinger.

The Committee appointed to draw up suitable resolutions made its report as follows:-

> Whereas Rev. J. B. Bittinger, D. D., at his own request has been released from the pastoral charge of the Mossy Creek group of churches, and from the Chairmanship of the Home Mission Committee and has been dismissed to Winchester Presbytery that he may accept a call to a pastorate in said Presbytery, therefore be it,
>
> Resolved, That Holston Presbytery desires hereby to express its regret at its loss of the labors and fellowship with Doctor Bittinger and its high appreciation of his Christian character and of his work as a minister of the gospel; and would also record its grateful sense of his valuable services to Presbytery as its Chairman of the Home Mission Committee; and in dismissing him to Winchester Presbytery would heartily commend him to the people whom he goes to serve as a servant of the Lord well worthy of all confidence and co-operation; and to the brethren of Winchester Presbytery as a minister deserving their cordial love and fellowship.
>
> Ben Barrop.
> R. T. Bowison.

Transfer of Rev. Thos Delaney.

The Transfer of Rev. Thos Delaney from the Presbytery of Roanoke was received and pending its acceptance he stood the customary examination. The examination was sustained as a whole and he was enrolled a member of Presbytery when he should sign sign the customary obligations.

Call of the Windsor Ave. church.

The call of the Windsor Ave church was placed in the hands of Rev. Thos. Delaney whom they called as their pastor. Mr. Delaney accepted the call and steps were taken for his installation.

Committee to install Rev. Thos Delaney

Rev. C. C. Carson to preside, and proposed the constitutional questions. Rev. Robert Sieg to preach the sermon. Rev. J. L. McMillan to charge the pastor. Elder J. D. Faucette to charge the people. Rev. Tilden Scherer to be alternate any of the above. Time of installation to be May 11, the evening service.

The following committees made their reports:-

Home Missions.

The work of this committe for this year was commenced on the adjournment of the Presbytery at Kingsport and soon after all the groups of churches were supplied with Rev. Frank D. Hunt as Evangelist in the field. This condition continued until August when the Plumtree group was vacated by the retirement of Rev. Thos. Guy.

In October Rev. Mr. Young gave up his work at Spruce Pine to enter the Y. M. C. A. War work. The resignation of Rev. F. D. Hunt as Evangelist was received in September and the efficient work of Mr. Hunt was brought to a conclusion. The war conditions and the epidemic of Influenza in all our churches has greatly hindered the aggressive Home Mission work of the Presbytery; and yet much has been accomplished during the year; and the Every Member Canvass shows mark increase in benevolences and other Christian activities and a number of churches report a number of conversions and additions to the church.

The Newport group has relieved the H. M. C. of future appropriations for the support of the work in this field. It is exceedingly gratifying to report the progress the Kingsport church has made, the reorganisation of the Windsor Ave. church, the addition of more than $5000.00 to the financial resources of the church, together with the large enrollment to the membership of the church.

The Chairman of the H. M. C., after three years of service in this position, in order to accept work in another Presbytery, now offeres his resignation to take effect on the election of his successor. In doing so he desires to express his appreciation

of the hearty cooperation of the members of this Committee and express his great regret in removing from the bounds of the Presbytery. He would recommend a reorganization of the Committee and the adoption of a plan of mission work for the future guidance of the Presbytery in its Home Mission work.

The Committee concluded its work for the year without debt and its receipts for the year are larger than its expenditures, thus leaving a considerable balance in the treasurery.

The Committee recommends the following appropriations:-

(1)	Banner Elk group.	$500.00
(2)	Newland "	400.00
(3)	Plumtree "	500.00
(4)	New Bethel	200.00
(5)	Bluntville	100.00
(6)	Windsor Avenue	300.00
(7)	Spruce Pine	400.00
(8)	Crossmont	400.00
(9)	Micaville and Forbes	475.00
(10)	Meadow Creek	300.00

The following resolutions are recommended:-

(1) That Rev. C. B. Boyles be allowed $100.00 for services in the Newland field, to be paid upon his retirment from the field May 15.

(2) That Rev. Lynn B. Walker and Rev. J. L. McWillan be appointed to prepare a plan in the reorganization of the Committee for the carrying on of its work.

(3) That the Chairman, Rev. J. B. Pittinger, be paid the sum of $50.00 to defray his traveling and other expenses in carrying on the work for the last two years.

(4) That the Home Mission Committee be authorized to employ a Superintendent Evangelist at the rate of $2000.00 a year and traveling expenses for the whole or such part of his time as may be determined upon.

(5) That Presbytery elect Rev. J. L. McWillan Chairman of the Home Mission Committee, and upon his call the present Committee meet at Johnson City, appoint a new Committee, reorganize the work, consider and adopt a plan of precedure for the guidance of the Committee in its work, and also to complete the appropriations for those fields not already made.

J. B. Pittinger,
Chairman.

Foreign Missions.

In view of the importance of missionary education we recommend:-

(1) That Missionary instruction be introduced in every Sabbath School of the Presbytery as has been definitely approved and urged by theree consecutive General Assemblies.

(2) That Mission Study classes be organized in all the Missionary Societies of the Presbytery.

Lynn B. Walker, Chairman.

Christian Education.

Holston Presbytery has contributed to the cause of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, $1,005.92, to Education for Ministry and Mission service, $16.23, for Ministerial Relief -- Annual Fund, $899.87.

There are nine candidates for the gospel ministry under the care of the Presbytery, five of whom are pursuing their studies either in College or in the Seminary.

There are six beneficiaries, two are ministers and four are widows of ministers.

Recommendations.

(1) That the following aid be continue for the year 1919 - 1920:- Rev. L. O. Byers, $360.00; Rev. A. C. Snoody, $150.00; Mrs. E. D. Converse, $150.00; Mrs. Maria C. King, $200.00; Mrs. L. S. McTerrin, $150.00; Mrs. J. A. Wallace, $150.00.

(2) That Presbytery recommend that aid to the amount of $150.00 be granted the widow of the late Rev. J. S. Black, Ada Shaw Black.

(3) That the request of Candidate, Geo. R. Paw, that he be dismissed to the Presbytery of Lexington, be granted.

(4) That the request of Candidate Birem Brooks, that he be dismissed to the Presbytery of Concord, be granted.

(5) That the request of Candidate R. E. Pearcy that he be dismissed as a candidate that he might continue his work in Sabbath School extension be granted.

Sabbath Schools.

This Committee made its report which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. (See page 157a).

Church Societies.

This Committee made its report which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. (See page 136.)

Evangelism.

The Committee on Evangelism made the following recommendations:-

(1) Your Committee urges the work of pastoral evangelism and recommends that Presbytery go into a thorough evangelistic campaign this summer, giving this Committee authority to map out a schedule of meetings and to make appointments with churches and preachers for such a campaign, especially in our Home Mission territory.

(2) That the Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism be made ex-officio a member of the Home Mission Committee.

D. R. McIver, Chairman.

Bible Cause.

With the absence of the Chairman we make the following report:-

Ten churches report no offering for Bible cause; thirteen report a total of $220.00 contributed. This cause has done much in supplying the Word to our soldiers and sailors during the past year in which we have been at war, as well as to others, and deserves to be impressed upon the hearts of all our people.

J. F. Kenius
S. F. Anderson.

Sabbath and Family Religion.

Your Committee would report some improvement over past conditions. We take it that the best way to determine the spiritual condition of our church is to find out how many observe family worship regularly, how many belong to the Family Alter League, how many have a Tither's League, the degree of faithfulness in worshipping the Lord with their substance, the interest in evangelism and the observance of the Sabbath.

The most encouraging feature is the increased faithfulness in worshipping with our substance. In this particular there is a marked improvement. Pastor's salaries have been increased and promptly and in nearly every case fully paid. But we are decidely deficient in our effort to reach the unsaved in evangelistic work.

We recommend that Presbytery reaffirm its historic position on the two fundamental institutions, the Sabbath and Family worship, and that pastors and sessions be urged to place increased emphasis on their observance.

W. T. Bowison,
Chairman.

Systematic Beneficence.

Your Committee has reviewed the Statistical reports sent down from the churches of Presbytery and find the following:-

Cause.	Churches contributing.	Amount.
Foreign Mission.	26	$9616.00
Assembly's Home Missions.	21	2103.00
Synod's Home Missions.	25	1539.00
Presbyterial Home Missions.	23	8420.00
Congregational Home Missions.	9	1167.00
Christian Education.	23	1544.00
Sabbath School Extension.	25	522.00
Schools and Colleges.	17	6276.00
Orphanage.	17	1392.00
Bible.	18	189.00
Miscelaneous.	22	4209.00
	Total.	41175.00

With reference to the $3500000.00 Drive, 12 churches made no canvass; 9 didnot meet quota; and 15 made the quota and over.

Recommendations.

That the rule apply to churches receiving help from the Home Mission Committee that they be required to make an Every Member canvass, and that this rule be enforced.

J. L. McWillan, Chairman.

Comity.

Your Committee on Comity at the invitation of a similar Committee of Holston Presbytery, Presbyterian church, U. S. A., met jointly in the First Presbyterian church, Johnson City, Tenn, with a quorum of both

Committees being present. After a thorough discussion the following recommendation was unanimously adopted to be presented to the two Presbyteries:-

> That it is the sense of the joint Committee on Comity that the following exchange of churches within the bounds of the two Presbyteries be made in conformity with the Assembly's rule on such matters. (1) The Jonesboro and Providence churches, Presbyterian church, U. S., be urged to unite with the Presbyterian church, U. S. A.. (2) That Old Kingsport, Horse Creek and Reedy Creek churches, Presbyterian church, U. S. A., be urged to unite with the Presbyterian church U. S.

J. L. McMillan, Chairman.

The Presbytery took the following action with reference to the above report:-

> After hearing the report of our Committee on Comity together with a verbal statement of the urgency of this recommendation, be it resolved that this Presbytery receive the report of the Committee, commend it for its diligence, and express to the joing Committee, and to the churches involved, our prayerful interest in any plan that can be worked out that will strengthen the cause of Presbyterianism within our bounds and remove the appearance of denominational rivalry that would reflect upon the cause of Christ.

Church Societies.

Your Committee would report as follows:-

Societies.	Number.	Membership.	Contributions.
Women's Societies.	19	534	$4475.00
Young Peoples.	18	420	536.00
Men and Boys.	2	63	107.00
	39	1017	$5118.00

Sabbath Schools.

The report from the churches show that there are enrolled in Sabbath Schools in our presbytery, 3780 pupils, an increase of nearly one thousand (33 1/3 %) over last year.
Contributed to benovelences, $3566.00 To Current expenses, $1860.00
We do earnestly urge our pastors and representatives to be on the alert for opportunities to open up new out post Sabbath Schools in the neglected places.

Robert King, Chairman.

Bills and Overtures.

The Following Overture was placed in the hands of your Committee:-

> The Session of Meadow Creek church begs respectfully to request the Presbytery of Holston for advice upon the following matter:-
> Whether it would be legal,-- as also advisable -- , on their part to declare the appointment of a member as Trustee of the church as nul and void under the following circumstances:
> A member of the Board of Trustees, having been removed beyond the bounds of the church, the session appointed a member as Trustees to fill up the Board.
> In doing this did not the session exceed its powers, seeing that a Trustee should be elected by the church at a legally called congregational meeting?
> Also seeing that the said member has for more than two years absented himself from all services of the church, and all officers meetings, although frequently invited and kindly urged by the pastor, members of the session -- of which Board he is also a member -- and individual members of the church, to once more take up his proper relationship with the church, which invitation he invariably ignores. And yet he uses his position as Trustee --, which we believe to be illegal -- to the detriment of the peace and unity of the church, using threats concerning all contemplated actions of the session or the Board of Trustees, to members of the church, as well as to anyone outside our borders as a church, to the effect that any action taken by the said Board of Trustees without his sanction is illegal, and that he intends to make trouble regarding all such acts; thereby interfering with the progress and

spiritual growth of the church.

J. A. Waddell, James Allen, D. L. Woods,
Jas A. Kiser, Elders.

W. T. Pearman, Moderator.

Signed.

To the foregoing Overture your Committee would reply as follows:-

(1) That this act of the said session (Minuted of Session, p.851) was illegal for the reason that the congregation alone has the power to appoint Trustees. See Supplement Alexanders Digest, p. 34 which reads as follows:-

"There is vested in each congregation organized as a church the right and power to appoint and remove at will Trustees and their successors.

(2) That the acceptance of the resignation of W. A. Huston as Trustees by the session at the same meeting (Minutes, p.851) was also illegal.

(3) We therefore recommend that the session regularly call a a meeting of the congregation to remove W. A. Huston and elect his successor.

Lynn R. Walker, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

Total received from the churches.	$427.89.
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Postage.	$8.75
Treasurer's book.	1.00
Stationary.	2.75
Printing.	7.27
Blanks (Presbyterial)	5.87
Salary. (Stated Clerk and Treasurer)	75.00
Synodical Tax.	89.04
Traveling expenses to Synod of C. C. Carson and C. E. Boyles.	12.38
	$202.02
Balance.	225.87

Finance.

Your Committee has examined the Treasurer's books, together with the vouchers and Bank book, and find that they talley.

In view of the fact that there is such lack of information with reference to the Presbyterial and Synodical Tax, your Committee recommends the following:-

(1) In view of the fact that this Presbytery has agreed to be a contributor to and a benefitter of the Synod's Traveling Fund, it is the sense of this Presbytery that it is not optional with but obligatory upon the churches to pay their portion of the Traveling Fund. And furthermore, as churches are required to appoint representatives to each meeting of Synod, no church should fail to pay its portion to this Fund because their representative failed to attend Synod. An added obligation rests upon the churches because the perfection of the plan involved in the Fund depends upon all the churches contributing their part.

(2) Because of the lack of information as to what is meant by the Presbyterial and Synodical Tax, the amount of each, etc., Presbytery instructs the Stated Clerk to prepare a letter giving this information, and to send a copy to each church, together with a copy of these recommendations, and urgint the church to promptly cancle their indebtness with reference to the Traveling Fund and Presbyterial Tax.

P. R. DeVault, Chairman.

Statistical.

The report of this Committee was received, approved and ordered fowarded to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. (Minutes of Assembly, 1919.)

Narrative.

The following Narrative was adopted by the Presbytery and ordered fowarded to the Clerk of the Assembly:-

27 churches have reported from which we gain the following facts:-

(1) A large majority report that attendance is good; one improving; three not good.

(2) 20% report worship observed.

(3) One reports an organized Prayer League.

(4) Reported good in all churches but one.
(5) All churches with three exceptions report "good".
(6) " " " " " " "
(7) Fidelity excellent and still improving in nearly every church.
(8) Salaries paid in full and some increase increased the salaries to meet the increased cost of living.
(9) No marked manifestation; but several churches report additions and increased interest.
(10) Some report "none", others "some extent".
(11) Not much outsinde bounds of our congregations.
(12) Some pastors report that they bring it to bear on the young people; but no work reported on part of sessions.

W. T. Howison, Chairman.

Sessional Records.

Banner Elk:- Approved with the following exceptions: (1) The book has not been sent to Presbytery for review since April, 1909. (2) Minutes of meeting of session, Dec. 5, 1909 just stated and not finished. (3) P. 24 record of reports to Presbytery of Concord but no records showing a meeting of session to make these reports and no signature to them. (4) Jan. 8, 1911: Record of results of congregational meeting for election of officers and their ordination and installation but no record of session having called such congregational meeting. Same record does not show names of members of session present, whether opened or closed with prayer, and not signed. (5) April, 12, 1911: Just a statement of the fact that a meeting of session had been held for the purpose of making reports to Presbytery but no minutes of said meeting. (6) Oct. 12, 1913: Some persons were received into membership of the church but not stated whether by profession of faith or by certificate. (7) Nov. 12, 1913: May 7, 1916, July 26, 1918: Sessional business transacted when not a quorum of session present. (8) Records habitually fail to show whether meetings of session opened and closed with prayer. (9) The word "delegate" to Presbytery and Synod is used instead of the word "representative".

Paperville:- Aug. 25, 1918 and May 23, 1919:- Use of word "delegate" instead of the word "representative".

Kingsport:- Criticism of the word "delegate" where "representative should be used.

Morristown:- Aug 12, 1918, Nov 24, 1918, Jan 26, 1919:- Record donot show whether meetings opened or closed with prayer.

Blountville:- Use of the word "delegate rather than the word "representative.

Cold Springs:- (1) Use of the word "delegate" rather than "representative. (2) A War Work contribution is included in the Statistical Report to Presbytery, which should not have been done.

Arcadia:- Mar. 16, 1919:- No record of meeting opening or closing with prayer.

Leesburg, Meadow Creek, First Bristol,-Windsor Avenue: Approved.

"Interchurch World Movement."

The communication from this Movement was referred to the Committee on Comity. Their report follows:-

> Your Committee on Comity has read with pleasure the Communication of Chas. H. Pratt on the organization and auspicious launching of the Interchurch World Movement of which Mr. Pratt is the originator and of which he is the Executive Secretary. And further we will watch with pleasure the continued growth of this movement that promises so much for the church of Christ through the world.

J. L. McWillan, Chairman.

Oak Grove and Oaks Knobs

In view of the fact that the Home Mission Committee contemplates a readjustment of the work in the North Carolina portion of our Presbytery, it was agreed not to press the matter of having these churches appear before Presbytery as had been agreed upon in a previous decision of Presbytery.

Nominations.

According to the Manual which was adopted at this meeting of Presbytery two changes have been made with reference to matters which are to govern

this Committee:- (1) That the membership of the Executive and Permanent Committees, other than ministers, shall be the representatives from certain churches designated to be represented on these Committees. E. g. "And the representatives from the following churches". (2) The Stated Clerk is made a member of the Committee on Nominations.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.

A. Home Missions

Foreign Missions.

Lynn R. Walker; W. Bruce Doyle,
Representatives from Rogersville; Morristown.

Education and Ministerial Relief.

Geo. B. Thompson; Tilden Scherer.
Representatives from Bristol and Johnson City First.

Publication and Sabbath School.

B. W. King. Ben Harrop.
Representatives from Kingsport; Johnson City.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Bible Cause.

J. P. Doggett; J. F. Menius.
Representative from Newport.

Comity.

J. L. McWillen; C. C. Carson; Lynn R. Walker.

Schools and Colleges.

Tilden Scherer; C. C. Carson.
Representatives from Bristol First; Windsor Ave.

Systematic Beneficence.

D. W. McIver;
Representatives from Johnson City; Cold Springs.

Church Societies.

W. T. Pearman; J. A. Harris.
Representatives from Leesburg; Mossy Creek.

Sabbath and Family Religion.

W. T. Howison.
Representatives from Blountville; Paperville.

Orphanage.

Edgar Tufts.

Representatives from Banner Elk.

Assembly's Home Missions.

Ben Harrop; W. Bruce Doyle. Chairman
Representatives from Arcadia; Beaver.

Evangelism.

D. W. McIver; J. F. Menius.
Representative from Rogersville.

Nominations.

Lynn R. Walker; Geo. B. Thompson.
Representative from Meadow Creek.

Examinations.

Experimental Religion:- By Moderator.

Theology:- W. T. Howison; C. C. Carson.

Church Government and Sacraments:- Lynn R. Walker; D. W. McIver.

Philosophy, Logic and Ethics:- Geo. B. Thompson; J. F. Wenius.

Natural Sciences and secular subjects:- W. T. Pearman; Tilden Scherer.

Latin, Greek and Hebrew:- W. Bruce Doyle; J. L. McMillan.

Presbyterial Sermon.

Principle.	Alternate.
W. T. Howison.	W. T. Pearman.

Subject to be left to discretion of preacher.

The new Manual also provides that election of members to the above Committees is to take place at the spring meeting of Presbytery. This does not preclude the idea of reelection.

Lynn R. Walker, Chairman.

Night Session.

Presbytery met and engaged in a service in the interest of Foreign Missions, led by Rev. Lynn R. Walker, chairman of the Committee. The report of the Committee was read, and pending its adoption, Presbytery was addressed by Rev. Dwight Winn a Missionary from Korea. The report was then received, the recommendations taken up seriatim. The report was adopted as a whole. (See p. 188.)

Special Tax.

To cover the expense of printing the Minutes and the new Manual, Presbytery levied a special tax of 2 cents per resident member, same to be paid as soon as notified by Stated Clerk of the fact.

Alexander's Digest.

Presbytery instructed the Stated Clerk to purchase a copy of Alexander's Digest, same to be brought to each meeting of Presbytery for the guidance of the Presbytery.

Memorial of Rev. J. S. Black.

Presbytery appointed a Committee composed of W. Bruce Doyle and the Elder from Newport church to prepare a memorial of Doctor Black, same to be read before Presbytery at its next stated meeting.

Meadow Creek.

The request of the Meadow Creek church that it be give $100.00 for the erection of a chapel was referred to the Home Mission Committee.

Resolutions.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:-

> That this Presbytery wishes to express its deep appreciation of the delightful reception and entertainment accorded to them by the First Presbyterian church of Rogersville. To the Pastor, his officers, and members in this respect. To the many families who have so kindly and generously opened their homes to entertain the representatives to Presbytery. To the ladies for the kind and delightful manner in which they have provided the Presbytery with the banquets at midday each day of the meeting. To the Pastor and his wife for their untiring efforts to look after our general comfort in every manner. To the ladies and gentlemen who have helped to brighten our services with the music throughout our meeting. To Rev. Dwight Winn for his splendid address on the work in the foreign field.
>
> W. T. Pearman, Chairman.

After the singing and benediction, Presbytery adjourned to meet in Johnson City, Tenn., May 12, 11 a.m.

W. Bruce Doyle,
Moderator.

Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

The Presbytery of Holston met in the Johnson City church, May 12 at 11 a.m. The Moderator, Rev. Bruce Doyle led the Presbytery in prayer.

Ministers Present.

J. E. Bittinger; Lynn R. Walker; C. C. Carson; J. L. McWilliams; Edgar Tufts; Ben Harrop.

Churches Represented.

Mossy Creek. J. A. Zircle.

Reception of Rev. H. H. Cassady.

Rev. H. H. Cassady, Holston Presbytery, U. S. A. presented a certificate of dismissal to the Presbytery of Holston. After the customary examination, which was sustained, he was enrolled a member of the Presbytery. The "Ordination Obligations" not being in the hands of the Presbytery, the signing of the same by Brother Cassady was deferred till the fall meeting of Presbytery.

Examination of Candidate
L. W. Courtney.

Candidate L. W. Courtney appeared before Presbytery for licensure. The Committee to examine the Thesis, "Is the Holy Spirit God", the Critical exercisis, Is. 55: 1 - 2, the Lecture, Is 52: 13 - 15; 53: 1 - 12, made its report and recommended that the same be sustained as parts of trial. Presbytery heard the sermon, Jno. 5: 3, "The Resurrection of the Beleiver Necessary to Salvation", which was sustained as part of trial. The examination cas then sustained as a whole. Presbytery proceeded to license Mr. Courtney according to the Book of Church Order, par. 136.

In view of the excellent record made by Mr. Courtney while in the Seminary, the fact of which cas manifested in his examination before Presbytery, Presbytery took the following action:-

> The Presbytery expressed its gratification of the excellent examination of Candidate Lloyd Courtney for licensure to the gospel ministry and commends

him for his most satisfactory parts of trial.

Report of Home Mission Committee.

Rev. J. B. Bittinger presented a supplemental report of the Home Mission Committee. A statement from the General Assembly's Treasurer for Home Missions was presented, stating that on March 31, 1919 there was a balance of $1852.62 to the credit of Holston Presbytery, from which amount he remitted checks for the Spruce Pine work to the amount of $400.00. Mr. Bittinger stated that $100.00 of which had been paid over and recommended that the remaining $300.00 be put into the hands of Rev. J. L. McMillan, the new Chairman of the Home Mission Committee.

Installation of Rev. Thos Delaney.

The Commission to install Rev. Thos Delaney made its report as follows:-

The Commission composed of Rev. C. C. Carson, Rev. Robert King, Rev. J. L. McMillan and Elder J. D. Faucette, with the exception of Rev. J. L. McMillan, who was unable to be present, met in the Windsor Avenue church, May 11, 1919, 8 p. m. Rev. Robert King preached the sermon; Rev. C. C. Carson presided and propounded the constitutional questions and charged the pastor. Elder J. D. Faucette charged the congregation.

The new Home Mission Committee.

Presbytery instructed the Home Mission Committee to continue its work until the new Home Mission Committee shall be appointed.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Ben Harrop.
Temporary Clerk.

CALLED MEETING

The Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian church, Bristol, Tenn., July 18, 1919, 2 p. m.
The following call was read and found in order:-

The Constitutional requirements having been met I hereby call a special meeting of Holston Presbytery to convene in the Firdt Presbyterian church, Bristol, Tenn. July 18, 1919, 2 p. m. to transact the following business if the way be clear:-
(1) To act on the request of the pastor of the Cold Spring church for a dosolutiin of the pastoral relations and to transact any other business growing out of the same.
(2) To examine and license Candidates N. K. Neve and J. B. Offield.

W. Bruce Doyle, Moderator.

Rev. N. T. Howerson acted as Moderator and led the Presbytery in prayer.

Ministers Present.

J. L. McMillan; Ben Harrop; Thos Delaney; N. T. Howerson; C. C. Carson; Geo. B. Thompson.

Churches Represented.

Paperville.	S. N. Ryburn.
Windsor Ave.	W. H. Thomas.
First church Bristol.	Jno. Fain.
Cold Spring.	Fred Thomas.

Courtesies.

Rev. T. J. hutchins, N. Alabama Presbytery, Corresponding member.

Resignation of Rev. Ben Harrop.

Rev. Ben Harrop, pastor of the Cold Spring church presented to the Presbytery his resignation of the above church. The church was represented by its elder, F. S. Thomas, who presented the action of the church taken in a Congregational meeting, July 8, moderated by Rev. S. Rhea Preston,

in which the members concurred with the pastor in his request to Presbytery. The pastoral relations were dissolved between Brother Harrop and the church, the resignation to take effect Aug. 1.
Presbytery instructed the church to invite Rev. S. R. Preston, or in the event of their failure to secure him, then some other minister, to preach and declare the pulpit vacant.

Resolutions with reference to
Rev. Ben Harrop.

Presbytery unanimously adopted the following resolution:-

In accepting the resignation of Rev. Ben Harrop as pastor of the Cold Spring church, the Presbytery of Holston hereby expresses deep appreciation of his faithful services. We record our gratitude to God for his excellent Christian character, for his loyalty to the truth, for his counsel as an able and efficient Presbyter, for his sound and earnest preaching of the Gospel, and for his sustained purpose to abound in the work of the Lord.
We commend Brother Harrop to the Brethren of the Ministry and to the churches as a man worthy of the confidence and fellowship and pray that he and his may be richly blessed wherever God may be pleased to use them.

Candidates Keys and Offield.

Neither of these candidates appeared before Presbytery for examination.

After the reading of the minutes Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Stated Clerk.

R. T. Bowerson, Moderator.

Geo. B. Thompson, Clerk.

CALLED MEETING.

Bristol, Tenn., Aug. 8, 1919.

The Presbytery if Holston met in called session in the First Presbyterian church. The following call was read and found in order:-

The Constitutional requirements having been met I hereby call a special meetin of Holston Presbytery to convene in the First Presbyterian church, Bristol, Tenn., Aug. 8, 1919 to transact the following business if the way be clear:-
To examine and license Candidate Walter Keys.

R. Bruce Doyle, Moderator.

Elder J. D. Faucette acted as Moderator.

Rev. Thos Delaney led the Presbytery in prayer.

Ministers present.

C. C. Carson; Thos Delaney; Tilden Scherer; Geo. B. Thompson.

Churches represented

Paperville	S. R. Ryburn.
Windsor Ave.	R. E. Thomas.
Bristol First	J. D. Faucette.

Examination of Candidate Walter Keys.

The Moderator appointed the various brethren present to conduct the examination in Mr. Key's academic preparation.
On motion Mr. Keys was permitted to read his Thesis, "Is the Word of God Inspired", his critical exegisis, Rom. 8: 1, his lecture, L. 14: 16 - 24, his sermon, Jno. 10: 27 - 30, "The Perseverence of the Saints".
The examinations were sustained as a whole. Presbytery proceeded to license Mr. Keys according to the Book of Church Order, par. 135.

After the reading of the minutes, Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Geo. B. Thompson.

J. D. Faucette, Moderator.

Geo. B. Thompson, Clerk.

CALLED MEETING

Morristown, Tenn.
May 24, 1919.

Holston Presbytery met in called session in the Morristown Presbyterian church. The following ministers and elders were present:-

Ministers.

W. Bruce Doyle; Lynn R. Walker; J. S. Bittinger;
J. L. McWillan.

Elders.

F. T. Nance.

Presbytery was led in prayer by the Moderator, Rev. W. Bruce Doyle.

Rev. T. W. McConnell, D. D., Orange Presbytery, was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Report of Home Missions.

The Manual of the Home Mission Committee was changed to permit of the enlargement of the Committee from nine to twelve members, subject to the approval of Presbytery.

Personnel of the Committee.

Ministers.

J. L. McWillan, Chairman; Lynn R. Walker; D. W. Welver; W. Bruce Doyle; Robert King; C. C. Carson; Edgar Tufts.

Elders.

F. T. Nance; J. D. Faucette.

Deacons.

J. A. Summers; J. A. McConkle.

Call from New Porvidence Church

The call from the N. Providence church for the pastoral services of Rev. Lloyd Courtney was found in order and placed in his hands.

Ordination of Mr. Courtney.

Rev. Lynn R. Walker was appointed to preside and Rev. J. B. Bittinger to preach the sermon in the Morristown church, Sunday, May 25. 8 p.m.

Presbytery took recess till the hour of the evening service.

Second day.

Presbytery mett at the appointed hour, May 25. 8 p.m.

Those present were:- Rev. W. Bruce Doyle; Rev. Lynn R. Walker; Rev. J. B. Bittinger; Elder F. T. Nance, Morristown; Elder R. C. Smith, Newport.

Rev. Lynn R. Walker presided; Rev. W. Bruce Doyle led the Presbytery in prayer; Rev. J. B. Bittinger acted as Clerk.

Courtesies.

Rev. J. Lynn Pachman, Knoxville Presbytery; Rev. T. W. McConnell, Orange Presbytery took part in the services.

The ordination sermon was preached by J. B. Bittinger; the ordination vows were given to the Candidate by W. Bruce Doyle. Then with prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, Lloyd Mc Courtney, was set apart to the gospel ministry. The right hand of fellowship having been given by the Presbytery, Rev. T. W. McConnel, a former pastor gave to Mr. Courtney an appropriate charge.

Committee to install Mr. Courtney.

Rev. Lynn R. Walker; Rev. W. Bruce Doyle; Rev. J. L. McWillen; Elder F. T. Nance.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Lloyd Mc Courtney.

Lynn R. Walker, Moderator.

Banner Elk, N. C.,
September 16, 1919.

The 93rd. stated meeting of Holston Presbytery met in the Banner Elk Presbyterian church.

The retiring Moderator, Rev. W. Bruce Doyle, preached the opening sermon from Gen. 2: 19.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by the Moderator.

The following were present during the meeting of Presbytery:-

Ministers.

W. T. Pearman	(1)	Edgar Tufts	(1)
J. P. Doggett	(1)	J. A. Harris	(1)
Lynn R. Walker	(1)	C. C. Carson	(1)
R. T. Howerson	(1)	J. L. McWillen	(2)
Thos. Delaney	(2)	Lloyd Courtney	(1)
H. W. Cassady	(1)	Geo. S. Thompson	(1)
W. Bruce Doyle	(1)		

Churches Represented.

Mossy Creek	S. W. Brenner	(1)
Bristol 1st.	R. W. King.	(1)
Leesburg.	J. H. Sloanaker	(1)
Kingsport.	G. R. Stone	(1)
N. Providence.	S. P. Miller	(1)
Cold Spring.	W. T. Thomas	(1)
Blountville	C. W. Delaney	(1)
Rogersville	Chas. Armstrong	(1)
Meadow Creek	J. A. Waddell	(1)
Banner Elk.	T. H. Stinson	(1)
Morristown	H. B. Harris	(2)

Organization.

Rev. W. T. Pearman, Moderator.
" Lloyd Courtney, Temporary Clerk

Report of Devotional Committee.

Presbytery adopted the following as the hours of meeting:-

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. " 5:30 p.m.
8:30 p.m. "

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet tomorrow morning.

Second Day.

Presbytery met at 9:30 a.m. Devotional services were conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

Transfer of Rev. T. J. Hutchinson.

Rev. T. J. Hutchinson presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of N. Alabama. After the customary examination, and his signing of the customary obligations, he was enrolled a member of the Presbytery.

Reception of Rev. Frank H. Scatterwood.

Rev. Frank H. Scatterwood, an ordained minister of the Church of Christ, made the following request of the Presbytery:-

"Having been an ordained minister of the Church of Christ since 1909, I now seek to enter the ministry of the Presbyterian church for the following reasons:

I became a member of the Presbyterian church when I was eleven years of age, was a member for twenty five years. I am familiar with the beliefs and worship of this church and subscribe to its theology.

My position in the Christian church is incompatable with my beliefs on points of theology and church government."

(Signed) Frank H. Scatterwood.

The following were appointed to take up with Mr. Scatterwood the matter of his request and bring in a report:-

N. Bruce Doyle; N. T. Bowerson; Lynn R. Walker; S. W. Brunner; T. B. Stinson.

The following report was brought in:-

We recommend that Rev. Frank H. Scatterwood be examined and if the examination be satisfactory that he be received with the understanding that he attend one of our Seminaries for at least one year; and that he will not ask for dismission to another Presbytery during the year of study.

N. Bruce Doyle, Chairman.

Presbytery gave Mr. Scatterwood a rigid examination in Theology, Experimental religion; Sacraments and Church government. The examination was sustained as a whole and after answering in the affirmative the ordination vows, and upon his signing the customary obligations, he was enrolled a member of the Presbytery.

The following resolution was adopted by the Presbytery:-

The Presbytery of Holston commends Rev. F. H. Scatterwood for the creditable examination he has stood upon his entrance into the Presbytery; for his unqualified acceptance of the Bible as the inspired Word of God; for his knowledge of the fundamentals of the Bible; and for his soundness in the principles of the theology of the Presbyterian church.

Request of Rev. N. C. Young.

The request of Rev. N. C. Young that he be allowed to continue in the work of the Y. M. C. A. was granted.

Request of Rev. J. F. Wenius.

The request of Rev. J. F. Wenius that he be transferred to the Presbytery of Fayetteville was granted.

Request of Rev. S. R Crockett.

The request of Rev. S. R. Crockett that he be allowed to labor without the bounds of Presbytery was granted.

Request of Rev. Geo. R. Thompson.

The request of Rev. Geo. R. Thompson that he be allowed to labor

without the bounds of Presbytery was granted.

Reception of Paul Buckles.

Mr. Paul Buckles, a member of the Cold Spring church, made application that he be taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. After the customary examination he was enrolled as a candidate. Rev. Geo. E. Thompson, Chairman of Committee on Christian Education charge the candidate as to his relations to the Presbytery. Rev. C. C. Carson led the Presbytery in prayer for God's blessing upon the young man.

Memorial of Rev. J. S. Black.

The Committee to prepare this Memorial asked to be continued till the meeting of Synod.

Report of Commissioner to Assembly.

The Commissioner, Rev. Tilden Scherer, not being present, his report to the Presbytery was read.

Presbytery took recess for five minutes.

Presbyterial sermon.

Presbytery heard the Presbyterial sermon by Rev. R. T. Bowersox from Rom. 1: 16 - 17.

Presbytery took recess till 2:30 p.m.

Afternoon Session.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

The order of the day was taken up, that of Foreign Missions: but because of unavoidable circumstances the order was changed to the first order tomorrow morning.

Presbytery took recess and accepted the invitation of Mr. Tufts to visit the Orphanage.

Night Session.

Presbytery met at 8:30 p.m. and engaged in a popular service in the interest of Home Missions. Addresses were delivered by Rev. H. M. Cannady, Rev. R. T. Pearman, Rev. J. A. Harris.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Stated Clerk.

Third Day.

Presbytery met at 9:30 a.m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. T. J. Hutchinson.

The Minutes of the called meeting held at Morristown were read and approved

"Progressive Program".

In the absence of Rev. D. R. Wolver, Chairman of the Committee on Stewardship, Rev. Lynn R. Walker addressed the Presbytery upon this subject urging the Presbytery to adopt the "Progressive Program".

Overture to Synod.

The Presbytery adopted the following Overture:-

> The Presbytery of Holston hereby overtures the Synod of Appalachia in session at Asheville, N. C., to take action looking to the election of a Synodical superintendent of all the work of the Synod, with especial reference to the "Progressive Program".
>
> C. C. Carson, Chairman.

Commissioners to Assembly.

The nomination of Commissioners to Assembly was tabled till the meeting of Synod.

Amendments to Form of Government.

Presbytery docketed the recommendations of the Assembly till the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Board of Trustees of King College

The election of Trustees of King College was docketed till meeting of Synod.

The following Committees made their reports as follows:-

Foreign Missions.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would recommend:-

(1) That a Foreign Mission sermon be preached in every church in the Presbytery.
(2) That Oct. 26 be observed as Foreign Mission day in all our Sabbath Schools, using the New Korea program, and that all offering be taken in every School on Foreign Mission day for Foreign Missions.
(3) That Mission Study classes be organized to study "Fifth Years in China", by Rev. S. I. Woodbridge.

Lynn R. Walker, Chairman.

Home Missions.

The work of the Home Mission Committee, as at present constituted, began after the spring meeting of Presbytery. A Manual for guidance in its work was drawn up and adopted; and a Superintendent was secured to give his whole time to the work. Rev. T. J. Hutchinson began his work in July and made a canvass of a large part of the field and reports in part as follows:- "The spirit of the workers is fine; the people are receiving them gladly; and the churches are calling kindly for evangelistic services; the communities are clamoring for our day school teachers; the brethren of other churches are offering us lots for building purposes; new Sabbath Schools are being organized; old ones are being revived; the poor are having the gospel preached unto them; and there is every reason to thank God and take courage.
We report with regrest the following removals from the field:-
Rev. C. N. Johnson, who had taken work in the Plustree group in June, was taken sick suddenly in August and died after a few days illness. His labors among us, though very brief, were very acceptable and efficient. Rev. J. F. Wenida, who for the past five years, has done a most excellent work in the Crestmount group, has taken work in another Presbytery and notifies us that he expects to leave October 1. The work requires seven men to man the groups of our Home Mission fields.

The church at Shulls Mills reports a meeting held by the Superintendent.
The church at Micaville reports a meeting held by Rev. Robert King.

Recommendations.

(1) That an effort be made to present to all the Home Mission church the need of giving to thier pastors a larger pastotal support.
(2) That the sum of $600.00 annually be apportioned toward the salary of the pastor of the Forbes group of churches. This to date from April 1.
(3) That an apportionment be made to the pastor's salary of the Newland group on the basis of dollar for dollar (the Home Mission Committee and the churches) up to the sum of $600.00 annually. This to begin with the month of June.
(4) That the sum of $100.00 be apportioned toward the completion of Ebenezer Chapel, Meadow Creek group.
(5) That the pastors of Home Mission fields be urged to cooperate heartily with the Home Mission Committee in the matter of monthly reports.
(6) That Evangelistic powers be given to the Superintendent of Home Missions.
(7) That Presbytery grant the petition of thirteen persons of Shulls Mills, N. C. that a church be organized at that place, and that the Superintendent be instructed to effect the organization.

J. L. McMillan, Chairman.

Petition from Shulls Mills, N. C.
with reference to the organization
of a church.

We the undersigned residents of Shulls Mills, N. C. and vicinity, hereby petition the Presbytery of Holston to take the necessary steps in organizing a church at Shulls Mills; and we hereby state that we will unite with said organization and labor for the cause of Christ in accordance with the principles and standards of the Presbyterian Church:-

W. S. Whitney; T. W. Hampton; Mrs. R. H. Hardin;
R. H. Hardin, M. D.; C. D. Cox; Nettie E. Fox;
Lillie Cappey; Mrs. N. S. Whiting; Anna Belle Whiting;
Caroline Whiting; Mary D. Hampton; Henry Whiting.

Evangelism.

The following is the schedule suggested for Evangelistic services in Holston Presbytery for August and September:-

Group.	Pastor.	Evangelist.
Plustree.	J. P. Hall	N. Bruce Doyle.
Forbes.	J. A. Harris	Robert King.
Blountville	N. I. Hosison	L. R. Walker.
Meadow Creek	N. T. Pearman.	
Banner Elk.	Edgar Tufts	C. C. Carson
Shulls Mills	H. H. Cassady	T. J. Hutchinson.
		N. T. Pearman.
Newland	W. C. Ruark	D. N. McIver.
N. Bethel	J. P. Doggett.	J. L. McMillan.

Regulating Principles.

(1) Meetings to be held only in groups now supplied with pastors.
(2) Pastors of groups in which meetings to be held must take in initiative in setting time of meetings; notifying evangelists; and making necessary preparations for meeting.
(3) Groups in which meetings are to be held are expected to bear necessary expense of meeting.

D. N. McIver, Chairman.

Standing Rule with reference to Evangelistic Meetings.

That the church in which the Evangelistic meeting is to be held and the minister who is to conduct the service are to report to the next meeting of Presbytery whether the service was or was not held; if the service was not held the reasons are to be given; if the service was held a report is to be made as to success, etc.

Sabbath and Family Religion.

After reading the report of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion we recommend the following:-

(1) That Presbytery enjoin the ministers to preach at least one sermon once during the year on Sabbath and Family religion.

(2) That all ministers and Christian workers be enjoined to abstain from all unnecessary travel on the Sabbath and to refrain from all kinds of recreation that will interfere with attendance upon the services of the church.
(3) That Presbytery would commend to our people the old habit of the whole family setting in the family pew and all the children remaining after the Sabbath School for the church services, and thus honor God in His sanctuary.

N. I. Hosison, Chairman.

Narrative.

The following Narratuve was ordered sent to the Stated Clerk of the Synod:-

Twenty seven churches have reported, from which the following facts are gathered:-

(1) A large majority report that attendance is good.
(2) 20% report family worship observed.
(3) One reports a Family Alter League.
(4) Reported good in all churches but one.
(5) All churches with three exceptions report "good".
(6) " " " " " ".
(7) Fidelity excellent and still improving in nearly every church.
(8) Salaries paid in full in nearly every church; some report increase in pastor's salaries.
(9) No marked manifestation; but many churches report additions and increased interest.
(10) Some report "none"; others "some extent".
(11) Not much outside bounds of our congregations
(12) Some pastors report that they bring it to bear upon the minds of young people; but no work reported on the part of sessions.

J. A. Harris, Chairman.

Christian Education.

Your Committee would recommend the following:-

(1) That Candidates Eleanor Comerford; Paul Buckles and Special student Rev. Frank H. Scutter good be instructed to pursue their theological studies at Union Theological Seminary.

(2) That Presbytery recommend to the Executive Committee that aid be extended to the above candidates and special student.

Geo. B. Thompson, Chairman.

Nominations.

Publication and Sabbath Schools.

Rev. Lloyd Courtney to replace Rev. Ben Harrop.

Bible Cause.

Rev. H. H. Cassady to replace Rev. J. F. Wenius.

Assembly's Home Missions.

Rev. N. T. Pearman to replace Rev. Ben Harrop; Rev. W. Bruce Doyle to become Chairman.

Examinations.

Rev. J. P. Doggett to replace Rev. J. F. Wenius on subjects of Philosophy, Logic and Ethics.

Presbyterial Sermon.

Principle.	Alternate.
Rev. Lloyd Courtney.	Rev. N. T. Pearman.

Leave of Absence.

Ministers.

Lynn R. Walker; J. L. McWilliams; C. C. Carson; J. A. Harris.

Elders.

J. H. Sloanaker; G. E. Stone; S. P. Miller; N. T. Thomas; E. N. King.

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved that the Presbytery express hearty thanks to all those who have in any way contributed to the entertainment of its members during this session at Banner Elk. The memory of this meeting in the mountains shall linger with us to inspire and enhearten us for the Master's work. Our

special thanks are due Rev. Edgar Tufts, whose thoughtful care has so well provided for our entertainment and pleasure; and to those connected with the school, for their gracious hospitality. We are grateful to the ladies who have served such delightful dinners to us on the ground; and to those in whose homes we have been so pleasantly entertained.

Time and place of next meeting.

Newport, Tenn was selected as the next place of meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Synod, Asheville, N. C. Oct. 14, 1919.

Prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

N. T. Pearman, Moderator.

Geo. B. Thompson, Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING

(During meeting of Synod, Asheville, N.C.)

The Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian church, Asheville, N.C., October 15th, 1919, 2 p.m.

The Moderator, Rev. W. T. Pearman, led the Presbytery in prayer.

Ministers Present

Thos.Delaney, Gilbert Glass D.D., Edgar Tufts, J.L.McMillan, T.J.Hutchison, Tilden Scherer, Robert King, W.Bruce Doyle, D.W.McIver, Lynn R. Walker D.D., George B. Thompson, W.T.Pearman, Lloyd Courtney.

Churches Represented

Windsor Avenue: H. O. White
Newport: N. L. Dennis

Board of Curators, King College

Presbytery adopted the following names:

Holston Presbytery) C.C.Carson D.D., C.G.King, B.L.Dulaney, Jno.M.Fain, T.C.Delaney, Joe A.Caldwell, G.F.Helms, I.B.Cowan, Chas.H.Wassengill, W.E.Latture, John R.Delaney, F.C.Newman

Abingdon Presbytery) C.S.Matthews, R.D.Carson D.D., J.E.Guthrie, Floyd Roberts

Knoxville Presbytery) J. Lynn Bachman D.D.

Memorial, Rev. J. S. Black D.D.

Presbytery adopted the following memorial:

"Rev. John S. Black was graduated from Davidson College and from Columbia Seminary. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Wilmington. During a ministry of forty two years he held charges at Jackson, Miss., at Burgaw, St. Paul and Sardis in North Carolina, and at Newport, Tenn. Because of failing health and the burden of many years he retired from the active service of the pastorate in December, 1916. Having come to Newport in 1906, he spent the last decade of his ministry there, where he was much loved by the people of the community. The thing for which he was perhaps most often commended by his people and the thing for which they love most to remember him was that "He was gentle".

Doctor Black married Miss Ada Shaw at Rocky Point, North Carolina, in 1877. To them were born four children, Nomie, Annie, Daisy and James, one of whom has been called to her reward and another is a useful layman in this Synod.

Doctor Black died December 11th, 1918, and since that time, on July the third, his loved wife was called hence to him."

Respectfully submitted,
W. Bruce Doyle, Chairman

Will of James Henry

The will of James Henry, bequeathing certain property to the Presbytery of Holston, was read and referred to the Trustees of the Presbytery, as a special committee to investigate the matter and report to the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Overture, Meadow Creek Church

An overture dealing with the modern dance was presented by the Meadow Creek Church.

A committee, consisting of Lloyd Courtney, J. D. Fawcette, T.J.Hutchison, and Robert King, was appointed to draft suitable resolutions dealing with the matter.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolution on Modern Dance

"The Presbytery affirms its condemnation of the dance as an evil. We deem dancing a practice tending to godlessness rather than godliness and harmful to the best interests of the church.

We deem the modern dance worthy of special condemnation because of the great physical intimacy between the sexes which is practiced in them, which is lascivious, sinful, and in violation of the spirit of the seventh commandment.

The Presbytery goes on record, therefore, as looking with entire disfavor upon the dance, as a practice which is destructive to the morals of the individual, as an enemy to the sanctity of the home, and which corrupts and weakens the spiritual life of the church.

The Presbytery urges upon the Sessions within its bounds that every effort be made to free the church from this sin, and the Ministers within the bounds of the Presbytery are urged to read this expression from their pulpits."

Lloyd McF. Courtney, Chairman

Reimbursement, W. T. Pearman

Presbytery instructed the Treasurer to reimburse Rev. W. T. Pearman amount of $1.50, cost of certified copy of the will of James Henry.

Presbytery took recess.

SECOND DAY - OCT. 16th. 1919

Presbytery met at 1:30 p.m.

Request of Rev. W. C. Young that he be transferred to Abingdon Presbytery was granted.

Synodical Travelling Fund

On motion Presbytery adopted the following with reference to the Synodical Travelling Fund:

(a) That the obligation against those churches that have not paid their 1918 assessment be cancelled.

(b) That no church which has failed in payment of two consecutive payments shall participate in this fund, unless at least one of these assessments shall be paid.

Commissioners to General Assembly

The following were nominated for Commissioners to the General Assembly, in Charlotte, N.C., May 1920:

Principals	Alternates
Rev. Robert King	Rev. Lloyd McF. Courtney
Elder James Allen	Elder Frank Taylor

Presbytery instructed Supt. Home Missions to investigate property in Mountain City and report at spring meeting.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Moderator.

CALLED MEETING

The constitutional requirements having been complied with Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian church, Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 9th, 1919.

Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D. led the Presbytery in prayer.

Ministers Present

Revs.C. C. Carson D.D., Thos. Delaney, W. T. Howison, Lynn R. Walker D.D., Geo. B. Thompson, J. P. Doggett.

Elders Present

E. W. King

Resignation, Rev. Geo. B. Thompson

Rev. Geo. B. Thompson presented his resignation as a member of Holston Presbytery and requested that he be granted a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

Presbytery heard Brother Thompson as to his reasons for making request for dismission.

On motion Presbytery granted Brother Thompson's request.

C. C. Carson D.D. and J. P. Doggett were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions with reference to Brother Thompson's departure from this Presbytery.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolution on dismission of Rev. Geo. B. Thompson

"In granting the request of Rev. Geo. B. Thompson for a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, the Presbytery of Holston of which he has been a member for eight years desires to record its appreciation of the character, ability and usefulness of this esteemed brother.

He is commended to the church and Presbytery to which he is dismissed as a careful student, a strong gospel preacher and an efficient Presbyter.

For seven years he has occupied with conspicuous ability the chair of Bible and Philosophy in King College. And has also served the Presbytery acceptably as Stated Clerk.

We wish also to express our appreciation of Brother Thompson's wife as a woman of splendid intellegence, and a Christian worker of marked devotion and efficiency.

We commend them both affectionately to the fellowship of all in their new relations, and assure them of our love and confidence and of our conviction that they will give their best efforts to the cause of Christ in their new home.

The Presbytery orders that this resolution be recorded in its minutes, that a copy be presented to Brother Thompson and that copies be sent to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg and to the session of the Waxhaw church."

C.C.Carson, Chairman

Rev. Lloyd McF. Courtney was appointed by Presbytery to act as Stated Clerk until spring meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. C. C. Carson D.D. was appointed by Presbytery to act as chairman of the committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief until the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

CALLED MEETING

The Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian church, Johnson City, Tenn., January 19th, 1920, 1:30 p.m.
Presbytery was opened with prayer.
The following call was read and found in order:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery to convene in the First church, Johnson City, January 19th, 1920, at 1:30 p.m., to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

To dissolve the relationship of pastor and people between Rev. W. T. Pearman and the Meadow Creek, Leesburg and Rheatown churches.

To dismiss him to Mecklenburg Presbytery.

To receive Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., and to arrange for his installation in the Mossy Creek church.

To transact any further business that may properly be considered at this time".

(Signed) W. T. Pearman, Moderator.

The Moderator requested Rev. Edgar Tufts to act as Moderator.

Ministers Present

W. T. Pearman, J. L. McMillan, Edgar Tufts, Robert King, Tilden Scherer and T. J. Hutchison.

Elders Present

J. H. Slonaker - Leesburg church

Visitors

Rev, R. D. Carson D.D., Abingdon Presbytery, Candidate W.C.Rourk

Resignation of Rev. W. T. Pearman

The pastoral relation between Rev. W. T. Pearman and the Meadow Creek, Leesburg and Rheatown churches was dissolved after receiving a statement from the pastor requesting it and a letter from the churches concurring in the request.

Presbytery expressed its regret at his departure and commended him for the splendid work he has accomplished here.

A letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg was granted him, and the clerk pro tem was instructed to prepare and forward to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg a letter of appreciation of his work in our midst.

The following letter was adopted:

Resolution on departure of Rev. W. T. Pearman

"Whereas the Rev. W. T. Pearman has resigned his work in Holston Presbytery to accept work in Mecklenburg Presbytery; and
Whereas, Holston Presbytery has granted him a letter of dismission to Mecklenburg Presbytery;
Be it resolved, that we, his brethren in Holston Presbytery, hereby take official recognition of, and make official record of, his high standing among us as a gentleman of noble Christian character and as a servant of the Lord abounding in his labors. In his comparatively short service of three years as pastor of Meadow Creek, Rheatown and Leesburg churches, he has crowded these years to the full with good labors, establishing five other preaching points, conducting evangelistic services, assisting with his gift of song other ministers in their revivals, spending much time in house to house visitation; attending faithfully upon the courts of the church in Presbytery and Synod; cooperating pleasantly and enthusiastically with his brethren in all their undertakings; and contributing to every service, whether great or small, a sweet Christian spirit which made it rich indeed.
Be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Stated Clerk of Mecklenburg Presbytery, together with the letter of dismission, and the affectionate commendation of Brother Pearman to the fellowship of the brethren of Mecklenburg."

T. J. Hutchison,

Reception of R. D. Carson D.D.

Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., of Abingdon Presbytery, was received into the membership of Holston Presbytery after the usual examination of a minister, and the call to the Mossy Creek church was read and found in order and placed in his hands. The following commission was appointed to install him.

Rev. J. L. McMillan, to preside and preach and propound the constitutional questions.
Rev. Robert King, to charge the pastor.
Elder James Nance, principal R. C. Carson
Elder A. C. Parrott, Alternate, to charge the people

Rev. R. D. Carson D.D. was appointed chairman of the committee on Church Societies, filling the vacancy made by the resignation of Rev. W. T. Pearman.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Robert King.

T. J. Hutchison

Clerk, pro tem

CALLED MEETING

The Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian church, Johnson City, Tenn., Monday, Feb. 2nd, 1920.

Presbytery was called to order by the last Moderator present, Rev. W. Bruce Doyle, and opened with prayer.

The following call was read and found in order:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery for Monday, Feb. 2nd, 1920, to convene in the First church, Johnson City, and transact the following business, if the way be clear:
1. To receive Candidate W. C. Rourk from Wilmington Presbytery, and examine him for licensure and ordination.
2. To dissolve the pastoral relations between Rev. L. R. Walker D.D. and the Morristown church."

Second item of the call was taken up first.

The pastoral relation between Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D. and the Morristown church was dissolved. This was requested by the pastor in an oral statement, and concurred in by the congregation through an official letter addressed to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

Candidate W. C. Rourk was received under care of Presbytery from the Presbytery of Wilmington. As he had not been furnished the parts for trial for liscensure, Presbytery deferred his examination until the spring meeting of Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D.

T. J. Hutchison

Clerk, pro tem

SPRING MEETING - 1920

Newport, Tennessee
April 13th, 1920

The 94th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Holston was held in the Newport Presbyterian church, beginning Tuesday evening, April 13th, 1920, at 8:30 o'clock.

At the request of the Moderator, who was prevented by illness from attending, the opening sermon was preached by the Rev. O.W. Buschgen of the Presbytery of Upper Missouri, from Ps. 144:13.

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

The following officers were elected: Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Carson D.D.; Temporary Clerk, Rev. W. C. Young.

The following were present during the meeting of the Presbytery:

Ministers

Chas. B. Boyles	Chas. C. Carson D.D.	H. H. Cassady
Edgar Tufts	J. L. MacMillan	T. J. Hutchison
J. P. Doggett	A. C. Snoddy	R. D. Carson D.D.
Tilden Scherer D.D.	W. C. Young	Lloyd Courtney
Lynn R. Walker D.D.	Thos.C. Delaney	

Churches represented

Mossy Creek ---------- J. R. Moser
Johnson City --------- S. S. McCormick
Leesburg ---------- W. M. Bayless
Russellville --------- E. H. Moore
Newport ---------- H. C. Alexander
Meadow Creek --------- J. A. Waddell
Morristown ---------- Jas. R. Forgey

Rev. O. W. Buschgen of the Presbytery of Upper Missouri was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Devotional Committee made the following report:

Devotional exercises, 8:45 to 9 a.m.; Morning Session, 9 to 11:30; Afternoon Session, 2 to 5; Evening Session, meet at 7:30 and adjourn at will. Special Orders: Wednesday, 11 a.m., Presbyterial sermon; Wednesday afternoon, discussion of Progressive Program; Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Popular Meeting on Home Missions.

Presbytery adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 8:45.

Dismissed with prayer by Moderator.

SECOND DAY - MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 8:45 and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. T. J. Hutchison.

Minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

Election Stated Clerk

Rev. Lloyd Courtney was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Presbytery.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures: Rev. L.R.Walker D.D., Elder J.A.Waddell
2. Judicial: Rev. A.C.Snoddy, Elder W.M.Bayless
3. Sessional Records: Rev. C.B.Boyles, Rev. J.P.Doggett, Rev. H.H. Cassady; Elders H.C.Alexander, W.M.Bayless, S.S.McCormick
4. Statistical Report: Rev. Edgar Tufts, Elder J. R. Moser
5. Narrative: Rev. R.D.Carson D.D.
6. Finance: Elders Jas. R. Forgey, E. H. Moore
7. Minutes of Synod: Rev. H.H.Cassady
8. Devotional: Rev. Lloyd Courtney, Elder H.C.Alexander
9. Leave of Absence: Rev. J.P.Doggett

The Moderator also announced the following committees:

1. Nominations: Rev. T.J.Hutchison, Rev. J.P.Doggett, Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D.
2. Church Societies: Rev. H.H.Cassady
3. Publication and Sabbath Schools: Rev. Thos. C. Delaney

2:30 this afternoon was made the Order of the Day for the discussion of the Progressive Program.

Superintendent Sunday School and Young Peoples' Work

A communication from Rev. L. R. Walker D.D., Synodical Manager, calling attention to the action of the Asheville Synod authorizing that steps be taken looking to the employment of a superintendent of Sunday School and Young Peoples' Work, and requesting that Presbytery appoint one man, preferably the chairman of the Presbytery's Committee on Publication and Sabbath School, to co-operate with like representatives from the other Presbyteries of the Synod and Synod's special Committee, to direct whatever work the Presbyteries may have in common in the election of such superintendent, was read and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The following partial report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted:

We recommend that the chairman of the Committee on Publication and Sabbath School be appointed by Presbytery to act with the Synod's special committee on Sunday School and Young Peoples' Work to direct whatever work the Presbyteries may have in common in the election of a Synodical superintendent of Sunday School and Young Peoples' Work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Hutchison, Chairman

Distribution of Benevolences - percentages

A communication from Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D., Synodical Manager, calling attention to the recommendation of Synod's Committee on Systematic Beneficence and Stewardship, with reference to a percentage basis for the distribution of funds to be contributed by the churches of the Synod during the year 1920-21, and urging that such a basis, covering all the causes of the church, be adopted by all the churches of the Presbytery, was read and referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence recommends that the following percentages for all benevolences, recommended by the Synod's Committee on Systematic Beneficence, be adopted:

Foreign Missions ----------	30%
Assembly's Home Missions -----	14
Synod's Home Missions --------	8
Presbyterial Home Missions ----	24
Ministerial Education and Rel.	7
S.S.Extension and Publication	3
Assembly's Training School ---	1
Schools and Colleges ---------	10
Orphanage ----------	2
Bible Cause ----------	1

It is urged that all churches adhere to this basis for distribution and that no causes be neglected.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MacMillan, Chairman

Montreat Normal School

A communication from the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Montreat Normal School, requesting that the four Presbyteries composing the Synod of Appalachia apportion to the Montreat Normal School a percentage of the amount to be raised in the campaign for schools and colleges, apart from the $500,000 to be raised for King College and Stonewall Jackson College, and that the Campaign Committee of the Synod be authorized to include the Montreat Normal School in the budget of the proposed campaign and to distribute what percentage of the funds raised should be devoted to that school, was read and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The Committee on Schools and Colleges submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We feel that this is a matter for the Synod of Appalachia, inasmuch as a definite program was adopted at the Asheville Synod in October 1919.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Carson, Chairman

Revision of Manual

The following Committee was appointed to revise the Manual of the Presbytery and report during this meeting of the Presbytery if possible, and if not as soon thereafter as the revision can be made:

Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Rev. Lynn R. Walker, Rev. Lloyd Courtney

Dismission of Rev. F.H.Scattergood

On his request Rev. Frank H. Scattergood was granted a Letter of Dismission to the Presbytery of Albemarle.

Dismission of Licentiate W. K. Keys

On his request Licentiate Walter K. Keys was granted a Letter of Dismission to the Presbytery of East Hanover.

Letter of Dismission granted W.C.Young returned

Letter of Dismission recently granted Rev. W. C. Young was returned to this Presbytery, not having been placed with another Presbytery.

Recess was taken for five minutes preceding the hour for the Presbyterial sermon.

Presbyterial sermon

At 11:30 the Presbytery heard a sermon by the Rev. Lloyd Courtney, from Psalm 119:45.

Presbytery amended the Order of the Day for Wednesday to meet at 2:30 instead of 3, and took recess until that hour.

SECOND DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery mat at 2:30 and was opened with prayer

Discussion Progressive Program

The order of the day was taken up and Presbytery heard a very inspirational discussion of the Progressive Program of the church, led by Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D., Synodical Manager, with Rev. Chas. C. Carson D.D., and Rev. J. L. MacMillan as speakers.

Reception Rev. S. H. Hay

Rev. S. H. Hay of the Presbytery of Concord was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. S. H. Hay presented a Letter of Dismission from the Presbytery of Concord and was enrolled a member of the Presbytery after the usual requirements had been met.

A call from the Morristown church for the pastoral services of Rev. S. H. Hay was received, found in order, and placed in his hands, and a committee was appointed to arrange for his installation. (See page 180 for report of committee)

Report Committee on Nominations

The Committee on Nominations made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations recommends that the following chairmen of committees be appointed for this meeting of the Presbytery:

Publication and Sabbath School - Rev. Lloyd Courtney
Systematic Beneficence --------- Rev. J. L. MacMillan
Church Societies ---------- Rev. W. C. Young
Sabbath and Family Religion ---- Elder S. S. McCormick

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Hutchison, Chairman

Commissioners to Assembly

The following Commissioners to the Assembly in Charlotte in May were elected:

Principals: Rev. Robert King Alternate: Rev. Lloyd Courtney
Elder James Allen Elder Frank Taylor

Report Committee on Narrative

The following report of the Committee on Narrative was adopted:

Your Committee on Narrative submits the following report, compiled from reports from about half the churches of the Presbytery:

1. Services of the sanctuary generally well attended, only one church reporting poor.
2. Observance of family worship is greatly neglected. One small church reports half its families observing family worship. Three report about one-fourth. The remaining churches ranging from ten percent to none.
3. Only 24 families reported enrolled in the Family Altar League.
4. Observance of Lord's Day generally reported good.
5. The children are generally trained in the Scriptures and Catechisms of the church in the home.
6. The training in the Sabbath Schools in the Scriptures and Catechisms of the church is generally reported good.
7. There is a very commendable increase in the fidelity of God's people in giving.
8. Only one church reports pastor not paid fully and promptly.
9. Only about half the churches report manifestation of the Spirit's power.
10. Very little worldly conformity reported, except in four churches.
11. Mission services maintained in most churches.
12. Only three churches report any effort made by pastor of session to secure recruits for the Gospel Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Carson, Chairman

Report Committee on Sessional Records

The Sessional Records of the following churches were approved without exception:
Leesburg, Russellville, Bristol First, Newland, Kingsport, Meadow Creek, Newport, Windsor Avenue.
The records of the following churches were approved with the exceptions noted:
Powder Mill: Approved with exception that the records have not been before Presbytery since 1914
Mossy Creek: Approved with the exception that the word "delegate" is used where "representative" should have been used.
Johnson City: Approved with exception that word "delegate" is used for representatives to Presbytery and Synod.
Morristown First: Approved with following exceptions: May 18th, 1919 closed without prayer; May 23rd, 1919 word "delegate" used instead of "representative", not opened or closed with prayer; June 22nd, 1919 not closed with prayer; Nov. 30th, 1919 not closed with prayer; April 11th, 1920 word "delegate" used instead of "representative"; nothing on record to show that records from April 20th, 1919 to April 11th, 1920 were read and approved.
New Providence: Approved with the following exceptions: Oct. 30th, 1919 not opened and closed with prayer; Dec. 21st, 1919 not opened and closed with prayer; Dec. 28th, 1919 not opened and closed with prayer; March 31st, 1920 not closed with prayer, word "delegate" used instead of representative; April 11th, 1920 not closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles B. Boyles, Chairman

Installation of Rev. S. H. Hay

The Committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. S. H. Hay as pastor of the Morristown church made the following report which was adopted:

Installation to be on the third Sunday in May, or as soon thereafter as practicable. The Commission to be as follows:

To preside, preach and prppound the constitutional questions; Rev. T. J. Hutchison.
To charge the pastor, Rev. Robert King principal, Rev. D. W. McIver alternate.
To charge the people, Rev. Lloyd Courtney
Elder to complete the Commission, Elder James R. Forgey.

Presbyterial sermon, Fall Meeting

Rev. J. L. MacMillan was appointed to preach the Presbyterial sermon at the Fall Meeting, on a subject or text of his own choice.

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 p.m. Closed with prayer by Rev. R. D. Carson.

SECOND DAY - NIGHT SESSION

Presbytery met at 7:30

A popular meeting on Home Missions was engaged in with Rev. J. L. MacMillan in charge. Short addresses were made by Rev. Messrs Chas. B. Boyles, W. C. Rourk, H. H. Cassady, Edgar Tufts, W. C. Young, Mr J. Allen Messer, and Misses Andrews and Marston.

Presbytery expressed its appreciation of the addresses by a rising vote.

Campaign Schools and Colleges

Rev. Tilden Scherer D.D. addressed the Presbytery on the campaign for Schools and Colleges.

Presbytery adopted the following resolution with reference to the campaign:

The Presbytery of Holston hereby endorses the campaign for schools and colleges in the bounds of the Synod of Appalachia. This campaign contemplates raising at least $750,000, one-third of which is to go to Stonewall Jackson College at Abingdon, Va., one-third to King College at Bristol, and one-third to the Home Mission Committees of each of the four Presbyteries for the benefit of the Home Mission Schools. The campaign has the unanimous endorsement of the Synod, has been placed under the direction of the General Assembly's Committee under Dr. H. H. Sweets and Dr. M. E. Melvin, in conjunction with a representative committee appointed by the Synod.
Holston Presbytery heartily commends this campaign to the pastors, sessions and people of the church, and urgently asks that the pulpits be opened to the campaign forces, and that every possible assistance be given toward carrying the undertaking to a rapid and successful conclusion.

Reception J. Allen Messer under care Presbytery

A communication from the pastor of the Newport church, Rev. W. Bruce Doyle, and endorsed by the Clerk of the Session of the Newport church, commending the work done in the mountains of Cooke County by Mr. J. Allen Messer, and recommending that he be received under care of Presbytery and directed to persue a year's course of study in one of the Seminaries of the church, and after that to license to preach the Gospel, was read, and Presbytery, after the usual examination, received Mr. Messer under its care and instructed him to persue preparatory work of one term in one of the Seminaries of the church.

Mr. Messer was recommended to the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief for financial aid during one year in the Seminary.

Commission to install Rev. W. C. Young

The following Commission was appointed to install Rev. W. C. Young pastor of the Russellville church on the first Sunday in June, the call from the church to be placed in the hands of the pastor-elect at the time of installation:

To preside, preach and propound constitutional questions, Rev. R. D. Carson D.D.
To charge the pastor, Rev. S. H. Hay
To charge the people, Rev. W. Bruce Doyle principal, Rev T. J. Hutchison alternate to any of above.
To complete the Commission, Elder R. T. Anderson principal, Elder C. B. Moore alternate.

Presbytery adjourned to meet Thursday morning at 8:00

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. T. C. Delaney.

THIRD DAY - MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 8:00 o'clock

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. H. H. Cassady

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Presbytery took recess until 10 a.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 10 a.m.

The Order of the Day was set aside and the examination of Candidate W. C. Rourk for licensure was taken up.

The hour for the noon recess having arrived, and the examination of Candidate W. C. Rourk being unfinished, Presbytery voted to continue the examination of Mr. Rourk until 12 o'clock if necessary.

Presbytery took recess until 1:30 p.m.

THIRD DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery met at 1:30

The examination of Candidate W. C. Rourk was resumed and completed.

Presbytery voted to sustain the examination of Mr. Rourk and to proceed to license him under the extraordinary clause.

Candidate W. C. Rourk was licensed to preach the Gospel.

A call from the Newland church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. C. Rourk was read and not found in order because signed only by the members of the session of the church. The call was sent back to the church for correction before being placed in the hands of Mr. Rourk.

Presbyterial Tax

Presbytery voted to set the annual Presbyterial tax at 13¢ per member.

Resolution on illness of members of Presbytery

The following resolution was adopted:

The Presbytery has heard with the deepest regret of the illness of two of our brethren, Rev. W. Bruce Doyle and Rev. W. T. Howison, and we extend to these brethren our sympathy in their affliction. We have missed their fellowship and counsel in the meetings of the Presbytery, and we pray that they may be speedily restored to health.

Presbytery was led in prayer for the recovery of these brethren.

Printing of Minutes of the Presbytery

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that the Stated Clerk be instructed by the Presbytery to have the minutes of this session of Presbytery, together with the minutes of the meetings since the past Fall Meeting, printed, and mail copies of the minutes to the ministers and elders of the Presbytery.

Report Committee on Finance

The Committee on Finance made the following report which was adopted:

I have examined the receipts and disbursements of Rev. J. L. MacMillan, Treasurer of Home Missions, and they seem to be regular and correct. He has vouchers for his disbursements.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Forgey, Chairman

Trustees Lees-McRae Institute

The following was adopted:

Presbytery approves, until it becomes its own duty to attend to the matter, the Trustees that Synod appointed for the Lees-McRae Institute at the last meeting in Asheville in October 1919.

Committees having no report

Judicial Committee - no report

Sabbath and Family Religion - no report

Committee on Bills and Overtures - no report

Report Committee on Minutes of Synod

The Committee on Minutes of Synod made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod makes the following report:

We call the attention of the Presbytery to the following:
1. Page 115. The suggested organization of Young Peoples' councils in the local churches, the sending of delegates to our denominational Sunday School and Young Peoples' Conferences and Institutes and C.E. Conventions. We urge especially upon the Presbytery the recommandation to co-operate with the Committee on Publication and Sabbath School in the effort to secure a Synodical Superintendent of Sunday School and Young Peoples' Work.
2. Page 116. A recommendation to pastors to urge their people to become members of the Prayer League and observe the Lord's Day, and to press the importance of recruiting the ministry.
3. Page 118. A recommendation to pastors and sessions to have their Women's Societies connected actively with their respective Presbyterials.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. Cassady, Chairman

Report Committee on Publication and Sabbath School

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work submitted the following report which was adopted:

We have examined the reports which have come up from the churches and find the following facts:
1. Total Sunday School Enrollment ------- 3488
2. Pupils added to Communion during year- 68
3. Total contribution to Benevolences ---$3085
4. Total contribution to all causes -----$4570

All our schools, with one exception, are under the control of the sessions of the churches.
Several schools report special religious interest during the year.
Practically all the schools in the Presbytery use our own literature.
In many schools the Bible is memorized.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. Delaney, Chairman

Excuses Non-attendance

Excuses of Rev. Gilbert Glass D.D. and Rev. W. T. Howison for non-attendance were sustained.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer made the following report which was received as information:

Your Treasurer submits the following report: I have received from the retiring Treasurer, Rev. Geo. B. Thompson, the sum of $345.11. There have been no receipts and no disbursements.
Respectfully submitted, Lloyd Courtney, Treas.

Report Committee on Church Societies

The Committee on Church Societies submitted the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Church Societies reports the following statistics:

30 Societies; 876 members; Contributions $4775.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. Cassady, Chairman

Report Committee on Statistics

The Committee on Statistics made the following report which was adppted:

From the incomplete reports in our hands the following statistics have been compiled:

		Benevolences	
Elders ----------	173	Foreign Missions -------	$11,074
Deacons ----------	161	Assembly's Home Missions	2,141
Added on examination -	226	Synod's Home Missions --	1,689
Added on certificate -	134	Presbyterial Home Miss.-	4,603
Resident communicants	3426	Congregational Home Miss.	1,807
Non-res. communicants	611	Christian Ed. and Min. R.	1,780
Whole number "	4036	S.S.Extension and Public.	830
Adult Baptisms -------	83	Schools and Colleges ---	7,951
Infant Baptisms ------	57	Bible Cause ----------	232
S.S.Enrollment --------	3682	Orphans' Home ----------	2,479
		Miscellaneous Benevolenc.	20,409
		Current Exp. and Pres. T.	22,460

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar Tufts, Chairman

Report Committee on Foreign Missions

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted the following report which was adopted:

1. Let all the agencies of the church promote in every possible way the effort now making through our Presbyterian Progressive Program to have subscribed this spring the whole $4,000,000.00 apportioned by our General Assembly for the year beginning April 1st, 1920.
2. The experience of all Mission Boards has proved the eminent wisdom of having churches, societies and individuals undertake the definite support, in whole or part, of definite missionaries, or support of definite portions of the work abroad, selected according to the financial ability of the givers. In all such cases of the assumption of definite Foreign Mission responsibility, arrangemenat are made by which such churches, societies or individuals are kept in touch with the progress of the work by letters, at least quarterly, written from the field. This system of "living links" between the home supporters and the work abroad is a powerful means of sustaining and deepening the home churches Foreign Mission interest and zeal.

3. The seven year plan of missionary education in the Sunday Schools is now entering on its sixth year and the country is Mexico. Everything possible should be done to secure the co-operation of every Sunday Schoolin the Mexican Campaign.
4. Mrs. John S. Nisbet, who recently didd in Mokpo, Korea, has written the mission study text book of the year, "Day In and Day Out in Korea". Effort should be made to secure the widest possible use of this book in mission study classes for the current year.
5. Our Committee is in desperate need of doctors, nurses, men and women evangelists, men and women teachers, and a few business and industrial men. The most pitiful calls for missionaries are coming from all the fields. The Committee would warmly appreciate receiving the names of young men and women who appear eminently fitted for work abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Carson, Chairman

Report Home Mission Committee

The Home Mission Committee made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Home Missions begs leave to make the following report:

Under the blessings of God, the work of Presbyterial Home Missions has made satisfactory progress during the year just past, and the outlook for the new year's work is bright with promise. Your Committee held monthly meetings with fair regularity and attendance; considering the needs of the work and its problems, and offering counsel and help to the best of its judgment.. The field workers have toiled faithfully and in deep sacrifice and with good result.
We lost three workers during the year, all by removal from the Presbytery: Rev. J. F. Menius, Rev. W. T. Pearman and Mr. Troy Young. We regret their loss more than words can tell,
We received five new workers during the year: Rev. H. H. Cassady of the Shulls Mills group; Rev. W. C. Rourk of the Newland group; Rev. R. D. Carson D.D. of the Jefferson city group; Rev. W. C. Young of the Russellville group; Mr. Troy Young of the Powder Mill group. They have added great strength to our forces.
Evangelistic meetings during the year were held at Forbes, Micaville, Shull's Mills, New Bethel, Meadow Creek, Blowing Rock, Caney Branch, Reedy Creek, Leesburg, Rheatown, Chucky, Ebenezer, Paint Gap, Windsor Avenue, and Meadow View, resulting in good increases in membership and general strengthening of the work.
We have two Mission Day School teachers: Miss Osmar Newton and Miss Annie Greenlee, both of Mitchell County, N.C. These women have done an excellent work and your committee desires to give them better support and helpers.
The total cost of Home Mission work for the past year was $6,873.10, divided as follows:

Pastors' salaries	$4,945.92
Salary of Superintendent	1,500.00
Traveling expenses of Superintend.	89.51
Committee's Expenses	187.67
Building (Ebenezer Chapel)	100.00
Total	$6,873.10

Recommendations

1. In answer to the request from the Synod's campaign committee of schools and colleges, we recommend that, in the distribution of the $62,500.00 falling to the Home Mission schools of this Presbytery from the Synod's $750,000.00 campaign for schools and colleges, a tentative percentage of division be made as follows:

For Lees-McRae Institute 60%
For possible establishment new schools . 40%

2. We recommend that the following apportionments be made for the following year:

New Bethel group	$300.00
Blountville group	300.00
Jefferson City group	600.00
Russellville group	400.00
Newport group	400.00
Windsor Avenue	300.00
Banner Elk	500.00
Newland group	500.00
Mitchell County group	600.00
Yancey County group	600.00
Rev. J. P. Hall	350.00
Rev. J. L. MacMillan, Chm.....	100.00
Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Supt.....	2300.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MacMillan, Chairman

Report Committee Christian Education and Min. Relief

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief submitted the following report:

Your Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief would record its appreciation of the excellent work of the Assembly's Committee. The whole church has cause for gratitude to God for His blessings upon the work of the Assembly's Secretary and his co-workers.
It now appears that this Presbytery has seven beneficiaries and ten candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

Recommendations

1. Your Committee recommends that the Presbytery endorse the following applications for assistance during the year 1930:

Mrs. Ada Shaw Black	$150.00
Mrs. E. D. Converse	150.00
Mrs. J. Albert Wallace	150.00
Mrs. Lottie L. McFerrin	150.00
Mrs. Mildred W. Byers	150.00
Mrs. Marie C. King	250.00
Rev. A. C. Snoddy	300.00

2. Your committee further recommends that Candidate J. Allen Messer be commended to the Assembly's Committee as worthy of aid in his preparation for the gospel ministry, and that the

Presbytery's Committee be authorized to arrange with the Assembly's Committee for such aid as in their judgment may be necessary. Also that he be commended as worthy of assistance from the Seminary he may choose to attend.

3. Your Committee further recommends that the Presbytery commend especially the cause of ministerial relief, to the end that the members within our bounds may do their part in securing the necessary amount to meet the conditions of the liberal offer of Elder C. E. Graham toward the endowment fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Carson, Acting Chairman

Report Committee on Evangelism

The Committee on Evangelism made the following report which was adopted:

The Committee on Evangelism has no figures on hand for the year just closing, but would call attention to the fact that last year there were reported 295 additions to the churches of the Presbytery on examination, this being the largest number reported in some years. This is reason for encouragement, and yet with 19 ministers, 317 ordained officers and 3,773 communicants in the Presbytery these figures by no means represent what the Presbytery might do, under the blessings of God, if a true evangelistic spirit pervaded our church life. To the end that there may be more serious, definite evangelistic effort the Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the services of the church, so far as possible, be thoroughly evangelistic in spirit.
2. That pastors and people through earnest prayer and personal work give themselves to definite efforts to save the lost; and that personal workers bands be formed for training in this work.
3. That a definite season each year be set aside in every church in the Presbytery for an evangelistic meeting.
4. That the following schedule for evangelistic meetings in the Home Mission fields be adopted:

Proposed schedule of Evangelistic Meetings for Summer 1920

Fields	One meeting by each of following preachers
Shull's Mill group.....	R. D. Carson D.D., W. C. Young
Newland group	Lloyd Courtney, D. W. McIver
Banner Elk group	C. C. Carson D.D., J. L. MacMillan
Plumtree group	Robert King, Lynn R. Walker D.D., J. A. Harris
Mitchell County group .	H. H. Cassady, J. A. Harris, T. J. Hutchison
Yancey County group ...	Robert King, R. D. Carson D.D., Edgar Tufts
Blountville group	C. C. Carson D.D., Lloyd Courtney, W. C. Rourk
New Bethel group	Edgar Tufts, H. H. Cassady, W. C. Rourk
Russellville group	J.L.MacMillan, W. B. Doyle, S. H. Hay
Meadow Creek group	Lynn R. Walker D.D., W. C. Young
Cocke County group	W. B. Doyle, S. H. Hay

Regulating Principles

1. Pastors of groups in which meetings are to be held must take initiative in setting time of meeting, notifying evangelists, and making necessary preparation for the meeting.
2. Groups in which meetings are to be held are expected to pay necessary expenses of meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. McIver, Chairman

Report Committee on Orphans' Home

The following report of the Committee on Orphans' Home was adopted:

The Committee on Orphans' Home respectfully submits the following report:

There is in the bounds of the Presbytery one Orphans' Home. This is situated at Banner Elk, N.C. There are fifty children in the Home, and four grown people.
A new building, consisting of an auditorium and four school rooms, is under construction and now nearing completion.
Mr. J. W. Holcomb, who has faithfully and wonderfully superintended the Home ever since it was started, is now Treasurer, and while the Committee has not his financial report in hand, we can say to the Presbytery that there is no debt against the Home for current expenses. But in order to finish the new school building we have had to make a debt of a few hundred dollars.
In view of the ever increasing number who are asking for places in the Home, and the ever increasing cost of the necessities of life, we earnestly appeal to all the churches and societies in the Presbytery to do what they can to help us care for the half hundred children who are in the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar Tufts, Chairman

Report Committee on Bible Cause

The Committee on Bible Cause made the following report which was adopted:

The Bible Society, being one of the benevolent causes of our church, is therefore presented to the church by it representatives for an offering, having also a permanent committee in the General Assembly.
The report of the American Bible Society for the past year is not altogether encouraging. The reduction of its financial resources has also reduced the number of its actual workers. We have five agencies at work within the bounds of the Southerb Presbyterian Church: Atlanta, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Dallas, Texas; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Denver, Colo.
We are therefore greatly interested in the work of the American Bible Society and should give it our hearty support. It has never received the consideration at the hands of the people that it deserves. The Committee would recommend that the ministers and elders of Holston Presbytery use diligence in securing lands, bonds,

and legacies, such as may be safely and easily transferred to the great Bible cause, thus continually increasing its efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Doggett, Chairman

Report Committee on Nominations

The Committee on Nominations made the following report which was adopted.

Executive Committees

1. Foreign Missions: Robert King, H.H.Cassady, Frank Taylor
2. Pres. Home Missions: J.L.MacMillan, Lynn R. Walker D.D., Chas. C. Carson D.D., Robert King, W. Bruce Doyle, Edgar Tufts, R.D.Carson D.D., F.T.Nance, J.A.Summers, Frank Taylor, J.H.Newman, J.D.Faucette.
3. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief: S.H.Hay, R.D. Carson D.D., Tilden Scherer D.D., J.N.Fisher.
4. Publication and Sabbath School: Lloyd Courtney, C.B.Boyles, W.M.Bayless.

Permanent Committees

1. Church Societies: W.C.Young, C.B.Boyles, E.H.Moore, J.W.Waddell
2. Schools and Colleges: Chas.C.Carson D.D., R.D.Carson D.D., J.D.Faucette.
3. Evangelism: R.D.Carson D.D., J.P.Doggett, Robert King, J.F. Johnson.
4. Orphanage: Edgar Tufts, J.A.Harris, A.C.Snoddy, Joe H.Slonaker.
5. Bible Cause: W.T.Howison, W.C.Rourk, J.P.Doggett, Sam'l Newland.
6. Nominations: T.J.Hutchison, Lynn R. Walker D.D., Lloyd Courtney.
7. Systematis Beneficence: D.W.McIver, T.C.Delaney, A.B.Rogan.
8. Comity: J.L.MacMillan, Chas. C. Carson D.D., Lynn R. Walker D.D., J.H.Newman.
9. Sabbath and Family Religion: W. Bruce Doyle, Lloyd Courtney, S.F.Peavler, S.S.McCormick.
10. Assembly's Home Missions: Lynn R. Walker D.D., Chas. C. Carson D.D., E. W. King, J. R. Forgey.

Examining Committees

1. Experimental Religion: D. W. McIver, W. T. Howison, J. P. Doggett
2. Theology: Chas. C. Carson D.D., J. L. MacMillan, R.D.Carson D.D.
3. Church History: Lynn R. Walker D.D., W.C.Young, J.A.Harris
4. Church Government and Sacraments: Robert King, Chas. B. Boyles.
5. Philosophy, Logic amd Ethics: Tilden Scherer D.D., W. B. Doyle.
6. Natural Science and Secular Subjects: Edgar Tufts, Lloyd Courtney.
7. Latin, Greek and Hebrew: W. Bruce Doyle, S. H. Hay.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Hutchison, Chairman

Property at Mountain City

The matter of certain property at Mountain City was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Report Committee on Systematic Beneficence

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence submitted the following report which was adopted:

Cause	Churches contributing	Amount
Foreign Missions	37	$11,074.00
Assembly's Home Missions	27	2,141.00
Synod's Home Missions	22	1,689.00
Presbytery's Home Missions	21	4,603.00
Congregational Home Missions	9	1,807.00
Christian Ed. and Min. Rel.	25	1,780.00
S.S.Extension and Pub.	23	830.00
Schools and Colleges	23	7,951.00
Bible Cause	19	232.00
Orphans' Home	27	2,479.00
Miscellaneous Benevolences	19	20,409.00
	Total	$54.995.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MacMillan, Chairman

Report Committee on Minutes Assembly

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly was adopted: (Minutes Assembly of 1919)

1. Page 30 (paragraph 10) "concerning the non-resident members"- affirmative.
2. Page 33 (paragraph 5) "closer relations with Presbyterial and Synodical Auxiliaries" - affirmative
3. Page 43 (paragraph 10) "distribution of benevolent funds" - affirmative.
4. Page 50 (paragraph 3) (a) (b) "amendment to Book of Church Order" - negative.
5. Page 51 (paragraph 8) "amendment to Book of Church Order" - negative.
6. Page 52 (paragraph 15) (a) (b) "amendment to Book of Church Order" - affirmative.
7. Page 56 "amendment touching Candidates" - affirmative.
8. Page 62 (paragraph 72) "concerning Young Peoples' Societies"- affirmative.
9. Page 63 (paragraph 4) "Presbyteries urged to utilize Publication Committee, etc." - action taken earlier.
10. Page 69g (paragraph second) "Assembly's schedule of percentages"- action taken earlier.
11. Page 69i (fifth paragraph from bottom of page) "amendment to the Book of Church Order" - affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. McCormick, Chairman

Committee on Comity

The Committee on Comity was instructed to discharge its duty in visiting the First Presbyterian church, Jonesboro, and report.

Will of James Henry

The matter of certain property bequeathed the Presbytery by the late James Henry was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

New Providence Church, Stony Point, Tenn., was chosen by the Presbytery as the place of the next meeting, time to be arranged by Stated Clerk and pastor-host.

Resolution of Thanks

The following resolution was adopted:

The Presbytery of Holston desires to express its thanks to the pastor of the Newport church, to the officers and members of the church, and to all the friends who have contributed to the pleasure of the members of the Presbytery during this meeting. We are grateful for all the bountiful hospitality which they have shown us, and pray God's richest blessing upon them.

There being no further business before the Presbytery the minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned with the singing of our fellowship hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds", and with prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

Chas. C. Carson
Moderator

Stated Clerk.

W.C. Young
Temporary Clerk

CALLED MEETING

The Presbytery of Holston met in called session in the First Presbyterian church of Johnson City, may 11th, 1930, 12:30 p.m.

Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the last Moderator present, Rev. W. Bruce Doyle.

The following call was read and found in order:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a special meeting of Holston Presbytery to convene at Johnson City, Tenn. in the First Presbyterian church, Tuesday, May 11th, 1930, 12:30 p.m., to transact the following business if the way be clear:
1. To dissolve the pastoral relation existing between Rev. W. Bruce Doyle and the Newport church, and to dismiss him to the Presbytery of Lafayette.
2. To transact any further business pertaining to this matter.
(Signed) Charles C. Carson, Moderator"

Ministers present

Rev. W. Bruce Doyle, Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D., Rev. J. L. MacMillan, Rev. T. J. Hutchison.

Elders present

Johnson City, First: S. S. McCormick

On request of the Moderator, Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D. acted as Moderator, and Rev. T. J. Hutchison as Clerk.

Resignation of Rev. W. Bruce Doyle

Rev. W. Bruce Doyle presented his resignation as pastor of the Newport church and requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between him and the Newport church.

A communication from the Newport church, showing the action of the church in a congregational meeting in which the congregation concurred with the pastor in his request for dissolution of the pastoral relation, was read.

After expressions of regret upon the part of the Presbytery assembled at the departure of Brother Doyle from our midst, Presbytery ordered the pastoral relation dissolved, and instructed the Stated Clerk to give him a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Lafayette.

Rev. J. L. MacMillan and Rev. T. J. Hutchison were appointed a committee to prepare a letter of appreciation and commendation of the faithful and efficient labors of Brother Doyle in the Presbytery of Holston, and instructed the committee to send a copy of the letter to Brother Doyle, a copy to the Presbytery of Lafayette and a copy to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery to be spread upon the minutes.

Will of James Henry

The matter of certain property bequeathed the Presbytery by the late James Henry was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

New Providence Church, Stony Point, Tenn., was chosen by the Presbytery as the place of the next meeting, time to be arranged by Stated Clerk and pastor-host.

Resolution of Thanks

The following resolution was adopted:

The Presbytery of Holston desires to express its thanks to the pastor of the Newport church, to the officers and members of the church, and to all the friends who have contributed to the pleasure of the members of the Presbytery during this meeting. We are grateful for all the bountiful hospitality which they have shown us, and pray God's richest blessing upon them.

There being no further business before the Presbytery the minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned with the singing of our fellowship hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds", and with prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

Chas. C. Carson
Moderator

Hoy Chauney
Stated Clerk.

W.C. Young
Temporary Clerk

CALLED MEETING

The Presbytery of Holston met in called session in the First Presbyterian church of Johnson City, may 11th, 1930, 12:30 p.m.

Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the last Moderator present, Rev. W. Bruce Doyle.

The following call was read and found in order:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a special meeting of Holston Presbytery to convene at Johnson City, Tenn. in the First Presbyterian church, Tuesday, May 11th, 1930, 12:30 p.m., to transact the following business if the way be clear:
1. To dissolve the pastoral relation existing between Rev. W. Bruce Doyle and the Newport church, and to dismiss him to the Presbytery of Lafayette.
2. To transact any further business pertaining to this matter.
(Signed) Charles C. Carson, Moderator"

Ministers present

Rev. W. Bruce Doyle, Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D., Rev. J. L. MacMillan, Rev. T. J. Hutchison.

Elders present

Johnson City, First: S. S. McCormick

On request of the Moderator, Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D. acted as Moderator, and Rev. T. J. Hutchison as Clerk.

Resignation of Rev. W. Bruce Doyle

Rev. W. Bruce Doyle presented his resignation as pastor of the Newport church and requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between him and the Newport church.

A communication from the Newport church, showing the action of the church in a congregational meeting in which the congregation concurred with the pastor in his request for dissolution of the pastoral relation, was read.

After expressions of regret upon the part of the Presbytery assembled at the departure of Brother Doyle from our midst, Presbytery ordered the pastoral relation dissolved, and instructed the Stated Clerk to give him a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Lafayette.

Rev. J. L. MacMillan and Rev. T. J. Hutchison were appointed a committee to prepare a letter of appreciation and commendation of the faithful and efficient labors of Brother Doyle in the Presbytery of Holston, and instructed the committee to send a copy of the letter to Brother Doyle, a copy to the Presbytery of Lafayette and a copy to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery to be spread upon the minutes.

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The letter is as follows:

Letter of appreciation of labors of Rev. W.B.Doyle

Inasmuch as Rev. W. Bruce Doyle has requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Newport church, and has asked for a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Lafayette, it seemed not only timely and well, but in every sense fitting for the Presbytery of Holston to express its appreciation of the faithful and efficient labors of Brother Doyle while pastor of the Newport church, and to accompany him to his new field of labor with an expression of approval upon the past and of good hope for the future.

As a man, Brother Doyle is one having strong convictions, and neither ashamed nor afraid to stand up for them.. As a Presbyter, he has been exceedingly faithful in his attendance upon the courts and committee meetings of the church, and exceedingly helpful in his counsel and discussions therein. As a preacher, laborious in study, forceful in the pulpit, delighting in the proclamation of the Gospel and in the propogation of the faith once for all delivered to the saints. As a pastor, he has been careful to watch for souls, and has shepherded not only those of his own fold, but has gone forth into the mountain fastnesses to seek the sheep without shepherd and without fold.

During the nearly four years during which Brother Doyle has labored in our midst he has endeared himself to us all, and we give him up with reluctance and with a feeling of distinct personal loss; but also with the lively hope that he is going to a larger field of usefulness and that his labors will be abundantly blessed of the Lord.

J. L. MacMillan
T. J. Hutchison
Committee

Having completed the items included in the call, the minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

T. J. Hutchison

Clerk, pro tem.

CALLED MEETING

The Presbytery of Holston met in called session in the First Presbyterian church, Johnson City, Tenn., June 10th, 1930, at 3:00 p.m.

Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the last Moderator present, Rev. J. L. MacMillan.

The Following call was read and found in order:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call Holston Presbytery to meet in Johnson City, Tenn, June 10th 1930, at 1:00 p.m., to transact the following business if the way be clear:

1. To act on the call of the Newland church for the pastoral services of W. C. Rourk.
2. To arrange for the ordination and installation of Mr. Rourk.
3. To transact any further business relative to the same.

(Signed) Chas. C. Carson, Moderator"

Ministers present: Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D., Rev. J. L. Macmillan D.D., Rev. T. C. Delaney.

Elders present: John F. Lyle, First church, Johnson City.

Examination Licentiate W. C. Rourk

The Presbytery examined Mr. W. C. Rourk for ordination to the Gospel Ministry. The examination was sustained as satisfactory, the sermon was heard and approved as satisfactory. The examination was then sustained as a whole as satsifactory parts of trial as an extraordinary case.

Comission to Ordain and Install Mr. Rourk

The following comission was appoined to ordain Mr. W. C. Rourk in the Newland church and install him as pastor:

To preside, preach and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D.; to charge the pastor, Rev. Edgar Tufts; to charge the people, Rev. T. J. Hutchison.

Alternates to above: Rev. Tilden Scherer D.D., Rev. H. H. Cassady, Rev. T. C. Delaney.

June 20th, 11:00 a.m., was appointed as time for ordination and installation of Mr. Rourk in Newland church.

The minutes were read and approved, after which the Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

T. C. Delaney, Clerk pro tem

FALL MEETING - 1920

New Providence church, Sept. 14th, 1920

The 95th Stated Meeting of Holston Presbytery convened in the New Providence church, Stony Point, Tenn., Tuesday evening, Sept 14th, 1920, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Charles C. Carson D.D.

Many members being absent, due to delayed train, Presbytery voted to adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev Edgar Tufts.

Second Day - Morning Session

Presbytery met at 9:00 o'clock.

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Crales C. Carson D.D., from 1Cor. 1:30.

The minutes of previous day were read and approved.

Members Present

Ministers: Charles C. Carson D.D., Dabney Carson D.D., Lloyd Courtney, J. P. Doggett, S. H. Hay, T. J. Hutchison, Robert King D.D., J. L. MacMillan D.D., Edgar Tufts, Lynn R. Walker D.D., W. C. Young.

Elders: Bristol First, John H. Caldwell; Cold Spring, F. S. Thomas; Johnson City, S. P. Bolton; Leesburg, J. B. Duncan; Kingsport, Geo. E. Stone; Morristown, J. R. Forgey; New Providence, Robt. C. Armstrong.

Organization

Moderator: Hon. John H. Caldwell, Elder from First church, Bristol.
Temporary Clerk: Rev. T. J. Hutchison.

Report Devotional Committee

Morning session: 9 to 12 o'clock, with 15 minutes devotional service.
Afternoon session: 1 to 5 O'clock
Night session: 7 o'clock, to the pleasure of the court.

Standing Committees

1. Bills and Overtures: Rev. Edgar Tufts, Rev. J. L. MacMillan, Elder F. S. Thomas.
2. Devotional: Rev. Lloyd Courtney, Elder Robt. C. Armstrong.
3. Minutes of Assembly: Rev. Robert King D.D., Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D., Rev. Charles C. Carson D.D.

4. Judicial: Rev. J. P. Doggett, Elder Robt. C. Armstrong,
5. Leave of Absence: Rev. Edgar Tufts, Rev. Lloyd Courtney.
6. Narrative to Synod: Rev. W. C. Young, Rev. Lynn R. Walker, Elder S. P. Bolton.

Petition for Organization of Church

A petition bearing fifty signatures, asking for the organization of a church at Upper Jack's Creek in North Carolina, was read and referred to the committee on Home Missions.

Communication from Stated Clerk of the Assembly

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, touching certain amendments to the constitution approved by the last Assembly and sent down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent, was read and referred to the committee on Minutes of Assembly.

Disposition of Certain Property at King College

A resolution approving the action of the Board of Curators and Trustees of King College in the disposition of certain property was adopted, and the officers of the Presbytery were authorized to execute the resolution as approved and adopted by the Presbytery. (See document inserted)

Presbytery took recess for 15 minutes, preceding the hour for the Presbyterial sermon.

Presbyterial Sermon

At 11:00 o'clock Presbytery heard a sermon by the Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D., from Luke 6:17-19.

Presbytery took recess until 1:30

SECOND DAY ------ AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery met at 1:30.

Reception of Candidate for the Ministry

Mr. William A. Powel of Rogersville church appeared before the Presbytery, presenting a letter of endorsement from the session of his church, and, after the usual examination, was received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

Candidate William A. Powel was recommended to the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief for aid.

Rev. S. H. Hay led the Presbytery in prayer for God's blessing on Mr. Powel in his work of preparation for the ministry.

Excuses of Absentees

The excuses of the absentees from this meeting of Presbytery were referred to the committee on Leave of Absence.

Holston Presbytery in session at New Providence Church, Hawkins County, Tennessee, September 14, 1920, took the following action relative to King College, Bristol Tennessee:

It appears that with the organization of the Synod of Appalachia in 1915 the Board of Curators thought it wise to plan for an enlargement of King College so as to enable it to meet its greater responsibilities and opportunities as the male college of the new Synod.

In furtherance of this plan Rev. Isaac S. Anderson, D.D. of Rose Hill, Virginia, an alumnus of King College and a grandson of the founder of that institution, donated for the uses of the college a certain tract of land consisting of forty acres adjacent to the city of Bristol Tennessee.

Through the liberality of other friends of the enterprise a considerable sum of money was contributed for the purpose of erecting buildings on said tract of land and providing equipment, endowment, etc.

All matters connected with the organization and management of the college under this plan were transacted with the authority of the Board of Curators and of this Presbytery, and it appears that it has been and is the purpose of the Board of Curators and of this Presbytery to expedite the work of the college by these acts.

In pursuance of this plan the Board of Curators , with the approval of this Presbytery, sold, through its proper Trustees, on March 14th, 1917 a part of the King College property, the terms of which sale are set forth in Deed recorded in the Register's office in the Court House, Bristol Tennessee, Deed Book Volume 27, page 108.

It appears further that on July 6th, 1920, the Board of Curators of King College through the proper Trustees entered into a certain contract of lease and sale, subject to approval by this Presbytery, other portions of the King College property, the terms of which contract are as follows:

THIS LEASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, made and entered into on this 6th day of July, 1920, by and between Sam. L. King, King Anderson and J.K. Brewer, Trustees of King College, and King College, Incorporated, parties of the first part, and S.E. MASSENGILL, Party of the second part,

W I T N E S S E T H:

The parties of the first part hereby lease to the party of the second part, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set out, the following described property:

The Old Dormitory Building and the land connected with same in Bristol, Tennessee, bounded by the property of the party of the second part on the North; by Fourth Street on the East; by Fifth Street on the West, and by a line extending from Fourth to Fifth Street, parallel with and coincident with the south end of said building on the South.

1. This lease shall extend for a period of five (5) years from this date, but subject to be terminated at any time in event of the sale as hereinafter set out;

2. The party of second part shall pay for said lease the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($750.00) per year, at the end of each year, but is to have the privilege of expending all or any part of said sum per year upon said property, in the way of insurance, repairs and improvements;

3. The parties of the first part covenant with the party of the second part that he shall have quiet and peaceable possession of said property during the life of this lease, upon his paying the rent as stipulated;

4. It is further understood between the parties hereto that, in case of the loss by fire of either of the buildings herein contracted to be sold, then the insurance collected by the second party shall be credited on the purchase price, and any remainder then unpaid shall be paid as hereinbefore provided, and the terms of the aforesaid lease would be suspended during and until proper repairs could be made, in case of fire in the old dormitory.

5. The party of the second part covenants that, in the event said sale afore-mentioned is not consumed, then at the end of this lease he will surrender possession of said property and turn same over to the parties of the first part in as good condition as when received, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

The parties of the first part further agree to sell, and the party of the second part agrees to purchase, said property hereinbefore described, and also the lot and buildings thereon on the south side of same, extending to the property of Duff Defriece and to the school property, fronting about 120 feet on Fifth Street, and extending back between parallel lines to Fourth Street, at the price and upon the terms hereinafter set out:

1. The consideration is to be the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), plus the sum of Sixty-two and 50/100 Dollars ($62.50) per month covering the period from this date to the date of delivery of the deed for said property, paid as follows: $2,000.00 and the monthly payments of $62.50 in cash at the time deed is delivered, or title vested, and the remainder of $23,000.00 is to be represented by the

note of the party of the second part, bearing even date with the deed, with interest at 6% per annum payable semi-annually, and falling due ten (10) years after date, and secured by deed of trust upon said property. The party of the second part is to have the right to anticipate payment of all or any part of said note at any interest period; and as such partial payments are made he shall be entitled to have released from said lien such proportional part of said property as may be agreed upon between him and the Curators of said College.

2. The parties of the first part covenant that they will at once take such steps, either through the proper court, or otherwise, as are necessary to divest the title to said property out of all the owners who may have any interest therein, and vest same in the party of the second part, pursuant to the terms of this agreement. As soon as the title has been so divested and vested, said lease agreement shall be considered as terminated.

3. This contract of sale is to be binding upon the parties in the event only that the title is confirmed by the proper court or courts, and it is also subject to the approval of the Holston Presbytery.

In witness whereof the Trustees of King College have signed their names, and King College, Incorporated, has caused its name to be signed by its President, attested by its Secretary, and the party of the second part has also affixed his signature, on the day and date first herein written:

signatures, on the day and date first herein written:

Sam. L. King)
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King Anderson)
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J.K. Brewer)
Trustees of King College.

King College Incorporated

Attest:

Clarence G. King
Secretary.

By Charles C. Carson
President.

S.E. Massnegill

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In Duplicate.

State of Tennessee,

County of Sullivan, S.S.:

On this 3rd day of August, 1920, before me, personally appeared S.E. Massengill, to me known ro be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Witness my hand and official seal at office in Sullivan County, Tennessee, on the day and date above written:

B.S. Gore
Notary Public

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State of Tennessee,
County of Sullivan, SS:

On this 21st day of August, 1920, before me personally appeared Sam. L. King, King Anderson and J.K. Brewer Trustees of King College, to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing instrument in behalf of King College, and acknowledged that they executed the same as the free act and deed of said King College.

And on this 21st. day of August, 1920, before me appeared Charles C. Carson, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn did say that he is the president of King College, Incorporated, and that said instrument was signed in behalf of said corporation, by authority of its Board of Directors, and said Charles C. Carson acknowleged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation, and that said corporation has no corporate seal.

Given under my hand and notarial seal on the date above written:

B.S. Gore
Notary Public

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And, whereas, in time past, for the more convenient prosecution of the work of the college in carrying out the purposes and wishes of the founder, the Board of Curators through their proper Trustees, acting under aythority vested in them and with the consent of this Presbytery, sold at sundry times and to sundry parties certain parcels of land (see records in Register's office in Blountville, Sullivan County, Tennessee, Book 35, page 439; Book 36, Page 234; Book 25, Page 413; Book 26, Page 274, Book 26, Page 402; Book 27, page 471; Book 30, page 30; Book 30, Page 192; Book 31, Page 233; Book 31, Page 460; Book 39, Page 415; Book 34, Page 131; Book 34, Page 21; Book 34, Page 291; Book 34, Page 464, etc.)

Now, whereas, it appears that in all these transactions the Board of Curators and the Trustees holding the property under their jurisdiction have been actuated by a desire, the more fully to carry out the wishes of the founders of King College, and more particularly thw wishes of the Rev. Jas. King as they were set forth in a deed dated July 14, 1866, and of record in the Register's office of Sullivan County, Tennessee, at Blountville Tennessee, (Volume 21, pages 204, 205, 206) the terms of which are in part as follows: "It is the desire of the said James King that an institution should be permanently established at Bristol Tennessee, having for its ultimate object the education of young men for the ministry", etc." and

Whereas, in the opinion of this Presbytery the wishes of the said Rev. James King and the purposes of his associates and successors in the founding and management of the college can best be carried out by the consummation of the plans referred

to above for the permanent establishment of King College with larger and better facilities in keeping with the standards of a modern, high grade, Christian college, therefore,

Be it Resolved:

First, That Holston Presbytery hereby approve the acts of the Board of Curators of King College and of the trustees of the property owned by the college, as those acts have been hereinbefore described; and,

Second, That Holston Presbytery hereby authorize and empower the Board of ~~Trustees and~~ Curators of King College and the trustees of the property under the jurisdiction of said Board, to do all things necessary to defend and confirm the title to property conveyed by them under deeds and contracts above referred to; and,

Third, That Holston Presbytery hereby direct Sam. L. King, James King Brewer and King Anderson, and their successors, as trustees, to hold the proceeds of such leases or sales as have been, or may hereafter be made after all obligations against such property shall have been paid, in a permanent fund as "The Rev. James King Endowment Fund for the education of young men for the ministry in King College, Bristol, Tennessee," to invest such fund as wisely as good business judgment may from time to time dictate, and pay over the income from such investments at suitable intervals to the Treasurer of King College to be used for the purpose above stated, namely for the education of young men who may be from time to time preparing for the gospel ministry in King College, Bristol, Tennessee; and,

Fourth, That this Presbytery recognizes all the rights of the heirs of the Rev. James King under his deed as above referred to, and directs that said trustees, namely, Sam. L. King, James King Brewer and King Anderson, and their successors, hold the funds above described subject to the provisions of the deed of Rev. James King, and that they make report at least once annually to this Presbytery of the condition of such funds, how invested, what income has been derived from same and how such income has been disposed of, and any other matters in this connection which should be brought to the attention of this Presbytery.

Above resolutions approved and adopted by Holston Presbytery in session in New Providence Church, Stony Point, Tenn., September _____, 1920.

A TRUE COPY:

Attest: Floyd Cherry, Stated Clerk

Jno. H. Cardwell, Moderator

The Stated Clerk was instructed to write a letter to those members of the Presbytery who were absent from this meeting, urging their attendance on the meetings of the church courts.

Report Committee on Orphans' Homes

Your committee on Orphans' Homes begs leave to make the following report:

There is one Orphans' Home in the Presbytery, the one at Banner Elk, N.C. In this Home there are now 51 children, and quite a number wanting to be admitted. The Home has recently acquired 165 acres more of land and finished a school building which has been under construction for more than a year. Two teachers, one matron and a superintendent and his wife are employed by the year. These faithful workers, with the help of the children, raise a large part of their own support. As an example of this: during the berry season they put up over a thousand quarts of berries, to say nothing of other home produced products.

The hardesr and most expensive season in supporting the children is the winter season. We therefore sernestly request that the churches and societies of the Presbytery keep these children in mind and do all they can for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar Tufts, Chairman

Request to Labor Outside Bounds of the Presbytery

The request of Rev. S. R. Crockett that he be permitted to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery for another year was granted.

Report Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion

Your committee on Sabbath and Family Religion submits the following report:

1. Sabbath. We wish to remind the Presbytery of an increasing lack of fidelity on the part of God's people in the observance of the Christian Sabbath, and of the almost general warfare being waged against it throughout the country. In many sections the fate of the Sabbath seems to hang in the balance. In the Southern States most of the adverse legislation has been defeated, but the Sabbath is by no means secure. There appears a rapidly growing spirit of opposition to the observance of the Sabbath which is too often finding encouragement among God's own people. A questionnaire covering the fifteen Southern States which was sent out during the past year revealed the following facts: "Less than half the Southern States appear to have adequate legal protection for the Sabbath. Christian public sentiment secures the perfect enforcement of existing laws in only one fourth of these States. Sabbath desecration has noticibly increased during the past five years. Evidence of a rapidly growing demand to legalize the commercialized sports and recreation appears in fourteen of the fifteen States."

We, therefore, recommend that the solemnity of the situation be urged on the ministers of the Presbytery, to the end that God's people may be awakened to a fresh realization of their need for keeping the Lord's Day for the great things of the soul, and that the power of the church may be enlisted in the defence of the Christian Sabbath.

We further recommend that the Presbytery of Holston urge the Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence and Stewardship to recommend to the Assembly that the Lord's Day Alliance, and agency through which a more united effort for the conservation of the Christian Sabbath can be made, be given a place in the Assembly's financial budget and assigned one per cent of the total benevolent budget for the year April 1st, 1921 to April 1st, 1922, and thereafter.

We further recommend that the General Assembly be overtured to make such assignment.

2. Family Religion. We call the attention of the Presbytery to the last report from the churches on the observance of Family Worship. Of the 44 churches of the Presbytery, only 12 reported Family Altars, and in 8 of these the number was ten per cent or less. Allowing for the churches making no report, this number is surprisingly small. Only 24 families were reported enrolled in the Family Altar League. Surely much of the spiritual vitality of the church is being lost and one of the most potent influences in the making of the future church is being surrendered by the many heads of families in the Presbytery who are unfaithful to their divinely appointed priesthood.

We therefore recommend that the pastors of the churches be urged to redoubled activity in the effort to have family altars established in the homes of the Presbytery, and that an organized effort to end be undertaken if practicable, that our God may have His rightful place in the lives and homes of His people.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd Courtney, Acting Chairman

Report Committee on Evangelism

The committee on Evangelism submits the following report:

There is great ground for encouragement in this part of the work of the church. From information that has come into our hands, we report that more additions have been made to our church on profession of faith than were received during last year.

The committee offers the following recommendations:

1. That every church that has not done so be urged to hold evangelistic meetings during the year.
2. That our pastors make the regular services of the church soul winning efforts.
3. That pastors be urged to use every effort to fill the evangelistic appointments made by the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

Respectfully, submitted,

R. D. Carson, Chairman

Report Committee on Publication and Sabbath School

Your committee on Publication and Sabbath School submits the following report:

At the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery, the chairman of the committee on Publication and Sabbath School was appointed with like representatives from the other Presbyteries of the Synod, and with Synod's special committee, to direct whatever work the Presbyteries may have in common in the election of a superintendent of the Sunday School and Young People's Work. In the performance of this duty the committee met on July 30th and elected the Rev. J. J. Fix D.D., of Wytheville, Va., superintendent of this work, and appointed a committee to prosecute the call placed in his hands.

We are pleased to report that the call has been accepted and that Dr. Fix will assume the superintendency of the Sunday School and Young People's Work of the Synod on October first.

The department of Sabbath School and Young People's Work of the Assembly's committee on Publication and Sabbath School reports that conditions were never more promising for progress in Sabbath School and Young People's Work in our church than today; and that it may be said with equal truth that the need for aggressive leadership was never greater than now. "The outstanding and vital need in local churches where the chief responsibility lies is for trained and wide-awake officers and teachers." Your committee urges the importance of putting the Sunday School upon a more real educational basis, and to this end plans have been adopted for promoting the training of leaders through group study in the local church, correspondence courses, institutes and conferences and schools of methods. "What we imperatively need is a vigorous pushing of these promotion plans". We also urge the supreme importance of emphasizing the evangelistic aim of the Sunday School.

Four ideals have been published by the Department of Sabbath School and young People's Work. First, a teacher-training class in every Sunday School; second, schools of method with intensive work through a period of five or six days in the centers of population; three, a superintendent of Sunday School and Young People's Work; four, an institute in every Presbytery.

In the election of a Synodical Superintendent of Sunday School and Young People's Work we have attained one of the ideals, but three remain which have not yet been realized.

We therefore recommend that every effort be made to realize in this Presbytery the full number of ideals named, especially the first and fourth, namely, a teacher-training class in every Sunday School and an institute in every Presbytery.

We further recommend that the ministers of the Presbytery be charged to co-operate in every way with the Superintendent of Sunday School and Young People's Work in his labors for the attainment of these ideals, and in all other movements launched by him for the promotion of the Lord's Work through the Sabbath School and Young People's Work.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd Courtney, Chairman

Report Committee on Narrative to Synod

Your committee recommends that the narrative to the Assembly prepared at the Spring Meeting of the Presbytery be made the narrative to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Young, Chairman

Nomination Commissioners to General Assembly

Principals: Rev. Lloyd Courtney, Elder W. S. Whiting
Alternates: Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Elder S. P. Bolton

Report Committee Foreign Missions

Your committee on Foreign Missions makes the following recommendations:

That Mr. Hutchison, our Superintendent of Home Missions, work out a plan whereby, with the help of our laymen he may call to his help, he may present the cause of Foreign Missions to every vacant church in our Presbytery before the regular spring meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

RBbert King, Chairman

Report of Organization of Church

By direction of Presbytery, a church, with eleven charter members, was organized by me at Shull's Mills, N.C., on Sunday, October 10th, 1919. W. S. Whiting and C. D. Fox were elected and installed elders.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Hutchison, Supt. Home Missions

Report of Commissions

The commission to install the Rev. S. H. Hay met in the Morristown church on the first Sunday in June at 11;00 a.m. and was opened with prayer. Present: Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Rev. Lloyd Courtney, Rev. D. W. McIver, Elder J. R. Forgey.
After a sermon by Rev. T. J. Hutchison, the pastoral relation between Rev. S. H. Hay and the Morristown church was duly established, and charges to pastor and people delivered by Rev. Messrs McIver and Courtney respectively.

T. J. Hutchison, Chairman
J. R. Forgey, Clerk

The comission to install Rev. W. C. Young met in the Russellville church on the first Sunday in June, at 4 p.m., and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dabney Carson. Present: Rev. Dabney Carson and Elder R. T. Anderson. The call of the church was found in order, placed in the hands of Rev. W. C. Young and accepted by him.
After a sermon by Rev. Dabney Carson, the pastoral relation was duly established, and charges to pastor and people were duly made by Mr. Carson.

Dabney Carsoh, Chairman
R. T. Anderson, Clerk

Report of Committee on Bible Cause

Your committee on Bible Cause submits the following report:
We find on page 192 of the minutes of the General Assembly the following startling and alarming statement, which falls upon our ears as the fire alarms of a city or village upon the ears of its inhabitants, and requires equally as prompt and immediate action: "A majority of the universities of our land are hot beds of rationalistic skepticism".
We therefore recommend that our ministers and congregations stand firm and inflexible against this tide of evil, and that fathers and mothers be urged to look well to the character of the institutions to which they intrust their sons and daughters.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Doggett, Chairman

Orders of the Day

Presbytery made seven o'clock this evening the order of the day for the discussion of the Progressive Program, and for the discussion of the plan for the organization of laymen of the Presbytery. Eleven o'clock Thursday was made the order of the day for the Popular Meeting on Home Missions.

Granting Evangelistic Powers

Evangelistic powers were granted Rev. Robert King D.D.

Dismission of Minister

On his request, which was concurred in by the church in a letter addressed to the Stated Clerk, the pastoral relation between Rev. W. C. Rourk and the Newland church was dissolved.
On his request, a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg was granted Rev. W. C. Rourk

Examination for Ordination

Licentiate C. G. McKaraher presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg and was enrolled a member of the Presbytery after the regular requirements had been met.
Licentiate C. G. McKaraher appeared before the Presbytery for examination for ordination. Examination in Experimental Religion, Theology, Church Government and Sacraments and Ecclesiastical History were sustained. Examiners in Philosophy, Logic and Ethics and in Natural Science and Secular Subjects were instructed to make examination in these branches and report to the Presbytery. On recommendation of the examiners, these examinations were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.
Presbytery made the first order of the night session a sermon by Mr. McKaraher and the completion of his examination for ordination.

Presbytery took recess until 7;00 o'clock

SECOND DAY -------- NIGHT SESSION

Presbytery mat at 7:00 o'clock

Presbytery heard a sermon by Licentiate C. G. McKaraher from Deut. 32:11,12, which was sustained as satisfactory part of trial for ordination.
The examination of Licentiate C. G. McKarcher was sustained as a whole and Sunday, October 3rd, was set for his installation and ordination in the Shull's Mills church.

The following commission was appointed to ordain and install Mr. McKaraher in the Shull's Mills church, the call to be placed in his hands at the time of installation:

To preach, preside and propound the constitutional questions: Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D.; To charge the pastor, Rev. T. J. Hutchison; to charge the people, Rev. Edgar Tufts.

Alternate to any of above: Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D.

To complete the commission: Elders W. S. Whiting and F. H. Stinson.

Progressive Program and Laymen's Movement

Presbytery heard a splendid and inspiring discussion of the Progressive Program and the proposed Laymen's Movement, with Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D., and Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D. as speakers. Short addresses were also made by Rev. Edgar Tufts, Rev. Robert King D.D., Rev. J. P. Doggett and Hon. John H. Caldwell.

THIRD DAY --------- MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 9:00 o'clock

Devotional service conducted by Rev. T. J. Hutchison

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

10:00 o'clock was made the order of the day for the report of the committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

Elder Charles Armstrong, of the Rogersville church, was enrolled.

Presbytery took recess until 10:00 o'clock

Presbytery mat at 10:00 o'clock

Report Committee on Christian Ed. and Min. Relief

The committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief makes the following repommendations:
That the Presbytery does hereby express its appreciation of the initiative and generosity of Mr. C. E. Graham in his offer to the church in connection with the Heard Bank Building of Jacksonville, and its sense of the importance of the whole matter of an adequate endowment for ministerial relief.
That the Presbytery request the Moderator, Hon. John H. Caldwell, to confer with the pastors of all the churches for securing the services of a suitable layman to present in the respective churches the matter of Mr. Graham's offer, and to arrange for receiving on the first Sunday in November, or a date thereabouts, gifts to meet the offer.
That the pastors be urged to assist actively in the matter in every good way, and that the Superintendent of Home Missions be asked to co-operate with the Moderator in getting the case before the churches that are without pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. Hay, Chairman

Report Committee on Minutes Assembly

The matter of amendments to the constitution which were approved by the last Assembly and sent down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent was recommended to be placed on the docket until the spring meeting.

Expression of Sympathy

Rev. Charles C. Carson offered the following, which was adopted:
The Presbytery of Holston hereby expresses its deepest sympathy with Rev. J. P. Doggett in the recent loss if his devoted wife. That we cherish with him precious memories of her Christian

character and efficient service for the Master. That we pray God's richest blessings upon his future labors and commend him and his family to the grace God which has ever sustained them and which we know will keep them in the blessed hope of a glorious immortality.

Report Committee on Leave of Absence

Yourcommittee on Leave of Absence recommends that the following excuses be granted:
For non-attendance: H. H. Cassady, W. C. Rourk, S. R. Crockett, D. W. McIver, Gilbert Glass D.D., W. T. Howison, Chas, B. Boyles, Thos. C. Delaney.
After second day: Robert King D.D., Edgar Tufts, C. G. McKaraher.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar Tufts, Chairman

Popular Meeting on Home Missions

At 11;00 o'clock a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions was engaged in, with Rev. R. D. Carson D.D.in charge. The Supt. of Home Missions, Rev. T. J. Hutchison, gave a very interesting survey of the Home Mission work of the Presbytery, and Rev. W. C. Young addressed the Presbytery on Home Mission work.

Report Committee Home Missions

The Presbyterial Home Missions Committee begs leave to submit the following report of its workisince the spring meeting of Presbytery.
1. General Survey. We have lost one worker from our forces, Rev. W. B. Boyle of the Newport group by removal to another Presbytery. We have received two new workers, Rev. C. G. McKaraher of the Shull's Mills field and Rev. John Martin of the Meadow Creek group. We have changed the field of Rev. H. H. Cassady from the Mitchell county group to the Carter county group.
Revival meetings have been held as follows: At Newland, by Rev. Thos. C. Delaney and Rev. R. D. Carson, resulting in six additions to the church; at Pineola, by Rev. R. D. Carson, resulting in five additions; and at Jack's Creek, Yancy County, by Rev. Robt. King, resulting in upward of 100 professions of religion and a petition for the organization of a church
In the matter of building churches, etc., repairs have been made to the manse at Newland; building materials have been procured for a chapel at Hughes; Material secured for a teacher's cottage at Brummetts; funds collected for a church at Upper Jack's Creek; and a handsome and commodious church is in course of erection at Spruce Pine.
Mission day schools, of from one to three month terms, have been conducted at Lost Cove, Burbank, Newaldn, Smoky Mountain, Pineola, Grassy Creek, Viana Valley, Jack's Creek and Magnetic City, with a total enrollment of 310 pupils and taught be 13 teachers.
The Outstanding needs. A large evangelistic effort takes first place upon the docket. We need, and urgently, a live and thorough revival meeting in each of our Home Mission churches and chapels, and the best time of the year, for two months now,

is before us in this great work.

Ministers are needed for the following fields: Spruce Pine, Plumtree, Mitchell County, and Newport.

Manses are needed for Spruce Pine, Mitchell County, Yancy County, Carter County, Newport, Russellville and New Bethel.

Automobiles are needed. Just now we have the most urgent need for a car for the Meadow Creek group.

Teachers are needed. Past experience proclaims in no uncertain terms the excellent worth of their services. The communities are calling for them, and not only the communities adjacent to our own churches, but also many places where our work has not extended. And on all sides the people of the mountains are saying, "It is the Presbyterians who are educating the people".

Combined xxx graded and high schools, owned and controlled by Presbytery, are needed for Yancy County, Mitchell County and Carter County. Such an institution is now assured for Cocke County by the Assembly's Committee on Home Missions. Yancy County formerly had the Stanly McCormick school and is anxious to secure a similar institution conducted by the Presbyterians. In Mitchell County and Carter County we have no institution of this kind. The field is wide open to us. As a canter of church work, as a residence for ministers and teachers, and as a source of light and learning, it would be well nigh impossible to overestimate the value of such an institution to the program of work of our church. Until we tie down and literally "dig in" and pledge ourselves to stay by the job until the work is finished, all our efforts among the people of the hills will bring results that are scattered, transitory, and in large measure lost. For time out of mind, the mountaineer has been made such bright promises by the church, only to face later realities of a different hue, that his foremost question today is, "do you mean business?".

3. Recommendations. We offer the following recommendations.
   1. That Rev. C. G. McKareher be offered the Shull's Mills field at an annual appropriation of $300.00.
   2. That Rev. John Martin be offered the Meadow Creek field, carrying an annual appropriation of $450.00.
   3. That Rev. H. H. Cassday be offered the Carter County field carrying an appropriation for this year of $1,100.00.
   4. That a church be organized at Jack's Creek, and that a commission consisting of Rev. Robt. King, Chairman; Rev. J. A. Harris, Rev. T. J. Hutchison and Elder A. F. Hoss be appointed to effect said organization.
   5. That all our churches establish mission study schools and preaching places; and that the Supt. of Pres. Home Missions be instructed to co-operate with the churches in this work, and especially to advise the churches of possible locations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MacMillan, Chairman

Memorial Rev. David O. Byars

A memorial service for Rev. David O. Byars was held, and the following memorial was adopted:

To speak of a "village pastor and his country charge" suggests at once an outline of the life and labors of Rev. David Owen Byers. He was born in Washington County, Virginia, near Bristol, Sept. 24th, 1850, being the only son of Lilburn Owen Byers and Olivia King. He was from a long line of godly ancestors, and early in his life was dedicated to the service of the Lord.

His father was for many years a ruling elder in the church, and in him, it would seem, the son reposed the utmost confidence and trust. As it was said of Abraham and Isaac as they climbed the rugged heights of Mount Moriah, so might it be said of this godly father and son: "And they went both of them together".

He was graduated from King College in 1872, taking the degrees of B.A. and M.A., and at once began to lay plans and devise means by which he could enter the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S.C. From this institution he was graduated in 1875, having been previously been licensed to preach in 1874, and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Holston Presbytery in 1876.

He served the Leesburg, Rheatown and Providence churches in Tennessee from 1874 to 1876. In 1876 he entered upon his first regular pastorate, serving the Jonesboro and Johnson City churches from 1876 to 1883, a period of seven years.

In 1874 he was married to Miss Margaret Ellen Carmack of Leesburg, and to them were born six children, two dying in infancy. Mrs. Byers died in 1894, having shared a pilgrimage of 20 years with her husband.

In the fall of 1883 he sought a small mission work in Louisiana, in the hope that his wife's declining health might be restored. After a stay of one and one half years he received a call to Moss Point, Miss., and to this place he repaired at once, entering upon a work not least in his labors for the Master. He remained at this church for fourteen years. During this time he organized a church at Scranton and also one atOcean Springs, serving these and also the church at Hansboro at different times.

In the summer of 1898 he moved to Jackson, La. to take charge of the Filicinia Collegiate Institute, where he remained as president until 1902. While engaged in school work he was also serving the Comite church four miles east of Norwood, La., preaching there twice a month. By common consent the Comite church was divided into two parts, one to be located at Norwood and the other at Ross Hill, five miles east of the old church. The division proved a great advantage and two flourishing congregations arose out of the old one.

In 1911 he resigned his work there to accept a call to the church at Jonesboro, the church of his first pastorate. Here he served the Jonesboro, Leesburg and Providence churches until 1917, when, on account of failing health, he retired from the active ministry and went back to his beloved Norwood, La., where the last two years of his life were spent.

On December 31st, 1919 he was stricken with paralysis, from which he never recovered.

On December 8th, 1915 he was married to Mis Mildred B. Watkins of Moss Point, Miss., and her tender ministrations added much to his comfor during the last four years of his life. She thus speaks of him: "I was a member of his church at Moss Point and grew up under his ministry, reciting the catechism to him, and I loved him dearly, as did all the children. When we visited in the manse we always expected him to play with us. Many a game of "hide and seek", "blind man's buff", etc., have I had with him in the dear old manse. Children every where loved him.

His four children by his first wife survive.him: Miss Maud Byers and Mr. W. L. Byers, of Norwood, La., Mrs. F. E. McClure, of Birmingham, La., and Mr. D. C. Byers of Bogolusa, La. Also one sister, Mrs. John W. Cowan, of Kansas City, Mo.

If there is one place which above others may lay claim to Mr. Byers preference, that place is preeminently Moss Point, Miss. It is situated on a peninsula, or rather is near the junction of two rivers, The rivers are lined with gigantic live oaks, covered

with long gray moss hanging in festoons and bending gracefully to the breeze, in whose branches all kinds of birds mingle their croaking and songs. Here the mocking bird builds and rears and teaches her young to sing her sweetest songs. Here for fourteen years he watched a growing little church, and here ran the sweetest part of his pilgrimage. In his will he requested that his body be laid to rest in the cemetary connected with the little church.

There are favorite chapters, favorite verses and favorite hymns. Martin Luther is said to have been so fond of the book of Galatians that he called it his Katherine von Bora. Mr. Byers is thought to have greatly admired the book of Psalms and the book of Saint John. Among the hymns his favorites were "Rock of Ages" and "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah".

J. P. Doggett, Committee

Presbytery took recess until 1:00 o'clock

THIRD DAY ------- AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery met at 1:00 o'clock

Report of Committee on Nominations

The committee on Nominations made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

Executive Committees

1. Foreign Missions: Robert King D.D., H. H. Cassady, Frank Taylor
2. Presbyterial Home Missions: J. L. MacMillan D.D., Lynn R. Walker D.D., Chas C. Carson D.D., Robert King D.D., Edgar Tufts, R. D. Carson D.D., F. T. Nance, J. A. Summers, Frank Taylor, J. N. Newman, J. D. Faucette.
3. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief: S. H. Hay, R. D. Carson D.D., Tilden Scherer D.D., J. N. Fisher
4. Publication and Sabbath School: Lloyd Courtney, Chas. B. Boyles, W. M. Bayless.

Permanent Committees

1. Assembly's Home Missions: Lynn R. Walker D.D., Chas. C. Carson, E. W. King, J. R. Forgey.
2. Church Societies: W. C. Young, Chas. B. Boyles, E. H. Moore, J. W. Waddell
3. Schools and Colleges: Chas. C. Carson D.D., R. D. Carson D.D., J. D. Faucette
4. Evangelism: R. D. Carson D.D., J. P. Doggett, Robt. King D.D., J. Fred Johnson
5. Orphans' Homes: Edgar Tufts, J. A. Harris, A. C. Snoddy, Joe H. Slonaker
6. Bible Cause: W. T. Howison, C. G. McKaraher, J. P. Doggett, Samuel Newland
7. Systematic Beneficence: D. W. McIver, T. C. Delaney, A. B. Rogan
8. Comity: J. L. MacMillan, Chas. C. Carson, Lynn R. Walker, J. H. Newman
9. Sabbath and Family Religion: Lloyd Courtney, J. P. Doggett, S. F. Peavler, S. S. McCormick
10. Nominations: T. J. Hutchison, Lynn R. Walker D.D., Lloyd Courtney

Examining Committees

1. Experimental Religion: D. W. McIver, W. T. Howison, J. P. Doggett
2. Theology: Chas. C. Carson D.D., J. L. MacMillan D.D., R. D. Carson D.D.,
3. Church History: Lynn R. Walker D.D., W. C. Young, J. A. Harris

4. Church Government and Sacraments: Robert King D.D., Chas. B. Boyles.
5. Philosophy, Logic and Ethics: Tilden Scherer D.D., S. H. Hay
6. Natural Science and Secular Subjects: Edgar Tufts, Lloyd Courtney,
7. Latin, Greek and Hebrew: S. H. Hay, Chas. B. Boyles

Presbyterian Sermon, Spring Meeting

Rev. Robert King D.D. was appointed to preach the Presbyterial sermon at the spring meeting. Subject: Evangelism

Transfer Certain Property at Plumtree, N. C.

The following was adopted:

Presbytery instructs Rev. Edgar Tufts to have a deed to a certain part of the church lot at Plumtree, N.C. made to W. C. Burleson, and the Trustees of the Presbytery to sign the same. This is done in view of the fact that Mr. Burleson has signed a deed in fee simple to the school property at Plumtree, N.C.

Report Committee on Assembly's Home Missions

The committee on Assembly's Home Missions made the following recommendation, which was adopted:

That the churches and Women's Societies observe Home Mission week appointed by the Assembly for the week of Nov. 21-28, for studying the needs of our country, and, where possible, taking voluntary and self-denial offerings for special equipment funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Walker, Chairman

Laymen's Movement

A communication from the Laymen's Missionary Movement, requesting the organization of laymen's associations in the Presbyteries, was read and referred to the following committee: Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D., Elder J. R. Forgey,

The special committee (above) on laymen's movement made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, requesting the organization of a laymen's association in Holston Presbytery, would submit the following report:

Believing that the active co-operation of all our laymen is greatly needed in all departments of the church's work, and that a great opportunity for effective service is offered through such an organization; in the strengthening of the churches; in establishing outposts in connection withour own home churches for religious services to be conducted by laymen; in the organization of Sunday Schools; in the organization of personal workers bands for winning souls for the Master; in promoting lay evangelism; in enlisting men for the ministry, and for some definite life service; in cultivating the missionary spirit; in encouraging more liberal and systematic giving; and in general greatly aiding in promoting all the eight objectives of the Presbyterian Progressive Program; we, therefore, endorse the movement and make the following recommendations:

1. That the following committee of laymen, Mr. Carl King, Chairman, Mr. C. D. Trobaugh, Dr. W. C. Tate, Mr. H. A. McBath, Mr. Ferd

Newman, be appointed to correspond with Mr. Chas. A. Rowland, Athens Ga., chairman of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, regarding the organization and to make immediate steps to organize the association under the plans approved by Mr. Rowland and his committee, with such modifications as may make it most practicable and effective in our Presbytery.

2. That this committee appoint an early date and a central place for a mass meeting of laymen to consider the plans of organization, and in order to secure its success that the largest possible number of men be signed up and pledged beforehand to attend this meeting.

3. That the committee accept the offer of the Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, Capt. F. L. Slaymaker, Athens, Ga., to present the matter definitely to the mass meeting and to aid in the organization of the association.

4. That the Stated Clerk furnish a copy of this report to every pastor and to an elder in every vacant church with the request that the importance and great value of the association be brought forcibly to the attention of their laymen, urging a large and representative attendance at the mass meeting.

5. Believing that a layman's association would be practicable for many individual churches, we recommend their organization to pastors and sessions.

6. When the organization of an association is not practicable in individual churches, we recommend the use of a questionnaire adopted by the laymen's association to secure commitals by laymen for some definite form of Christian service.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Walker
J. R. Forgey Committee

The following supplementary ~~report~~ recommendation to the report of the committee on Laymen's Association was adopted:

That the Synodical Manager give as much of his time as possible, and place the equipment of his office, as far as desired, at the disposal of the committee to promote the organization and work of the Association.

Election Stated Clerk and Treasurer

Rev. Lloyd Courtney was re-elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer for a term of three years, extending through the fall meeting of 1923

The salary of Stated Clerk and Treasurer was set at $150.00 per annum.

Resolution of Thanks

An appropriate resolution of thanks, expressing the gratitude of the Presbytery for the splendid hospitality of the members of the New Providence congregation, was adopted.

Adjournment

The business of the Presbytery being completed, the minutes were read and approved. After singing "Blest be the tie that binds", Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. H. Hay, to meet at the meeting of Synod at Middlesboro, Ky., November 9th, 1930.

Lloyd Courtney Stated Clerk — Jno H Caldwell Moderator
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CALLED MEETING

The Presbyyery of Holston met in called session in the First Presbyterian church, Johnson City, Tenn., Tuesday, January 11th, 1921, at 1 p.m.

The Presbytery was called to order by the last Moderator present, Rev. Charles C. Carson D.D., and led in prayer by Rev. S. H. Hay. Rev. T. J. Hutchison was elected clerk pro tem.

Members Present

Ministers: Chas. C. Carson D.D., J. L. MacMillan D.D., Robert King D.D., J. P. Doggett, S. H. Hay, W. C. Young, H. H. Cassady, T. J. Hutchison

Elders: S. B. Ferguson, First church Jonesboro;

Visitors: Rev. Robert Yost D.D. of the United Presbyterian Church, who was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member. J. D. Faucette, J. H. Newman, Frank Taylor, Troy Young, A. C. Broderick and Ross Smith.

The privileges of the floor were extended to all visitors.

The following call was read and found in order:

"In the absence of the Moderator, the constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery to convene in connection with the regular meeting of the Home Mission Committee in Johnson City, Tenn., Tuesday, January 11th, 1921, at 1 p.m., to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To consider the request of the First Presbyterian church of Jonesboro, Tenn. for transfer to the Presbyterian of Holston, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

2. To transact any further business pertaining to the matter.

Lloyd Courtney, Stated Clerk"

The way being clear, Presbytery heard the request of the First Presbyterian church of Jonesboro, Tenn., touching transference to the Presbytery of Holston, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., as represented by Rev. W. C. Young, retiring Stated Supply of the church and moderator of the congregational meeting dealing with this matter, and heard also the statements of Messrs Ferguson, Broderick and Smith of the Jonesboro church; and after a full duscussion of the case, took the following action, to wit:

"Presbytery takes this opportunity to state its feeling in the matter to the effect that it is to the best interests of the cause of Christ that organic union be effected between the First church of Jonesboro U.S. and the Second church of Jonesboro U.S.A., and therefore commends the action of Rev. W. C. Young in bringing this matter to the attention of the church in keeping with the expressed wishes of Presbytery and of its committee on Comity, and on Homes Missions; but at the same time assures the First church of Jonesboro that neither percipitant action nor coercion shall be attempted or even considered in this matter; and to this end, defers further action and refers the whole matter to Presbytery's committee on Comity, composed of Rev. J.L.Macmillan, Chairman, C. C. Carson D.D. and L. R. Walker D.D., and elders J. H. Newman, to which elder J. D. Faucette is added, with instruction to deliberate thereon and report to Presbytery at its next stated meeting."

Special prayer, in which ever member participated, was made for this matter.

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The Presbytery of Holston

Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk and Treasurer

Kingsport, Tennessee

Notice.

The Rev. John Martin says he came into the Presbytery of Holston at a meeting of the Presbytery, called at the meeting of Synod in the city of Middlesboro, in the fall of 1920. I find no record of such a called meeting. Should this information be correct, such minutes should take appears at this place in this record.

J.P. Johnston, S.C.

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STATED MEETING

The 96th stated meeting of Holston Presbytery was held in the Presbyterian church of Russellville, Tenn., beginning Tuesday evening, April 19th, 1921 at 8 o'clock.

At the request of the retiring Moderator, the Hon, John H. Caldwell, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. S. H. Hay of Morristown, from Psalm 1:5, after which the Presbytery was called to order by the last Moderator present, Rev. Edgar Tufts, and opened with prayer.

Members Present

Ministers: Chas. B. Boyles, R. D. Carson D.D., Lloyd Courtney, J. P. Doggett, J. P. Hall, Edgar Tufts, J. A. Harris, S. H. Hay, W. T. Howison, T. J. Hutchison, D. W. McIver, W. C. Young, C. G. McKaraher, J. L. MacMillan D.D., John Martin, Tilden Scherer D.D., A. C. Snoddy.
Elders: Morristown, F. F. Painter; Mooresburg, J. B. Rucker; Russellville, E. H. Moore; Newport, N. L. Dennis; Meadow Creek, J. A. Kiser; Leesburg, W. M. Bayless; Windsor Avenue, J. A. Brown; Johnson City, S. S. McCormick; New Bethel, Nick Earnest; Arcadia, S. A. Newland.

Organization

The following officers were elected:

Moderator, Rev. D. W. McIver; Temporary Clerk, Rev. T.J.Hutchison.

Report Devotional Committee

Devotional service, 8:45 to 9 a.m.; Morning session, 9 to 11; Afternoon session, 2 to 5; Night session 7:45 to pleasure of court. Leaders devotional services: Wednesday morning, Rev. A. C. Snoddy; Thursday morning, Rev. John Martin; Wednesday 11 a.m., Presbyterial sermon on Evangelism, Rev. Robert King D.D. Communion Service, Thursday morning, 11 o'clock, preaching by Rev. R. D. Carson D.D. Communion Service conducted by Rev. Messrs W. T. Howison and J. P. Doggett. Wednesday night, "The church in the mountains", with several short addresses.

Presbytery adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 8:45, and was dismissed with prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY --- MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 8:45, and engaged in a devotional service conducted by Rev. A. C. Snoddy.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Rev. Dan H. Graham, of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

Examination F. F. Comerford

The request pf Candidate F. F. Comerford that an adjourned meeting be held for the purpose of examinang him for licensure was referred to the committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

Letter Dismission, S. R. Crockett

Rev. S. R. Crockett, on his request, was granted a letter of dismission to unite with the Presbytery of Asheville.

Letter Dismission, Candidate J. R. Offield

Candidate John R. Offield, on his request, was granted a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Greenbrier.

Order of Day

11 o'clock was made the order of the day to hear sermons by Candidates J. Allen Messer and Troy Young, as parts of trial for licensure.

Granting Evangelistic Powers

Evangelistic powers were granted Rev. R. D. Carson D.D. to receive members and reorganize the church at White Pine.

Presbytery took recess until 11 o'clock

Presbytery met at 11 o'clock

Sermons by Candidates

Presbytery heard sermons by Candidates J. Allen Messer and Troy Young.

Presbytery took recess until 2 p.m.

SECOND DAY ------ AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery met at 2 p.m.

Report Committee on Sessional Records

Your committee on Sessional Records begs leave to submit the following report:
1. We find that most reports do not always show that sessions were opened and closed with prayer.
2. That some of them do not show dates of meetings.
3. That many of them do not show that their minutes were read and approved by sessions.
4. That many records do not show that they have been regularly sent to and examined by Presbytery.
5. That many of them do not show records of narrative, statistical and other reports sent to the Presbytery.
6. That the word delegate is often used in place of the word representative.

S. S. McCormick, Chairman pro tem

The report was adopted.

Report Finance Committee

The committee on Finance reports that the books of the Presbytery have been duly examined and found satisfactory. The Treasurer of the Presbytery shows a balance of $83.50; of the Home Mission Committee, a balance of $78.61.

S. H. Hay
S. A. Newland Committee

The report was adopted.

Examination Candidate J. Allen Messer

Candidate J. Allen Messer appeared before the Presbytery for examination for licensure. The examination was conducted in Experimental Religion, Theology, Church Government and Sacraments (W.T.Howison, S.H.Hay)
Examination in these branches sustained.
In view of the fact that Mr. Messer applied for licensure under the extraordinary clause, examinations in Church History, Philosophy, Logic and Ethics, Natural Science and Secular Subjects and Latin, Greek and Hebrew were omitted.

Candidate Troy Young appeared before the Presbytery for examination for licensure. Examinations in Experimental Religion, Theology, Church Government and Sacraments were conducted by Rev. W. T. Howison and Rev. R. D. Carson.
The Presbytery went into executive session for the consideration of the cases of these Candidates.

Mr. Messer's sermon, as part of trial was sustained as satisfactory.
The examination of Mr. Messer was sustained as a whole and Presbytery voted to license him under extraordinary clause #134.

Mr. Young's sermon, as part of trial, was sustained as satisfactory; The Presbytery voted to recommend to Mr. Young, in view of the fact that he is young and unencumbered, that he persure a course of study in one of the ~~xxxx~~ Theological Seminaries of the Church.

Presbytery went into open session for the completion of these cases.

Candidate J. Allen Messer was licensed a probationer for the Gospel Ministry.

Report Committee Church Societies

Societies	Number	Membership	Contributions
Young Peoples'	13	509	$886.00
Women's	18	781	14,006.00
Boy's	1	16	5.00

Respectfully submitted,

The report was adopted. W. C. Young, Chairman

Statistical Report

The committee on Statistics submits the following report:

Churches reporting	41	Resident members	3721
Elders	176	Non-resident members	657
Deacons	163	Total membership	4378
Churches having additions on examination	24	Adult baptisms	302
		Infant baptisms	84
Churches having no additions on examination	17	S.S. enrollment	3693
Added on examination	533		
Added on certificate	205		

Benevolences

Foreign Missions	32	13,650	C. E. and M. R.	27	8,936
Assem. Home "	32	3,680	S.S. Ex. and P.	28	1,030
Synod's " "	21	2,083	Educa. Institu.	25	26,573
Presby. " "	25	5,868	Bible Cause	20	330
Cong. " "	15	1,600	Orphans' Homes	26	2,033
			Fr. & Bel. Rel.	6	900

Total Benevolences $66,672

Cur. Ex. and P. Tax	27,325	E.M.C. support	31
Past. Sal. actl. pd.	26,805	E.M.C. benevolences	26
Miscell contribut.	8,793	Full quoto subscribed	13

Respectfully submitted,

The report was adopted. Chas. B. Boyles, Chairman

Report Committee Bible Cause

Your committee is of the opinion that the Bible Cause, as represented by the American Bible Society, is not fully appreciated by our people, nor does it receive the consideration, nor interest and prayers of our people, as it should.

So, we would again call the attention of all the churches to the great importance of the Bible Cause as the foundation of all other causes of Christian work - of Home and Foreign Missions - and remind them that the Bible is the great text book of Christian Education, and of our Sabbath Schools.

Let us be careful that we do not allow the Bible to be sidetracked into a position of minor importance, but keep it where it belongs as the one indispensable book in our work. The American Bible Society has been and is an untold blessing to the world in publishing and distributing millions of Bibles in many languages. The Southern Presbyterian church is greatly indebted to the Society for oue supply of Bibles in foreign languages, Let us remember these things and ask for larger contributions from our people for the Bible Cause.

Recommendations:

1. That we endorse the attitude of the Assembly in advising the Committee on Systematic Beneficence and Stewardship of the advisability of giving to the American Bible Society a larger percantage of our benevolent funds. We consider one per cent too small a share for so great a work as the Bible Society does.

2. That we recommend the employment of more Bible women in our Home Mission fields.

3. That we urge the members to put the American Bible Society on their prayer lists. How many of our churches observe universal Bible Sunday in November? The program and day gave us fine opportunity to magnify the Word of God in the estimation of the people. Let us use all such opportunities.

The report was adopted. W. T. Howison, Chairman

Report of Commission

Report of commission to organize a church at Jack's Creek in Yancy County, N.C.

The commission met in the school house at Upper Jack's Creek, Yancy County, N.C., on Wednesday, October 16th, 1930, and was constituted with prayer by the chairman, Rev. Robert King D.D.

Members present: Rev. Robert King D.D., Rev. T. J. Hutchison, J. A. Harris.

Testimonials were received in favor of four persons by letter and forty eight by profession. These, having agreed in covenant to walk together as a Presbyterian church, were organized into a church according to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. The election of officers was deferred. The commission closed its labors with prayer.

Robert King, Chairman,
T. J. Hutchison, Clerk

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer submitted the following report, which was referred to the committee on Finance:

Total amount received from the churches $987.77

Disbursements

Refund, Rev. Geo. B. Thompson	1.65
Stationery	1.00
Report Blanks	6.42
Postage	3.00
Assembly's Assessment (1930)	188.65
Salary S.C., 12/8/'19 to 3/31/'20	31.16
Postage	1.00
Stationery and postage	4.00
Printing minutes spring meeting	102.50
Express and postage	2.29
Synod's assessment	68.52
Synodical travelling fund	111.89
Postage	2.00
Printing minutes fall meeting	60.00
Report blanks, etc.	13.53
Postage	3.00
Assembly's assessment	242.16
Salary S.C., 4/1/'20 to 9/30/'20	62.50

Total disbursements 904.27

Balance in Treasury $83.50

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Courtney, Treasurer

Presbytery took recess until 7:45

Presbytery met at 7:45

Report Home Missions Committee

The committee on Presbyterial Home Missions begs leave to submit the follwing report:

With gratitude to the great Lord of the harvest, your committee feels that satisfactory progress has been made in our Home Mission work during the year just past. The committee held meetings monthly, with fair regularity and attendance; considering the needs and problems of the work, and offering counsel and help to the best of its judgment. The field workers have toiled faithfully and in real sacrifice and with good success.

By removal to other Presbyteries, we have lost three workers during the year: Rev. W. B. Doyle, Rev. W. C. Rourk and Rev. T. C. Delaney. We have received four new workers: Rev. C. G. McKareher, of the Shull's Mills field; Rev. John Martin of the Meadow Creek group; Rev. J. P. McMillan D.D. and Mr. Trpy Young for special work on Mitchell County, and we have now in transit Rev. B. B. McLaughlin for the Newland group and Rev. Geo. F. Robertson D.D. for the Windsor Avenue field.

Evangelistic meetings were held during the year at Newland, Pineola, Lost Cove, Viana Valley, Jack's Creek, Russellville, Blountville, Leesburg, Mossy Creek, Rutledge, Strawberry Plains, Ebenezer Chapel, Arcadia, Reedy Creek; resulting in 105 reconsecrations 188 professions, 99 members added to our churches and the organization of a church at Jack's Creek, Yancy County, N.C.

At this time last year we had two mission day school teachers; during last summer, for special work, we had 14; at present we have 7, all of whom we have had throughout the year. They are Miss Annie Greenlees at Spruce Pine, N.C., Mrs. M. E. Bradshaw of Relief, N.C., Miss Osma Newton and Miss Bessie West of Buladean, N.C., Miss Helen Morrow of Mt. Mitchell, N.C., Miss Norma Black of Toecane, N.C. and Miss Mary Ward of Pineola, N.C. All these teachers have done excellent work.

During the year, in the matter of building and upkeep of prpoerty, a new church has been built at Hughes, N.C.; satisfactory progress has been made on the church at Spruce Pine, which is now half completed; repairs have been made on the manse at Newland, and on the church at Lynnville; funds have been collected for a church at Rock Creek, Mitchell County field; also funds have been collected for recovering the church at Newdale, N.C.

The total receipts for this work for the year were $10,722.03, which, added to our appropriation from the Genaral Assembly's Committee on Home Missions, made the total of the funds available for this work $16,083.04. Our disbursemenst amounted to $14,007.87, divided as follows:

Salaries of pastors, Superintendent and Chairman ..	$8,000.00
Buildings and repairs	1,700.84
Salaries and expenses of teachers, schools, etc. .	3,157.03
Automobile and horse	800.00
Committee's expenses, etc.	350.00
Total ...	$14,007.87

Recommendations:

1. That the Presbytery empower the committee to make such appropriations for pastor's salaries and expenses of the work for the new year as it shall deem for the best interest of the work, having as its goal the attainment of self-support by the groups as early as practicable; and requesting each church of each group to send to the committee immediately a list of its members, together with their pledges individually to pastoral support and current expenses, on the basis of which list appropriations shall be made by the committee

3. That the pastors of the following groups endeavor to secure for their summer evangelistic meetings the ministers whose names are placed opposite the groups.

1. Blountville group - Geo. F. Robertson D.D., C.C.Carson D.D.
2. New Bethel --- " - Robert King D.D., D. W. McIver
3. Meadow Creek " - Geo. F. Robertson D.D., J.L.MacMillan D.D.
4. Russellville " - R. D. Carson D.D., Lloyd Courtney
5. Banner Elk " - D. B. McLaughlin, C. G. McKareher
6. Shull's Mills " - S. H. Hay, Edgar Tufts
7. Newland " - J. J. Fix D.D., John Martin
8. Spruce Pine " - D. B. McLaughlin,
9. Mitchell County - T. J. Hutchison
10. Yancy County - R. D. Carson D.D.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. MacMillan, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Popular Meeting Home Missions

A popular meeting was held in the interest of Home Missions. Rev. T. J. Hutchison presided, and short addresses were made by the following: Rev. Edgar Tufts, Rev. C. G. McKareher, Rev. Dan H. Graham, Rev. McCoy Franklin, Rev. J. A. Harris.

Rev. Tilden Scherer D.D. addressed the Presbytery on the subject of the recent campaign for schools and colleges.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Lloyd Courtney.

THIRD DAY ------ MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 8:45

Devotional service conducted by Rev. John Martin

Minutes of previous day read and approved

Report Committee Evangelism

Your committee on Evangelism would report with gratitude to God that the year just closing has been one of the most fruitful in our history. Reports from 39 of the 46 churches in our bounds show that 523 members have been received during the year by profession of faith, as against 336 received last year. Fourteen churches report no additions by profession.

Recommendations:

1. That an evangelistic meeting be held in each church, and as far as possible at each mission point, during the year.
2. That each minister be requested to emphasize the obligation of personal evangelism.
3. That pastors and sessions in home mission fields make it possible for the evangelistic opportunities of the Home Mission Committee to be met.
4. That the Presbytery be led in prayer that the coming year may be the most fruitful year in gathering the lost and bringing souls to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Respectfully, submitted,
R. D. Carson, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Rev. Dan H. Graham led the Presbytery in prayer for God's blessing on the work of evangelism in this year.

Report Committee on Orphans' Homes

There is one Orphans' Home in Holston Presbytery. This is situated at Banner Elk, Avery County, N.C. This Home is seven years old. During its short history it has cared for about eighty children. There are fifty one children in the Home at this time, or soon will be. The plant consists of two dormitories, one for the girls and one for the boys, with a nice new school building between with class-rooms and auditorium. The faculty consists of a superintendent and his wife, a matron and two teachers.

The Home is supported in part by what is raised on the farm, and in part by contributions. We urge that each Sunday School in the Presbytery be requested, as far as practicable, to set apart the collection of one day in each month for the support of the Home. Several Sunday Schools are doing this now. If all the Sunday Schools would do this, it would go a long way toward the support of the Home.

Respectfully submitted,
Edgar Tufts, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Report Committee on Schools and Colleges

The committee on Schools and Colleges reports as follows:

1. The financial campaign, under the direction of the Assembly's Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, for $750.000.00 came to a close the last of November 1920. The full amount was technically raised and all conditional subscriptions were therefore made binding. But on account of the heavy expenses of the campaign and the inevitable shrinkage on collections, the amount for distribution to the individual schools will not be nearly so large as was anticipated. This is especially true of the two colleges, which will perhaps not receive more than $150,000 to $175,000 toward the $350,000 contemplated when the campaign was projected.

2. King College is anticipating funds from the campaign and is already at work on a new dormitory to cost about $50,000.00, which is under contract for completion by Sept. 15th. This institution, a child of Holston Presbytery, is commended to the people of the church for their sympathetic prayers and financial support. And it is especially recommended that pastors and elders use every proper influence to direct worthy young men to King College as students.

3. We make the following recommendations with reference to membership on the Board of Curators of King College: Judge C. J. St. John of the Windsor Avenue church, to fill the place made vacant by the departure of Rev. Thos. C. Delaney to another Presbytery; and Dr. C. M. Cowan of the Windsor Avenue church, Bristol, to succeed Mr. W. E. Latture, deceased.

Respectfully submitted,
Tilden Scherer, Acting chm.

The report was adopted.

Report Committee Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made a verbal report, with recommendations as follows:

1. That the following appropriations from funds for Ministerial Relief be recommended to the Louisville Committee for the current

church year: Mrs. M. W. Byers, $165.00; Mrs. E. D. Converse, $150.00; Mrs. M. C. King, $300.00; Mrs. L. S. McFerrin, $165.00; Mrs. J. A. Wallace, $165.00; Rev. A. C. Snoddy, $300.00.

2. That the thanks of the Presbytery be extended through its committee to Secretary H. H. Sweets, of the Assembly's Executive Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, for the historic and eminent service rendered by him to the church in connection with the raising of the supplement to the Graham Fund for endowment for Ministerial Relief. The Presbytery at a former meeting expressed its appreciation of Mr. Graham's constructive generosity and initiative. The able and devoted leadership of the Secretary was, in the judgment of the Presbytery, a decisive human factor in the outcome of the campaign which may justly be regarded as one of the illustrious events in the history of our church.

3. That, in view of the great need of additional ministers in our church, as revealed afresh in the data sent by the Secretary and examined by us in the verbal report of the committee, the Presbytery resolves itself at the conclusion of this report into a committee of the whole for discussion, common counsel and prayer touching this vital problem.

4. That the Presbytery approves and sympathizes with the desire expressed in many quarters for a larger participation by our deacons in the general activities and counsels of the church; that it recognizes the present handicap under which the deacons labor in securing ecclesiastical knowledge and inspiration, as compared with the elders who have the right of participation in the duties and privileges of Presbyteries, Synods, and Assemblies; that the Presbytery would welcome some wise and Scripturally wise arrangement by which the deacons holding as they do the crucial place in our organization, might be brought conciously more into the general current of the collective spiritual life of the church; that in an effort to obtain at least a partial fulfilment of this want in our own Presbytery, there be held for spiritual ends under the direction of the Presbyterial committee on Systematic Beneficence and Stewardship a convention of deacons at a suitable date during the present church year.

5. That the invitation of the deacons of the Morristown church for holding such a convention this year in Morristown be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
S. H. Hay, Chairman

The report was taken up seriatim, each item adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

Presbytery resolved itself into a committee of a whole for the consideration of the need of recruits for the ministry. Rev. S. H. hay, chairman of the committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, presided. Short addresses were made by the following: Rev. J. J. Fix D.D., Rev. Dan H. Graham, Rev. Edgar Tufts, Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., Rev. W. T. Howison, Rev. T. J. Hutchison and Rev. J. L. McMillan D.D., Dr. N. L. Dennis and Mr. S. A. Newland.

Presbytery took recess for five minutes preceding the hour for the Communion Service.

Communion Service

At the 11 o'clock hour Presbytery heard a sermon by Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., from Gen. 1:13 and Rev. 4:3. After the sermon a

Communion Service was conducted by Rev. Messrs W. T. Howison and J. P. Doggett. At the close of the service, an appropriate Resolution of Thakns was adopted, in which Presbytery expressed its appreciation of the good hospitality of the Russellville church and pastor.

Presbytery took recess until 2 p.m.

THIRD DAY ------- AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. T. M. McConnell D.D., of Orange Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. J. J. Fix D.D., Synodical Superintendent of Sabbath School and Young People's Work, addressed the Presbytery on Sabbath School and Young People's Work.

Report Committee Leave of Absence

The excuse of Rev. C. C. Carson D.D., for non-attendance, was sustained.

Report Committee Systematic Beneficence and Stewardship

The Systematic Beneficence and Stewardship Committee met in Rogersville on January first, 1931, to confer with the Synodical Manager, Dr. Lynn R. Walker, as to the apportionment of quotos for the churches, for the Progressive Program campaign for 1931-32. The quoto of the Presbytery is $46.695. Following is report on churches, showing quotos and whether or not raised:

Church	Quoto	Amt. raised.
Arcadia	250.00	250.00
Blountville	844.00	844.00
Johnson City First	7,250.00	7,250.00
Kingsport	4,500.00	4,500.00
Newport	900.00	900.00
Morristown	5,825.00	7,000.00
Rogersville	4,000.00	4,000.00

Churches reporting quotos not raised:

Church	Quoto	Amt. raised.
Cold Spring	1,000.00	700.00
Leesburg	368.00	187.00
Mooresburg	125.00	89.00
New Bethel	440.00	375.00
New Providence	1,300.00	725.00
Windsor Avenue	600.00	367.00
White Pine	184.00	45.00
Rheatown	200.00	160.00

Churches reporting no canvass made:

Church	Quoto
Russellville	167.00
Salem	75.00

Churches making no report so far:

Church	Quoto	Church	Quoto
Bristol First	7,500.00	Meadow Creek	500.00
Mossy Creek	1,350.00	Rutledge	308.00
Strawberry Plains	320.00	Weaver	190.00
Concord	50.00-	N. C. Group	2,456.00
Pleasant Grove	320.00		

This Presbytery led the Synod in gifts to benevolences last year. Our quoto was $39,505.00 and our pledges over $43,000.00. The indications are that we will barely raise our quoto this year.

The committee would call attention to the special campaign now on under the direction of the Assembly's permanent committee on Systematic Beneficence and Stewardship to raise $125.000 for the church of the Pilgrims in Washington, D.C. The 24th of April is the day set apart for pledges and gifts to this work, which has the hearty approval of our Assembly and is commended to the liberality of our people.

Recommendations:

1. That all churches not taking a canvass for benevolences be urged to do so.
2. That the monthly schedule of the Progressive Program, for the attainment of the spiritual objectives, be commended to the churches as a plan worthy of their earnest consideration and adoption.
3. That the action of the Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence and Stewardship, in setting aside April 24th as the day for special offerings for the Church of the Pilgrims in Washington, D.C., be brought to the attention of the churches as a cause worthy of their liberality.

Respectfully submitted,
D. W. McIver, Chairman

The recommendations of the report were taken up seriatim, each adopted, and the report adopted as a whole.

Report Committee on Nominations

The committee on Nominations made the followinf recommendations, which were adopted:

Executive Committees

1. Foreign Missions: - W. T. Howison, Robert King, H. H. Cassady, Frank Taylor.
2. Presbyterial Home Missions:- J. L. MacMillan D.D., S. H. Hay, C. C. Carson D.D., Robert King D.D., Edgar Tufts, R. D. Carson, F. T. Nance, Frank Taylor, J. H. Newman, J. D. Faucette, Sam R. Sells;
3. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief:- S. H. Hay, R. D. Carson D.D., Tilden Scherer D.D., J. N. Fisher.
4. Publication and Sabbath School:- Lloyd Courtney, Chas. B. Boyles, W. M. Bayless.

Permanent Committees

1. Assembly's Home Missions: - Robert King D.D., C. C. Carson D.D. E. W. King, J. R. Forgey
2. Church Societies:- W. C. Young, Chas. B. Boyles, E. H. Moore, J. A. Waddell

3. Schools and Colleges:- C. C. Carson D.D., R. D. Carson D.D. J. D. Faucette
4. Evangelism:- R. D. Carson D.D., T. J. Hutchison, J. P. Doggett, Robert King D.D., J. Fred Johnson
5. Orphans' Homes:- Edgar Tufts, J. A. Harris, A. C. Snoddy, Joe H. Slonaker
6. Bible Cause:- W. T. Howison, C. G. McKareher, J. P. Doggett, Samuel Newland
7. Systematic Beneficence and Stewardship:- D. W. McIver, S. H. Hay, A. B. Rogan
8. Comity:- J. L. MacMillan D.D., C. C. Carson D.D., J. H. Newman
9. Sabbath and Family Religion:- Lloyd Courtney, J. P. Doggett, S. F. Peavler, S.S. McCormick
10. Nominations:- R. D. Carson D.D., T. J. Hutchison, John Martin

Examining Committees

1. Experimental Religion:- D. W. McIver, W. T. Howison, J. P. Doggett
2. Theology:- C. C. Carson D.D., J. L. MacMillan D.D., R. D. Carson
3. Church History:- Lloyd Courtney, W. C. Young, J. A. Harris
4. Church Government and Sacraments:- Robert King, Chas. B. Boyles,
5. Philosphy, Logic and Ethics:- Tilden Scherer D.D., S. H. Hay
6. Natural Science and Secular Subjects:- Edgar Tufts, Lloyd Courtney.
7. Latin, Greek and Hebrew:- S. H. Hay, Chas. B. Boyles

Respectfully submitted,
T. J. Hutchison, Chairman

Presbyterial Sermon

To preach Presbyterial sermon at fall meeting: Principal, Rev. Robert King D.D.; subject, Evangelism. Alternate, Rev. Lloyd Courtney; subject: "What is a Christian?".

Report Committee on Narrative

The committee on Narrative recommends that the report to be made put to the Assembly by the Stated Clerk be made this Presbytery's report.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Young, Chairman

The recommendation was adopted.

Commissioners to Assembly

The following were elected Commissioners to the Assembly:

Principals	Alternates
Rev. Lloyd Courtney	Rev. T. J. Hutchison
Rev. W. T. Howison	Rev. W. C. Young
Eld. N. L. Dennis	Eld. C. H. Massengill
Eld. W. S. Whiting	Eld. S. S. McCormick

Overtures of Assembly

The overture sent down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent was answered in the affirmative.

Committee on Manual

The Committee appointed to revise the manual was instructed to

report to a Commission appointed by the Presbytery, the Commission to be empowered to adopt and have the manual printed. The following Commission was appointed: Rev. D. W. McIver, Rev. Charles B. Boyles, Rev. W. C. Young and Elder S. T. Moser.

Adjourned meeting

The Presbytery voted to meet in adjourned meeting in the offices of the Synod at Bristol, Tuesday, May 24th, for the examination of Candidate F.F. Comerford for licensure, and such other business as may claim attention.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer and benediction by the Moderator, and singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds".

Stated Clerk

D. W. McIver, Moderator

Temporary Clerk

ADJOURNED MEETING

Holston Presbytery met in adjourned session in the offices of the Synod at Bristol, Tenn., Tuesday, May 24th, 1921, 2 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. D. W. McIver, and led in prayer by Rev. Chas. B. Boyles.

Members Present

Ministers: Rev. D. W. McIver, Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Rev. Chas. C. Carson D.D., Rev. C. G. McKaraher, Rev. T. J. Hutchison.

Elders: E. B. Comerford, Cold Spring; Jas. A. Brown, Windsor Ave.

Visitors: Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, Rev. McCoy Franklin, Rev. T. M. McConnell D.D.

Reception of Ministers

Rev. Geo. F. Robertson and Rev. D. B. McLaughlin both presented letters of dismission from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, and, after the usual examination were enrolled members of the Presbytery.
Rev. McCoy Franklin presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Buckhorn, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and, after the usual examination, was enrolled a member of this Presbytery.

Calls to Ministers

A call from the Windsor Avenue church, Bristol, Tenn., for the pastoral services of Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, stipulating an annual salary of $1800.00 with the provision of a manse and car, was read, found in order and placed in his hands and accepted by him.
The following commission was appointed to install Rev. Geo. F. Robertson over the Windsor Avenue church on Sunday, July 3rd, 1921, 8 p.m.: Rev. Chas. C. Carson D.D., to preach, preside and propound the constitutional questions and charge the people; Rev. W. T. Howison to charge the pastor; Elder E. W. King to complete the commission; Rev. J. P. Doggett, alternate to any of ministers above.

A call from the Newland church for half time pastoral services of Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, stipulating an annual salary of $480.00 and manse, was read, found in order and placed in his hands and accepted by him.
The following commission was appointed to install Rev. D. B. McLaughlin over the Newland church at a date to be set by the commission: To preside, preach and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. Edgar Tufts; To charge the pastor, Rev. C. G. McKaraher; To charge the people, Rev. T. J. Hutchison; to complete the commission, elder W. C. Tate; alternate to any of ministers, Rev. McCoy Franklin.

Licensure of Candidate

Candidate F. F. Comerford appeared before the Presbytery for licensure, and, after passing a most satisfactory examination, was licensed a probationer for the Gospel Ministry.

Trustees Shull's Mills School

The Presbytery appointed Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D. and Rev. Edgar Tufts trustees to represent it on the joint Board of Trustees of

Shull's Mills school; the understanding being that these Trustees are to serve with the Board of Trustees of the church at Shull's Mills for a term of five years, or until after such time as the indebtedness on the school property shall have been liquidated, at which time the school is to pass entirely under the care and control of the Presbytery.

Action wit Reference First Church, Jonesboro, Tenn.

Presbytery expressed its will with reference to the First church of Jonesboro as follows:
For the best interests of the kingdom of Christ, the Presbytery deems it advisable for the First church at Jonesboro to unite ~~with~~ organically with the Second church (U.S.A) of that place.

Committee on Comity

The Rev. Geo. F. Robertson was added to the committee on Comity.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

T. J. Hutchison, Clerk pro tem

FALL MEETING - 1931

The 97th stated meeting of Holston Presbytery was held in the Shull's Mills church, Shull's Mills, N.C., beginning Tuesday evening, September 13th, 1931, at 7:30 p.m.

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. D. W. McIver, of Rogersville, Tenn., from I Chron. 13.

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer.

Members Present

Ministers:- R. D. Carson D.D., Lloyd Courtney, J. P. Doggett, J. P. Hall, S. H. Hay, Robert King D.D., D. W. McIver, C. G. McKaraher, D. B. McLaughlin, J. L. MacMillan D.D., Geo. F. Robertson, A. C. Snoddy, Edgar Tufts, W. C. Young.

Elders: Bristol First, J. D. Faucette; Weaver, Karl O. Rhea; Mossy Creek, S. M. Branner; Cold Spring, A. K. Combs; Blountville, C. H. Massengill; Arcadia, J. M. Newland; Rogersville, A. B. Rogan; Shulls Mills, J. S. Yelton; Johnson City, J. H. Slonaker; Banner Elk, R. E. Piercy; Blowing Rock, W. L. Holshouser; Plumtree, F. L. Burleson; Newport, N.LL. Dennis; Crossnore, D. T. Presson.

Election Officers

The following officers were elected:
Moderator, Elder N. L. Dennis; Temporary Clerk, W. C. Young.

Report Devotional Committee

Devotional service, 8 to 8:15 a.m.; Morning session, 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Afternoon session, 2:30 to 5:30; Night session, 7:30 to the pleasure of the court. Presbyterial sermon, Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions, Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Presbytery adjourned and was dismissed with prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY -------- MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 8 o'clock.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. S. H. Hay.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Communications

A letter from Rev. W. T. Howison was read and referred to the committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

Petition for Organization of Church

A petition, bearing fifty signatures, of persons living at Lost Cove, Carter County, Tenn., asking for the organization of a church there, was read and referred to the committee on Presbyterian Home Missions, the committee to have full power to act on the petition.

Power to Organize Churches Delegated

The committee on Presbyterial Home Missions was empowered to act as a commission in the organization of churches at its discretion.

Appointment of Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees;

1. Bills and Overtures:- J. L. MacMillan D.D., Geo. F. Robertson, Elder A. K. Combs.
2. Devotional:- Rev. C. G. McKaraher, Elder John S. Yelton
3. Leave of Absence:- Rev. J. P. Doggett, Rev. Edgar Tufts, Elder J. H. Slonaker
4. Judicial:- Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., Rev. A. C. Snoddy, Elder Karl O. Rhea.
5. Minutes of Assembly:- Rev. D. W. McIver, Rev. J. P. Hall, Elder F. L. Burleson
6. Narrative to Synod:- Elder J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, Elder D. T. Presson

Church Taxes

The Treasurer was instructed to make all proper effort to collect all taxes due from the churches, whether or not they be supplied. The Treasurer was instructed to prepare a list of the churches in arrears, together with amounts, to be given to the Spperintendent of Home Missions for his co-operation in making collections

Report Committee on Schools and Colleges

Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D. made a verbal report for the committee on Schools and Colleges, in which he stated that the subscriptions made to this cause in the recent campaign are being paid very slowly, and it was urged that the pastors bring the matter to the attention of their people, bringing upon them the importance of meeting these obligations that the several institutions be not embarrased in carrying out the plans for better equipment which are already under way.

Report Committee on Evangelism

The committee on Evangelism reported through the ministers appointed by the Presbytery to hold evangelistic meetings in the several groups. Verbal reports were made, showing that a number of meetings had been held during the summer with good results

Report Systematic Beneficence and Stewardship

The Systematic Beneficence committee makes the following report for information:

1. Financial quote for this year,.....	$47,177.00
Amount pledged this year	43,002.00
Deficit	$4,175.00

Asheville and Abingdon Presbyteries have faield to subscribe their quotos. Knoxville Presbytery oversubscribed by 4600.00. Last year

Holston Presbytery led the Synod, owing to the splendid work of the Synodical Manager.

At the spring meeting of the Presbytery, it was reported that a number of churches had made no effort to raise their apportionment for benevolences and the Presbytery took action urging all churches to make a canvass as early as possible. Superintendent Hutchison has been doing work along this line, but no report is in our hands. As a matter of fact, we believe that though the actual figures have not been reported yet, the Presbytery will reach the quoto assigned for the year.

2. The goal of the Progressive Program for next year will be $4,500.000.00, and apportionment will be made early in the new year. The committee pleads for sympathetic co-operation of every member of the Presbytery in making the financial campaign for next year a success. It would urge the Presbytery to remember that the financial part of the Program, while of vast importance, is but one means to an end of intensifying the spiritual life of the whole church membership, and that earnest attention be given the whole Program.

3. At the spring meeting this year, The Presbytery authorized the holding of a deacons' conference in the fall, under the supervision of the Systematic Beneficence committee, the object being to magnify the office of the deacon and to formulate plans for interesting and inspiring our deacons for greater efficiency in the work. Plans for the conference have bot been completed, but it is contemplated to hold it in Morristown in October. The brethren are urged to co-operate in making this meeting one of unusual power and blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
D. W. McIver, Chairman

Report Commisioners to General Assembly

The report of Rev. W.T. Howison was read, and Rev. Lloyd Courtney and Elder N. L. Dennis made verbal reports of their diligence as Commissioners to the General Assembly. The reports were received.

Change of Order of the Day

Inasmuch as the Presbytery is holding its meeting in one of our Home Mission fields, the standing order of the day for a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions on Wednesday evening was set aside. The first order of the day for Wednesday evening was made the examination of Candidates for the Ministry. A second order of the day for Wednesday evening was made a free conversation on the state of religion.

Call of Rev. McCoy Franklin to the Crossnore Church

A call from the Crossnore church for the pastoral services of Rev. McCoy Franklin was read, found in order, placed in hi hands and accepted by him.

The following commission was appointed to install Rev. McCoy Franklin in the Crossnore church, Sunday, September 18th, 1931 at 11 o'clock: to preside and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. T. J. Hutchison; to preach and charge the pastor, Rev. D. B. McLaughlin; to charge the people, Elder F. L. Burleson.

Committee on Nominations

The committee on Nomination was made a standing committee instead of a permanent committee as formerly.

The Moderator announced the following committee on Nominations: Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., Rev. Robert King D.D.,

Concerning Vacancy of Newport Church

Rev. R. D. Carson D.D. and Rev. S. H. Hay were requested to offer their services to the Newport church in the matter of securing a pastor, and to encourage them in such ways as may seem wise.

Dissolution of Pastoral Relation

Upon his request, which was concurred in by the congregation, the pastoral relation between Rev. W. T. Howison and the Blountville church was dissolved. The request was made because of increasing physical infirmities which have made it impossible for him to longer meet the demands of the active ministry.

A letter from Brother Howison was read, in which he expressed his appreciation of the fellowship he has enjoyed in this Presbytery, and requested that his name remain upon our roll.

Report Committee Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The following was adopted on recommendation of the committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief:

That the Louisville Committee be requested to aid Mrs. Julia T. King and Mrs. Josephine C. Wakefield for the remainder of the church year at the rate of $300.00 per year for each, and Rev. W. T. Howison at the rate of $500.00 per year.

That Rev. W. T. Howison be recommended for a place on the Honor Roll of the church and that the Presbytery appoint on of its members to write Mr. Howison a letter bearing its love and congratulations upon the completion of so long a term of noble service.

Respectfully submitted,
S. H. Hay, Chairman

Letter Congratulation to Rev. W. T. Howison

In harmony with the adopted recommendation of the committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, the Moderator appointed Rev. Geo. F. Robertson to write a letter to Rev. W. T. Howison congratulating upon his completion of forty six years of service in the Christian Ministry, and informing him of the Presbytery's request to have his name placed on the Honor Roll of the Church.

Place of Next Meeting

The invitation of Mossy Creek church, Jefferson City, Tenn., for the spring meeting was accepted and the pastor host and the Stated Clerk were authorized to arrange for the date of the meeting.

Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following were nominated for Commissioners to the General Assembly of 1932:

Principals	Alternates
Rev. T. J. Hutchison	Rev. Edgar Tufts
Rev. C. G. McKaraher	Rev. W. C. Young
Eld. A. B. Rogan	Eld. R. E. Piercy
Eld. Jas. A. Brown	Eld. C. H. Massengill

Presbytery took recess until 2:30 p.m., and was dismissed with prayer by Rev. McCoy Franklin.

SECOND DAY --------- AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery met at 2:30, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J.P.Hall

Report Committee on Nominations

The committee on Nominations made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

Executive Committees

1. Foreign Missions:- Robert King D.D., H. H. Cassady, Frank Taylor, C. G. McKaraher
2. Presbyterial Home Missions:- J. L. MacMillan D.D., S. H. Hay, Chas. C. Carson D.D., Edgar Tufts, R. D. Carson D.D., F. T. Nance, Frank Taylor, J. H. Newman, J. D. Faucette, Sam R. Sells
3. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief:- S. H. Hay, R. D. Carson D.D., Tilden Scherer D.D., J. N. Fisher
4. Publication and Sabbath School:- Geo. F. Robertson, Chas. B. Boyles, W. M. Bayless

Permanent Committees

1. Assembly's Home Missions:- Robert King D.D., Chas. C. Carson D.D., E. W. King, J. R. Forgey
2. Church Societies:- W. C. Young, Chas. B. Boyles, E. H. Moore, J. A. Waddell
3. Schools and Colleges:- Chas. C. Carson D.D., R. D. Carson D.D., J. D. Faucette
4. Evangelism:- R. D. Carson D.D., T. J. Hutchison, J. P. Doggett, Robert King D.D., J. Fred Johnson, McCoy Franklin
5. Orphans' Homes:- Edgar Tufts, J. A. Harris, A. C. Snoddy, Joe. H. Slonaker
6. Bible Cause:- D. B. McLaughlin, C. G. McKaraher, J. P. Doggett, Samuel Newland
7. Systematic Beneficence:- D. W. McIver, S. H. Hay, A. B. Rogan
8. Comity :- J. L. MacMillan D.D., Chas. C. Carson D.D., J. H. Newman
9. Sabbath and Family Religion:- Lloyd Courtney, J. P. Doggett, S. F. Peavler, S. S. McCormick

Examining Committees

1. Experimental Religion:- D. W. McIver, S. H. Hay, J. P. Doggett
2. Theology:- Chas. C. Carson D.D., J. L. MacMillan D.D., R. D. Carson D.D.
3. Church History:- Lloyd Courtney, W. C. Young, J. A. Harris
4. Church Government and Sacarments: Robert King D.D., Chas. B. Boyles, McCoy Franklin
5. Philosophy, Logic and Ethics:- Tilden Scherer D.D., S. H. Hay.
6. Natural Science and Secular Subjects: Edgar Tufts, Lloyd Courtney
7. Latin, Greek and Hebrew:- S. H. Hay, Chas. B. Boyles

Assembly's Overture

In the substitute for Section IV, Chapter IV, Form Of Government, embodied in the overture sent down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent, the Presbytery took affirmative action, advising and consenting to the proposed overture.

Report Committee on Foreign Missions

The committee on Foreign Missions made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That the Presbytery take as its Foreign Mission goal (1) a foreign mission sermon and (2) the full foreign mission quoto, or at least a foreign mission offering, in every church in the Presbytery, so that no blanks may appear in the minutes of the next Assembly under the head of foreign missions in our Presbytery.
2. That the Presbytery urge observance of October 30th as Foreign Mission Day in all its Sunday Schools, as ordered by the Assembly, and the organization of classes in all our churches for the study of Bedinger's "Triumphs of the Gospel in the Belgian Congo".
3. That the Presbytery, in accordance with the action of the Assembly, urge its churches, societies and individuals to assume, wherever practicabel, definite obligation for individual missionaries or other definite parts of our foreign mission work, since this method is used by all foreign mission boards with results that fully justify itd adoption.
4. That the Presbytery emphasize our foreign fields' needs of physical equipment and missionary reinforcement, and instruct all its pastors to issue from their pulpits a call for missionary doctors, and tto follow up this call with interviews with Christian physicians.
5. That October 30th be set apart as a day in which all the preachers of the Presbytery, with the layment they may be able to call to their aid, present the foreign mission cause in all our churches and mission points.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert King, Chairman

Narrative to Synod

The Stated Clerk was instructed to formulate the Narrative to Synod

Report Home Mission Committee

Your committee on Presbyterial Home Missions respectfully submits the following report of work under its care, covering the months since the spring meeting of the Presbytery:

Under the blessing of God, this department of the work of our church has made good progress. Seventy four of our seventy eight churches and preaching places have been regularly supplied with preaching and pastoral oversight; applications have come from three sources for organization of churches; mission day schoold have been conducted to the number of nine, with a total enrolment of 385, and taught by ten teachers; a new high school has been organized, to-wit, the Boone Fork Institute of Shull's Mills, N.C.

Revival meetings have been held as follows: At Shull's Mills by Rev. S. H. Hay; at Linville and Hanging Rock by Rev. F. F. Comerford at Forbes and New Bethel by Rev. D. B. McLaughlin; at Lost Cove by Rev. W. C. Young; At Estatoe, Rutledge and Crossnore by Rev. R. D. Carson D.D.; at Paint Gap by Rev. Geo. Belk; at Buladean by Rev. H. H. Cassady; and at Alta Pass and Three Mile by Rev. Woods Hall, resulting in over 180 professions of faith and 118 additions to our church.

Petitions have come from Lost Cove, Linville, and Blevins Creek outposts for organization of churches.

As workers extra to our regular force we have had this summer Rev. J. P. McMillan in the Spruce Pine field; Rev. F. F. Comerford

a Seminary student, in the Banner Elk field; Rev. Coyt Hunter, another student, in the Cold Spring field, and Rev. W. R. Smith Jr., a Candidate, employed in Sunday School work in Carter County. These brethren have all done excellent work.

In the matter of building, the church at Spruce Pine is nearly completed, and the committee's attention is now turned to the needs of the Lost Cove settlement for a suitable house of worship.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. MacMillan, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Report of Commissions

The commission to install Rev. Geo. F. Robertson over the Windsor Avenue church, Bristol, Tenn., made a verbal report that its duty had been discharged.

The commission to install Rev. D. B. McLaughlin in the Newland church reported that its work was not yet done ad was continued.

Report Committee Orphans' Homes

The Committee on Orphans' Homes begs leave to make the following report:

The only Orphans' Home within our bounds is the Grandfather's Orphans' Home at Banner Elk, N.C. In the Home there fifty children, the superintendent and his wife, and two teachers. The health and developement of the children have been all we could ask for along these lines.

The Home is supported in the following ways: First, the products from the farm. These amount to about $1,000. a year. Second, spasmodic gifts from individuals and churches. Third, regular contributions from Sunday Schools and individuals. There is no debt, and never has been one against the Home.

We recommend that every Sunday School in the Presbytery set apart the collection on the first Sunday in each month for the support of the Home, and that these amounts be regularly sent to Mr. J. W. Holcomb, Banner Elk, N.C.

Respectfully submitted,
Edgar Tufts, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Report Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion

Your committee on Sabbath and Family Religion would call special attention to the report of the Assembly's Permanent Committee on these causes, on page 150 of the minutes of the last Assembly; and, in harmony with the recommendations of the Assembly's Standing Committee, on page 60 of the minutes of the Assembly, we recommend:

1. That the third Sabbath in November be set by this Presbytery for the presentation of these causes in the Sunday school and from the pulpit; and, where the support of the Lord's Day Alliance is not provided for in the budget of the church, that the Presbytery suggest that a collection for that cause be taken.

2. That the Presbytery urge the churches to comply with the Assembly's recommendation "that the Family Altar League be commended again to all our churches, and that they be directed to use its cards in securing information on this important subject for the annual Narrative, if no adequate method of their own be in use".

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Courtney, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Presbytery took recess until 7:30, and was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Geo. F. Robertson D.D.

SECOND DAY ----- EVENING SESSION

Presbytery met at 7:30, and was led in prayer by Rev. Robert King.

The Moderator called Rev. T. J. Hutchison to the chair.

The first order of the day for the evening service was taken up

Examination, Candidate for the Ministry

Dr. N. L. Dennis, a ruling elder in the Newport church, bearing recommendation from the session of the Newport church, appeared before the Presbytery, and, after the usual examination, was received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry.

Presbytery then engaged in a season of prayer for God's blessing upon Doctor Dennis in his preparation for the ministry; for the young people in our schools and colleges, that they may hear the call to definite Christian service; for the parents in the homes of our church, that they may encourage their children to such service; and that the Lord of the harvest may be continually calling out an increasing number of our choicest young people to be laborers in His harvest.

The second order of the day for the evening service was taken up

Free Conversation on State of Religion

A free conversation on the state of religion in our bounds revealed a comparatively healthy state and a number of encouraging reports were brought from the churches.

Resolution of Thanks

A suitable Resolution of Thanks, expressing the Presbytery's appreciation of the Christian hospitality shown by the people and pastor of the Shull's Mills church was adopted by a rising vote.

Adjournment

The business of the Presbytery being completed, the minutes were read and approved.

After singing "God be With You Till We Meet Again", Presbytery adjourned and was dismissed with prayer by the Moderator.

N. L. Dennis
Moderator

Lloyd Courtney
Stated Clerk

W. C. Young
Temporary Clerk

CALLED MEETING

Holston Presbytery met in called session in the offices of the Synod of Appalachia, Bristol, Tenn., Tuesday, January 10th, 1922 at 1 p.m., and was opendd with prayer by Rev. Geo. F. Robertson.

Members Present

Ministers:- Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D., Rev. Edgar Tufts, Rev. T. J. Hutchison
Elders:- A. K. Combs, Cold Spring; J. D. Faucette, Bristol

There being no former Moderator present at the opening of the meeting, Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, as the oldest Minister present, was requested to act as Moderator.
Rev. T. J. Hutchison was requested to act as Clerk pro tem.

The call was read and found in order, and is as follows:
"In the absence of the Moderator, the constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery to convene in the Headquarters of the Synod of Appalachia, Bristol, Tenn., Tuesday, January 10th, 1922, at 1 p.m. Eastern time, to consider the following items of business:
1. To hear the request of Rev. R. D. Carson that he be allowed to return the call of the Mossy Creek church.
2. To hear his request that he be allowed to accept the call of the Synod of Appalachia to the office of Synodical Superintendent.
3. To consider any other matters arising out of the above.
(Signed) Lloyd Courtney, S.C."

Dr. Carson being absent, the following letter from him was read as showing his desife in these matters:
"To Holston Presbytery, in session in Bristol, Tenn., January 10th, Dear Brethren:
Inasmuch as there was a Presbyterial action placing the call from the Mossy Creek church in my hands two years ago, although the orders of the Presbytery consummating the pastoral relation were never carried out, I deemed it necessary that there should be a Presbyterial action on my request that I be allowed to return the call. To that end, I have called the Presbytery in session today and hereby submit my request, that is, that I be allowed to return said call that I may accept the call of the Synod of Appalachia as Superintendent of Synod's Work. Being unexpectedly called out of town to a meeting of the Presbytery of Knoxville, I present my request in writing.
(Signed) R. D. Carson"

The Presbytery granted Dr. Carson's request that he be allowed to return the call of the Mossy Creek church.

Presbytery granted Dr. Carson's request that he be allowed to accept the call of the Synod of Appalachia as Superintendent of Synod's work.

Rev. S. H. Hay was appointed chairman of the committee on Evangelism, succeeding Dr. Carson.

The minutes were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D.

Geo. F. Robertson, Mod. T.J.Hutchison, Clerk pro tem

CALLED MEETING

Holston Presbytery met in called session in the offices of the Synod of Appalachia, Bristol, Tenn., Monday, March 27th, 1922, at 2 p.m.

Presbytery was called to order by the last Moderator present, Rev. Charles C. Carson, and opened with prayer by Elder J. D. Faucette.

Members present

Ministers:- Chas. C. Carson D.D., R. D. Carson D.D., Geo. F. Robertson, Lloyd Courtney
Elders: - J. D. Faucette, Bristol First;

The call was read and found in order and is as follows:
"In the absence of the Moderator, the constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery to convene in the offices of the Synod of Appalachia, Bristol, Tenn., Monday. March 27th, 1922, at 2 p.m., to consider the following matters:
1. To change the place of the spring meeting of the Presbytery.
2. To change the date of the spring meeting of the Presbytery, if necessary, and to consider any other matters growing out of the above. (Signed) Lloyd Courtney, S.C."

The first item of the call was taken up. An invitation from the Windsor Avenue church, Bristol, Tenn., for the spring meeting of the Presbytery to be held in that church, was extended through the pastor, Rev. Geo. F. Robertson. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

The second item of the call was taken up, and Tuesday, April 11th, 1922, 7:30 p.m., was set as the time for the meeting.

The items included in the call having been disposed of, the minutes were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Lloyd Courtney.

Chas. C. Carson, Moderator
Lloyd Courtney, Stated Clerk

STATED MEETING

The 98th stated meeting of Holston Presbytery was held in the Windsor Avenue church, Bristol, Tennessee, beginning Tuesday evening, April 11th, 1923, at 7:30 p.m.

In the absence of the Moderator, Elder N. L. Dennis, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. Young, from Luke 9:27

The Presbytery was then called to order by the last Moderator present, Rev. Charles C. Carson D.D., and opened with prayer.

Members Present

Ministers:- Chas. B. Boyles, Chas. C. Carson D.D., R. D. Carson, H. H. Cassady, Lloyd Courtney, J. A. Harris, S. H. Hay, T. J. Hutchison, D. B. McLaughlin, C. G. McKaraher, J. L. MacMillan D.D., John Martin, Tilden Scherer D.D., Edgar Tufts, W. C. Young, McCoy Franklin, Geo. F. Robertson.
Elders:- Bristol First, Arthur King; Weaver, Frank Briscoe; Mossy Creek, J. V. Cline; Rutledge, J. E. Nance; White Pine, James Riggs; New Bethel, J. F. Gross; Pleasant Grove, S. F. Peavler; Cold Spring, F. S. Thomas; Morristown, S. M. Ryburn; Blountville, C. M. Delaney; Arcadia, J. L. Newland; Shull's Mills, John Yelton; Johnson City, W. F. Davsi; Meadow Creek, J. A. Waddell; Rheatown, Nick P. Earnest; Windsor Avenue, W. R. Thomas; Banner Elk, F. H. Stinson; Leesburg, F. R. DeVault; Crossnore, E. H. Sloop; Lost Cove, Reuben Greer.

Election Officers

Moderator, Rev. W. C. Young.
Temporary Clerk, Rev. T. J. Hutchison

Report Devotional Committee

Hours of session: Morning, 9 to 12; afternoon, 2 to 5; Night session, 7:30 p.m. to the pleasure of the court. Hour for Presbyterial sermon, Thursday, 11 a.m.

Courtesies

The following brethren were introduced to the Presbytery:
Rev. John J. Fix D.D., of the Presbytery of Abingdon and Rev. J. W. Young of the Presbytery of Wilmington were introduced and invited to sit as corresponding members.
Rev. J. A. L. Shuler, of Holston Conference M.E. Church South, was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The invitation of King College, through President Scherer, to entertain the Presbytery at supper Wednesday evening was unanimously accepted.

Presbytery adjourned to meettomorrow morning, and was dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D.

SECOND DAY ---- MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 9 o'clock, and engaged in devotional service, conducted by Rev. C. G. McKareher and Rev. Edgar Tufts.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures: - Chas. C. Carson D.D., J. L. MacMillan, Elders Arthur King, J. E. Nance.
2. Judicial:- Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, Elder J. L. Newland
3. Sessional Records:- Elder J. V. Cline, J. F. Gross, Sam Peavler, Nick P. Earnest, Rev. H. H. Cassady
4. Narrative:- Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. A. Harris, Elder J. A. Waddell.
5. Finance: - Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., Elders F. R. DeVault, F. H. Stinson
6. Minutes of Synod:- Elder F. S. Thomas, Rev. McCoy Franklin
7. Statistical Report:- Rev. C. G. McKaraher, Elders E. H. Sloop, W. F. Davis
8. Devotional:- Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, Elder W. R. Thomas
9. Leave of Absence:- Elders C. M. Delaney, Jno. S. Yelton

Communications

A communication from Mr. R. E. Magill, touching the work of the Near East Relief Commission, was read and referred to a special committee, which was instructed to report at this meeting of the Presbytery

A communication from Candidate F. F. Comerford, requesting a letter of dismission from this Presbytery, was read and referred to the Committee on Home Missions,

A communication from Rev. I. Cochrane Hunt D.D., of the Lord's Day Alliance, was read and referred to the committee on Sabbath and Family Religion.

Report of Commissions

The commission to organize Cove Creek church reported as follows:
Under the authority given the Home Mission Committee by the Presbytery, this committee appointed Rev. T. J. Hutchison to organize the Cove Creek Presbyterian church; which was done on Sunday, December 18th, 1921, with twenty five members, Two elders and one deacon were elected.

Respectfully submitted,
T. J. Hutchison

The commission to install the Rev. McCoy Franklin in the Crossnore church reported as follows:
The commission, ~~xxxxx~~ consisting of Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, Rev. T. J. Hutchison, and Elder Fred Burleson, met in the Crossnore church on Sunday September 26th, 1921, was opened with prayer and installed Rev. McCoy Franklin pastor of the Crossnore church. Rev. T. J. Hutchison presided, propounded the constitutional questions and charged the onogregation. Rev. D. B. McLaughlin preached and charged the pastor.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Burleson, Secretary

Courtesy

Rev. J. E. Guthrie of Abingdon Presbytery was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponfing member.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Rev. Lloyd Courtney, submitted the following report; which was referred to the committee on Finance:

Receipts:		
Balance, as per statement, 1921	$ 83.50	
Received from chruches for taxes	951.18	
		$1034.68
Disbursements:		
1921		
Apr. 30 - Travelling expense (1921) ..... (S.F.Thomas, Synod last year)	13.13	
Oct. 5 - Salary S. C. and Treas. 9/13/'21.	75.00	
Oct. 12 - Stationery	2.00	
Nov. 10 - Travelling expenses, Synod 1922 .	405.93	
Nov. 10 - Synodical Assessment	116.73	
Nov. 12 - Postage	2.15	
Dec. 12 - Printing minutes	38.00	
1922		
Jan. 2 - Postage	1.00	
Jan. 13 - Presbyterial report blanks	10.86	
Mar. 2 - Postage	1.04	
Mar. 10 - Postage	1.00	
		666.84
Balance in Bank $367.84		

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Courtney, Treasurer

In connection with his report, the Treasurer called attention to an increase of 50% in the Assembly's assessment on the Presbytery, stating that the assessment for this year had not been paid, and pointing out that there are not sufficient funds in the treasury to meet this obligation. He submitted the reasons given by the Assembly for the 50% increase in Assessments, namely, increased travelling expense of commissioners, increased expense of Ad-Interim committees, etc. Also, he brought to the attention of the Presbytery the fact that the Assembly last year increased its contribution to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America from $360.00 to $5,000.00.
He requested that a special committee be appointed to consider the question of an increase in church taxes asked by the Presbytery, in order that the obligations of the Presbytery may be met.
He also requested that a special committee be appointed to review the matter of the Assembly's increased contribution to the Federal Council, and that the Presbytery take some action voicing its attitude toward that action of the Assembly.

Church Taxes

The question of an increase in church taxes asked by the Presbytery was referred to the committee on Finance.

Assembly's Subscription Federal Council

The Moderator appointed the following special committee to consider the matter of the Assembly's increased subscription to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America: Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., Elders E. H. Sloop and F. H. Stinson.

Reception Rev. J. W. Young

Rev. J. W. Young presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Wilmington and, after met the usual requirements, was enrolled a member of this Presbytery.

Committee on Nominations

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committee on Nominations: Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Elder Arthur King

Presbytery took recess until 11 a.m., the hour for the morning preaching service.

Presbytery met at 11 o'clock and heard a sermon by Rev. John Martin on the subject: "Ways of Drawing Near to Jesus".

Report Committee Bible Cause

The committee on Bible Cause made the following recommendations, which were adopted:
We recommend:
1. That the attention of the churches be called to the offering for the Bible Cause.
2. That the pastors and the sessions call the attention of our churches to the great demand for Bibles, which exists today as never before. Russia alone is calling for a million copies, and theere seems to be an unusual demand throughout the Far East.

Respectfully submitted,
D. B. McLaughlin, Chairman

Commissioners to General Assembly

The following were elected principal and alternate commissioners to the General Assembly in Charleston, W. Va.:

Principals:- Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Rev. C. G. McKaraher; Elders A. B. Rogan and Jas. A. Brown.
Alternates:- Rev. Edgar Tufts, Rev. W. C. Young; Elders R. E. Piercy and C. H. Massengill

Presbytery took recess until 2 p.m.

SECOND DAY ------ AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery met at 2 p.m. and was opened with prayer by Rev. Geo. F. Robertson.

Elder Frank Briscoe, of Weaver church, was enrolled.

A communication from Rev. M. B. Lambdin, touching the work of Ministerial Relief, was read and referred to the committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

A communication from Dr. H. H. Sweets, having reference to the same matter as the communication of Rev. M. B. Lambdin, was read and referred to the same committee.

Report Committee Church Societies

The sessional reports on Church Societies reveal the following facts:

1. Woman's Societies

Number of societies reported	20
Total membership	988
Benevolent contributions:	
Foreign Missions	1,642
Assembly's Home Missions	610
Synod's Home Missions	58
Presbytery's Home Missions	368
Congregational Home Missions	665
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	271
Sunday School Extension and Publication	65
Educational Institutions	563
Bible Cause	48
Orphans' Homes	548
Other funds contributed:	
Current Expenses and Contingent fees	1,977
Miscellanious contributions	2,222
Total for all causes	9,037

2. Christian Endeavor and Young People's Societies

Number of societies reported	21
Total membership	606
Benevolent contributions:	
Foreign Missions	20
Congregational Home Missions	50
Educational Institutions	30
Bible Cause	10
Other funds contributed:	
Current expenses and contingent fees	121
Miscellaneous contributions	381
Total for all causes	612

3. Men's and Boy's Societies

Number of societies reported	2
Total membership	36

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Young, chairman

Report Special Committee Near East Relief

Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, chairman, made a report for the committee, emphasizing the urgency of the needs among these stricken people. He was appointed a special representative of the Presbytery to present the appeal for this beneficence.

Report Committee on Nominations

The committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

Executive Committees

1. Foreign Missions:- W. C. Young, H. H. Cassady, C. G. McKaraher John Young.
2. Presbyterial Home Missions:- J. L. MacMillan D.D., S. H. Hay, Lloyd Courtney, Chas. C. Carson, Robert King D.D., Edgar Tufts, R. D. Carson D.D., F. T. Nance, Frank Taylor, J. H. Newman, J. D. Faubette, Sam R. Sells
3. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief:- S. H. Hay, R. D. Carson D.D., Tilden Scherer D.D., J. N. Fisher
4. Publication and Sabbath School:- Geo. F. Robertson, Chas. B. Boyles, W. M. Bayless

Permanent Committees

1. Assembly's Home Missions:- Robert King D.D., Chas. C. Carson D.D., E. W. King, J. R. Forgey
2. Church Societies:- W. C. Young, Chas. B. Boyles, E. H. Moore, J. A. Waddell
3. Schools and Colleges:- Chas. C. Carson D.D., R. D. Carson D.D., J. D. Faucette, E. H. Sloop, Chas. H. Massengill
4. Evangelism:- R. D. Carson D.D., Robert King D.D., J. Fred Johnson, McCoy Franklin
5. Orphans' Homes:- Edgar Tufts, J. A. Harris, John Young, Joe H. Slonaker
6. Bible Cause:- D. B. McLaughlin, C. G. McKaraher, S. A. Newland, Frank Briscoe
7. Stewardship: Arthur King, chairman, together with the chairmen of all Executive and Permanent Committees/
8. Comity:- J. L. MacMillan D.D., Chas. C. Carson D.D., J. E. Brading, J. D. Laveth, Geo. F. Robertson
9. Sabbath and Family Religion:- Lloyd Courtney, J. A. Harris, S. F. Peavler, S. S. McCormick

Examining Committees

1. Experimental Religion:- D. W. McIver, S. H. Hay, J. P. Doggett
2. Theology:- Chas. C. Carson D.D., J. L. MacMillan D.D., R. D. carson D.D.
3. Church History:- Lloyd Courtney, W. C. Young, J. A. Harris
4. Church Government and Sacraments:- Robert King D.D., Chas. B. Boyles, McCoy Franklin
5. Philosophy, Logic and Ethics:- Tilden Scherer D.D., S. H. Hay.
6. Natural Science and Secular Subjects:- Edgar Tufts, Lloyd Courtney
7. Latin, Greek and Hebrew:- S. H. Hay, Chas. B. Boyles

Trustees

1. For Lees-McRae Institute:- Term expires April 1923: J. L. MacMillan, James Summers; term expires April 1924: F. H. Stinson, Robert King; term expires April 1925: J. H. Beall

2. For Plumtree School for Boys:- Term expires April 1923: J. L. MacMillan, convener, T. B. Vance, W. B. Burleson, C. C. Carson, J. D. Faucette, Sam R. Sells, Frank Taylor, S. H. Hay, Edgar Tufts

3. For Boone-Fork Institute:- Term expires April 1923: W. S. Whiting; T. W. Hampton; term expires April 1924: J. L. MacMillan, Edgar Tufts; term expires April 1925: Sam R. Sells, C. G. McKaraher

Recommendations committee on Nominations:

1. That Presbytery calls the attention of the chairman and members of the above named committees, and of the Trustees of these schools, to the fact that a written report, at least annually, but preferably at each stated session of the Presbytery, is expected of them; that these reports are expected to be prepared before the meeting of the Presbytery, that the work of the Presbytery be not delayed or hindered.
2. That Presbytery authorize the Stated Clerk to prepare forms for the annual reports of the trustees of our mission high schools, and for the annual report of the Grandfather's Orphans' Home, which form shall provide sufficient space for a clear showing of the financial condition of the institution, giving total receipts and their sources, and total itemized disbursements.
3. That Presbytery authorize the Stated Clerk to notify the chairman of each executive and permanent committee and the chairman of each board of trustees, six weeks prior to a meeting of the Presbytery, advising them of their official relation to the Presbytery and of the expected written reports.
4. That Presbytery adopt the following general rule with reference to the terms of service of trustees of mission schools, to wit, that trustees shall be elected at each spring meeting of the Presbytery and shall serve for one year, two year and three year terms.

Respectfully submitted,
T. J. Hutchison
Arthur King Committee

The recommendations of the committee on Nominations were adopted.

Popular Meeting Family Religion

A popular meeting in the interest of Family Religion was held with Rev. Chas. C. Carson D.D. presiding. The following resolution was adopted:
Presbytery directs the ministers to preach on the subject of Christian life and activity, and in some way canvass their respective congregations, especially in the interest of Bible Study, Family Altars, and Tithing, but not omitting other features of Christian activity.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo F. Robertson,

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have Service Cards for making such a canvass as that suggested above printed in sufficient number to supply the total membership of the Presbytery and to distribute them among the churches.

Report Special Committee Church Taxes

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of an increase in church taxes recommends that 38¢ per member be asked of our churches, to be based on the whole number of communicants and divided as follows: Presbyterial tax, 16½¢; Synodical tax, 11½¢.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Carson, Chairman

Report Special Committee Appropriation Federal Council

The special committee to which was referred the matter of an

increase in the Assembly's appropriation to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, made the following report, which was adopted:

The Presbytery of Holston places itself on record as opposed to such a lavish expenditure as is contemplated in the Council's budget of $250,000.00, $5,000.00 of which is asked from our own Southern Church. We respectfully overture the Assembly not to continue its present gift of $5,000.00 to the work of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Carson, Chairman

Report Finance Committee

Your committee has examined the report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery, and of the Committee on Presbyterial Home Missions, and finds them to be correct. Their approval is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Carson, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Report Committee on Orphans' Homes

Your committee on Orphans' Homes begs leave to submit the following report:

1. There is one Orphans' Home in the Presbytery. It is situated at Banner Elk, N.C. The Home was opendd for the children of the mountains in the spring of 1914. During its existence there have been 111 children cared for. From an eight room farm house, the Home has grown to an institution of two large dormitories, a school building, a laundry building and a work shop. A baby cottage has been planned and three thousand dollars has been promised for the building.

2. The health of the children in the Home during the eight years of its existence has been wonderfully good until last week when one little nine year old boy died, the first and only death that has occurred at the Home.

We recommend:

1. That each Sunday School in the Presbytery set apart the collection of one Sunday in each month for the support of the Home.

2. That the Presbytery authorize the giving of five per cent of its benevolences to the support of the Orphanages, rather than two per cent as it is now.

Respectfully submitted,
Edgar Tufts, Chairman

The second recommendation was referred to the committee on Stwardship. With this exception the report was adopted.

Report Committee Bills and Overtures

The committee on Bills and Overtures made report, calling attention of the Presbytery to two overtures sent down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent, namely, (1) that dealing with rotation of elders and deacons, and (2) that authorizing a ruling elder to deliver the charge to pastor in installation.

The Presbytery declined to give its consent to a change in the Book of Church Order providing for rotary system in church officers.

The Presbyter consented to the change authorizing a ruling elder to deliver the charge to a pastor in installation.

Report Committee on Narrative

From reports coming in to the Presbytery, the following facts touching Christian life and work have been gathered:

It is indicated that the religious needs of the churches and communities are comparatively well met.

An average of about 75% of the membership of the churches attend the morning service; evening service 50%; prayer meeting 10%.

Six hundred and twenty additions to the church are reported, 409 on profession, and 211 by letter. 267 are reported coming through Sunday School.

Twenty evangelistic meetings are reported, with marked improvement reported in every instance.

The number of family altars reported is distressingly small. Only 70 members of the Family Altar League are reported.

Ninety four communion services are reported, the average attendance being about 85% of the membership.

It is reported tha the Lord's Day is generally well observed.

The reports show that the parents are generally faithful in presenting their children for baptism.

A very general neglect of the teaching of the Catechisms is indicated.

It appears that the Catechisms are taught in the Sabbath Schools with a fair degree of faithfulness.

Also, reports indicate that the Scriptures and Hymns are memorized to some extent in most of the Sabbath schools.

The pastors are generally reported as being faithful in teaching the principles of the stewardship of life and possessions.

Therreports indicate that about 15% of the membership tithe or give definite proportions of their income to the Lord's work.

About 50% of the churches report that they have paid in full their appertionments for benevolences.

Pastors salaries are reported fully and promptly paid in almost every instance. In several cases salary cases were reported.

A comparatively small amount of worldly conformity is reported.

A large percentage of the churches report evangelistic services outside their bounds.

The reports show that very little effort is being made on the part of pastors and sessions to secure recruits for the ministry. The majority report no effort whatever along this line.

Respectfully submitted,
John Martin, Chairman

Report Committee on Statistics

The statistical reports show the following totals:

Number of ministers on roll	25
Number of churches	48
Number of licentiates	1
Number of candidates for the ministry ..	9
Number of installations of pastors	3
Number of pastoral dissolutions	2
Number of churches organized	1
Number of ruling elders	199
Number of deacons	172
Number added on examination	458
Number added on certificate	217
Total number resident communicants	4212
Total number non-resident communicants .	700
Whole number of communicants	4912

Total adult baptisms	197
Total infant baptisms	153
Total Sunday school enrollment	4109

Benevolent funds contributed:

Foreign Missions	$13316
Assembly's Home Missions	3642
Synod's Home Missions	2390
Presbytery's Home Missions	5919
Congregational Home Missions	8296
Christian Education and Min. Relief..	5553
Sunday School Ext. and Publication ..	1021
Educational Institutions	22027
Bible Cause	391
Orphans' Homes	1954

Other funds contributed:

Current Expenses and Presbyterial Tax	22962
Pastor's Salaries actually paid	29334
Miscellaneous contributions	10535

This report shows a total contribution to all causes of $137,340.00. The amount of the per capita gift to all causes is slightly less than $26.00. The per capita gift to benevolences alone is a little more than $13.00.

The committee on Statistics made the following recommendation, which was adopted:
We recommend that the churches be urged to make a more complete report, answering all questions fully, thus making the completed report of the Presbytery more accurate and complete.

Respectfully submitted,
C. G. McKaraher, Chairman

Courtesy

Rev. Dan H. Graham, of the Presbytery of Abingdon, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 p.m.

SECOND DAY ------ NIGHT SESSION

Presbytery met at 7:30.

A popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions and Schools and Colleges was held. Rev. T. J. Hutchison presided, and the mission work of the Presbytery was presented by various speakers. Presidents Scherer of King College and Alexander of Stonewall Jackson College addressed the Presbytery on the work of these institutions. A delightful feature of the meeting was the music given by some teachers and students whom President Alexander had brought down from Stonewall Jackson. At the close of the meeting, two or three of these young ladies volunteered for work in the mountains this summer.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. A. L. Shuler of Holston Conference, M. E. Church South, to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY ------ MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 9 a.m., and engaged in a devotional service conducted by Rev. McCoy Franklin.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Courtesy

Rev. Donald McIver of the Presbytery of Abingdon was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Popular Meeting Progressive Program

A popular meeting in the interest of the Progressive Program was held, with Rev. R. D. Carson D.D. presiding.

Report Committee on Comity

The committee on Comity made the following recommendation, which was adopted:
The committee on Comity recommends that in the absence of a representative of the Jonesboro church any action touching union of that church with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. be postponed until the church can be represented, in a called meeting to be held in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. MacMillan, Chairman

Report Committee on Sabbath Schools

Your committee on Sabbath schools begs leave to make the following report:
Of the 49 churches on the roll of Holston Presbytery, we have reports from only 30.
Four churches (Cold Spring, Grassy Creek, Johnson City First, and Windsor Avenue) report mission schools.
Three churches report no school.
Two churches report union schools, but give no figures as to what proportion of these schools are Presbyterian.

Total number of schools	30
Total number officers and teachers ...	328
Total enrollment	2626
Total number cradel roll	198
Total number Home Department	60
Total number in Sabbath schools	3169

Nine schools report a Cradle Roll department and two report a Home Department.

Total number pupils added to communion . 161

Contributions:

6	schools contributed to	Foreign Missions	333
9	" "	Assem. Home Missions .	123
3	" "	Synod's " "	49
5	" "	Presby. " "	131
2	" "	Cong. " "	131
5	" "	C. E. and M. R.	263
5	" "	S.S. Ext. and Pub.....	164

1	school	contributed to	Educa. Inst. 36
4	"	"	Bible Cause 48
9	"	"	Orphans' Homes ... 319
20	"	"	Current Expenses ..2146
20	"	"	Miscell causes 749
			Total 4382

Recommendations:

1. That the chairman of your committee, Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, be authorized to write to the churches reporting union schools, Rheatown and Whitesburg, or their pastor, calling attention to the General Assembly's request that they make a report of the number of Presbyterians attending these schools. (Alex. Dig. p. 370)
2. That the churches arrange through the chairman of the Sunday School committee of the Presbytery to hold institutes, schools of method, and district conventions, whenever practicable.
3. That our churches emphasize the organized Bible classes for man and women during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. F. Robertson
Chas. B. Boyles Committee

The report was adopted.

Upon motion of Rev. Charles C. Carson D.D., the following was included in the report and the whole was adopted:
Presbytery heartily endorses the efficient work of Dr. J. J. Fix, Synod's Superintendent of Sabbath School and Young People's Work, and recommends that the churches of Holston Presbytery secure his services in conducting Sabbath school institutes.

Presbyterial Sermon

At 11 o'clock, Presbytery heard a sermon by Rev. S. H. Hay on "The Home, Its Perils and Its Hopes".

Report Committee Sabbath and Family Religion

Your committee on Sabbath and Family Religion would direct the attention of the Presbytery to the following facts presented by the Assembly's Permanent Committee on this cause.
1. The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ has been preached with regularity and faithfulness in every community in the land. Large churches have been built up, and many have been led to accept Christ as their Lord and Saviour.
2. Many have shown interest in the conversion of the heathen abroad. Large numbers of recruits for mission service, and vast sums of money, have been secured; and great progress has been made in the evangelization of the heathen.
3. And yet, in spite of all this, there is a sad and apparently growing lack of conformity even in the churches to the standards set forth in the Holy Scriptures. There is a lack of interest, an apathy, a distressing lack of response commensurate with the needs of the times that is giving great concern to the Church. Christ is not being honored or followed as He ought to be.
4. Disregard for the sacred claims of the Lord's Day is spreading over the land. Men have closed their eyes and hearts to the fact that for them, physically, mentally and spiritually, the proper observance of the holy day would be of the greatest benefit. Covetousness which is idolatry has closed their eyes to every thing but material gain. If we destroy the Sabbath, we shall soon see all else that we prize take wings and fly away.

5. Family religion is neglected both in and out of the church. And here lies the chief difficulty. This is the reason there are so few children in attendance upon the services of the Lord's Day. This is the reason for so much juvenile delinquincy. If this weakness were removed we would be amazed to see how many other evils would vanish.

In view of these things, your committee would again point out to the Presbytery the urgent need of increased stress upon the claims of the Sabbath and Family Religion; and we recommend:
1. That a day be set apart during the coming year on which the ministers of the Presbytery are authorized and directed to present these subjects to their congregations.
2. That whenever practicable sessional committees of earnest and wise men be appointed to look after these interests.
3. That the claims of the Family Altar League be pressed.
4. In view of the General Assembly's endorsement of the Lord's Day Alliance, and of the fact that already more than $7,000.00 has been expended by the Alliance in the South, that the Lord's Day Alliance be given a definite place in the benevolent budget, and that the General Assembly be overtured to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Courtney, Chairman

The report was adopted.

This committee also recommended that the Presbytery express its appreciation of Mr. Hay's splendid sermon on the "Home" by a rising vote, and that the Presbytery be led in prayer for the restoration and conservation of the Christian Home.
The recommendation was adopted, and at the request of the Moderator, the Presbytery was led in prayer by Rev. Lloyd Courtney.

Presbytery took recess until 2 p.m.

THIRD DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery met at 2:30 p.m., and was led in prayer.

Dismission Candidate Paul Buckles

At his own request, Candidate Paul Buckles was dismissed to the Presbytery of Norfolk.

Reception Candidate Joseph E. Knight

After the usual examination, Mr. Joseph E. Knight, of Leesburg church, was received under the care of the Presbytery as a Candidate for the Gospel ministry.

Report Committee on Sessional Records

The committee on Sessional Records made the following recommendations which were adopted:
That the records of the following churches be approved with corrections: Estatoe, Kingsport, Pleasant Grove, Meadow Creek, Crossnore, Newland, Arcadia, Banner Elk, New Bethel, New Providence, Shull's Mills, Pineola, Leesburg, Johnson City.
That the records of the following churches be approved without corrections: Cold Spring, Morristown, Russellville, Mossy Creek, Rutledge, Cove Creek, Paint Gap, Upper Jack's Creek, Bristol First.

Report Committee on Leave of Absence

The committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend that the following be excused after the Wednesday evening session: Rev. H. H. Cassady, Rev. J. A. Messer, Rev. C. G. McKaraher, Elder J. S. Yelton, Elder J. E. Nance, Elder J. M. Newland, Rev. McCoy Franklin.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. Yelton, Chairman

Overture General Assembly

Rev. R. D. Carson submitted the following overture, which was adopted:

Whereas it has come to the ears of the Presbytery that certain employees of the Sunday school committee at Richmond, Va., have been active in their criticism of the catechetical method of instruction, especially in the case of young children, and their public criticisms having provoked unrest and friction in some of our schools, and have had a tendency to underrate the value of the Catechisms of the Church; we overture the General Assembly to call the attention of the Richmond committee to this teaching, with the prayer that the Assembly silence all such teachings and criticisms of our long-approved standards.

Report Committee on Schools and Colleges

The committee on Schools and Colleges submits the following report: Excellent work is being done in our institutions. King College has about twenty candidates for the ministry. Dr. Robert Yost has accepted the chair of Bible. An earnest body of young men are in attendance. One great need of the college is a larger number of students. The material equipment is increasing.

Stonewall Jackson has the largest enrollment in her history. Buildings have been added to and the work is of a high order.

The secondary schools, Banner Elk, Plumtree and Shull's Mills, are doing fundamental work, and the Presbytery is grateful for the prospect of even larger service.

The Presbytery records its thanks for the delightful fellowship at King College at supper during these sessions. Dr. Scherer is an admirable host. We also thank President Alexander, of Stonewall Jackson College, for his presence and address, and the members of the faculty and students for their service in song at one of our sessions.

We hope the brethren will encourage the prompt payment of subscriptions made to the Educational Campaign Committee as funds are needed for the greater efficiency of our institutions and to meet obligations that have already been assumed.

Respectfully submitted,
Chas. C. Carson, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Communication Rev. J. P. Doggett

The following communication from Rev. J. P. Doggett was read:

To the Presbytery of Holston, convened in Windsor Avenue Presbyterian church, Bristol, Tenn., April 11th, 1922, My very dear Brethren:

I am now feeling the weight of years, and as I advance along the path of my 79th year, together with the strong grip of neuritis, siezing the joints and limbs of my body, I am constrained to ask

you to let me retire, not from the ministry, but from my field of labor, because it is too great for me at this age. I greatly regret to have to submit the above on my part, for how can I give my precious people up?

Respectfully,
J. P. Doggett

The communication was referred to the committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, and in recognition of his long and faithful service, Brother Doggett was appointed evangelist-at-large for the Presbytery.

Report Committee on Home Missions

Your committee on Presbyterial Home Missions begs leave to submit the following annual report:

With gratitude to the Lord of the harvest, your committee feels that satisfactory progress has been made in our Home Mission work during the year just past. The committee has held meetings frequently and with good attendance; considering the needs and problems of the work and offering counsel and help to the best of its judgment. The field workers have toiled faithfully and in real sacrifice and with good success.

By removal from our bounds, we lost but one worker during the year, Rev. W. T. Howison, who retired from active service and was placed on the Roll of Honor of our Church. By resignation of his work in the Jefferson City group, we have lost Rev. R. D. Carson D.D. but he remains in the Presbyyery as superintendent of Synod's work. For temporary work during last summer, we were fortunate in having with us Rev. J. P. McMillan D.D., Mr. Troy Young and Mr. F. F. Comerford.

We have received during the year two ministers, Rev. Geo. F. Robertson of the Windsor Avenue group and Rev. D. B. McLaughlin of the Newland Field, and one lay worker, Mr. J. Woods Hall of the lower Toe river field. Al the brethren have strengthened our cause and the Lord has blessed their labors abundantly,

This has been a record year for us in the matter of evangelistic services. These have been held in the following churches and outposts: New Bethel, Pleasant Grove, Windsor Avenue, Mossy Creek, Concord, White Pine, Estatoe, Russellville, Leesburg, Cove Creek, Shull's Mills, Newland, Blevins Creek, Pineola, Linville, Hughes, Heaton Creek, Three Mile, Alta Pass, Grassy Creek, New Dale, Vians Valley, Forbes, Buladean, Paint Gap, with a total of 394 professions and 188 additions to our church.

During the year one new church has been organized, that of Cove Creek, in Carter County, Tennessee, with 35 members.

We have had mission day school teachers as follows: Miss Annie Greenlee of Wing, N.C., Mrs. M. E. Bradshaw of Relief, N.C., Miss Helen Morrow of Mt. Mitchell, N.C., Miss Annie Wallace of Toecane, N.C., Miss Lizzie Wallace of Newdale, N.C., Miss Osma Newton and Miss Bessie West of Buladean, N.C., Miss Mary Ward of Elk Park, N.C. and Misses Lucy Abrams and Carrie Johnson of Cove Creek, Tenn.

In the matter of buildings and land: we have secured a lot at Cove Creek for the erection of a church; a lot has been given at Relief, N.C. for school building; a lot is offered at Alta Pass, N.C. for the erection of a church. Repairs have been made on the Newdale church, and funds are in hand for building churches at Rock Creek, Mitchell County, N.C. and on Jack's Creek, Yancy County, N.C. A school dormitory has been secured at Buladean, N.C.

Recommendations:

1. It is recommended that Presbytery approve the work of this committee for the year just closed; and authorize the committee

to continue its work on the same basis as last year.

2. It is recommended that Presbytery urge upon all pastors and sessions of the Home Mission churches the great importance of the Every Member Canvass for pastor's salary, current expenses and benevolences; and that Presbytery remind the pastors and sessions of these Home Mission churches of its instruction to the Home Mission committee, to wit, that no appropriation to a church or group shall be made until the churches or groups have taken an Every Member Canvass and reported the same in writing to the Home Mission Committee.

3. It is recommended that the Presbytery call attention to the goal of the Home Mission work, to wit, that the groups become self-supporting at the earliest practicable opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. MacMillan, Chairman

The items of this report were taken up seriatim, each adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

Report Systematic Beneficence Committee

The committee on Systematic Beneficence made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

We recommend:

1. That the name of this department of the Presbytery be made to conform with the corresponding department of the Assembly.

2. That Presbytery make its schedule of percentages for the division of benevolent funds to conform with the Synod's recommendations (See minutes of Synod).

3. That the committee be directed to arrange for a meeting of the deacons and other laymen at a date during this church year and at some suitable place, to which invitation may be extended.

Respectfully submitted,
S. H. Hay, Acting chairman

Report Committee Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, after a verbal report of the labors and progress of this department, made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

We recommend:

1. That the following appropriations from the funds for Ministerial Relief be requested of the Louisville Committee, subject to such revision as the Presbyterial committee may find to be wise: Mrs. Mildred W. Byers, $165.00; Mrs. E. D. Converse, $150.00; Mrs. Julia T. King, $300.00; Mrs. Loytie S. McFerrin, $165.00; Rev. A. C. Snoddy, $300.00; Mrs. Josephine C. Wakefield, $300.00; Mrs. J. A. Wallace, $165.00;

2. That application be made for the placing of Rev. J. P. Doggett upon the Roll of Honor of our Church, and that the Presbytery direct a committee composed of Drs. Chas. C. Carson and Geo. F. Robertson to write Brother Doggett a letter conveying our congratulations upon his reaching another mile-stone in his term of long and bobld service, and expressing to him our great reverence and tender love; and that the committee be authorized to secure for him, after conference, such funds as he may need from the Assembly's Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

Respectfully submitted,
S. H. Hay, Chairman

Report Committee on Evangelism

Rev. S. H. Hay, as chairman of this committee, made a verbal report of the progress in this department.

Resolution of Thanks

An appropriate Resolution of Thanks, voicing the Presbytery's appreciation of the good hospitality of the pastor and people of the Windsor Avenue church, was adopted.

Adjournment

The business of the Presbytery being completed, the minutes were read and approved.

After singing a fellowship hymn, Presbytery adjourned, and was dismissed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Moderator, to meet in the Spruce Pine church, Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 1922, 7:30 p.m.

O. C. Young
Moderator

Stated Clerk

J. H. Hutchison
Temporary Clerk

CALLED MEETING

Holston Presbytery met in called session in the First Presbyterian church, Johnson City, Tenn., Monday June 13th, 1933, at 11:45 a.m.

The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. C. Young, and led in prayer.

Members Present

Ministers:- W. C. Young, J. L. MacMillan D.D., Robert King D.D., Edgar Tufts, C. G. McKaraher, McCoy Franklin, John Martin, T. J. Hutchison.
Elders:- F. T. Nance, Morristown; R. E. Piercy, Banner Elk.
Visitors: - Rev. W. K. Keys of East Hanover Presbytery; Candidate W. A. Powel of Holston Presbytery.

Rev. T. J. Hutchison was requested to act as Clerk pro tempore.

The call was read and found in order and is as follows:
"The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery to convene in the First Presbyterian church, Johnson City, Tenn., Monday June 13th, 1933, 11:45 a.m., to consider the following business:
1. To receive into this Presbytery Rev. Walter K. Keys from East Hanover Presbytery.
2. To receive a call from the Cold Spring church, and if the way be clear, place the call in the hands of Rev. Walter K. Keys.
3. To arrange for the installation of Rev. Walter K. Keys as pastor of the Cold Spring church, if the way be clear.
4. To proceed with the examination for licensure and ordination of Candidate William A. Powel, if the way be clear.
5. To hear the request of Mr. Powel for transfer to Monmouth Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
6. To transact any other business arising out of the above.
(Signed) W. C. Young, Moderator"

Reception Rev. W. K. Keys

Rev. Walter K. Keys presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of East Hanover. In lieu of the customary examination of a minister, Presbytery accepted his examination recently passed before this Presbytery for ordination. Brother Keys was received and enrolled a member of the Presbytery.

A call from the Cold Spring church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. K. Keys was found in order and, when he had signified his willingness to accept it, placed in his hands. The following commission was appointed to install him over the Cold Spring church, on a date to be fixed by the pastor-elect and the commission: Rev. Tilden Scherer D.D., Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, Rev. Lloyd Courtney and Elder Arthur W. King. Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D. was appointed alternate to Rev. Lloyd Courtney and Elder J. D. Faucette alternate to Mr. Arthur King.

Examination Candidate William A. Powel

Candidate William A. Powel appeared for examination for licensure. His examination was most satisfactory and the Presbytery commended him for his diligence in his preparation for the work of the ministry.

Mr. Powel was then licensed a probationer for the Gospel ministry. Presbytery then ordained him to the Gospel ministry as an evangelist and enrolled him as a member of the Presbytery.
Upon his own request, he having accepted a call to labor within those bounds, Brother Powel was granted a letter of dismission to Monmouth Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

The items of the call having been disposed of, the minutes were read and approved, and the Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Edgar Tufts.

W. C. Young, Moderator

T. J. Hutchison, Clerk pro tem

CALLED MEETING

Holston Presbyery met in called session in the First Presbyterian church, Johnson City, Tenn., Tuesday, July 25th, 1933, at 1:30 p.m.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by Rev. J. L. MacMillan and called to order by the last Moderator present, Elder N. L. Dennis.

Members Present

Ministers:- R. D. Carson D.D., J. L. MacMillan D.D., C. G. McKaraher, John Martin, T. J. Hutchison.
Elders:- N. L. Dennis, Newport

Rev. T. J. Hutchison was requested to act as Clerk pro tempore

The call was read and found in order, and is as follows:
"The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery to convene in the First Presbyterian church, Johnson City, Tenn., Tuesday, July 25th, 1933, at 1:30 p.m., to consider the following items of business:
1. To receive Mr. Dixon Rowe under the care of the Presbytery as candidate for the Gospel ministry.
2. To hear a report from the Presbytery's Permanent Committee on Stewardship.
3. To hear the request of Rev. H. H. Cassady that he be granted a letter of dismission to concord Presbytery.
4. To consider the advisability of changing the time of the fall meeting of Presbytery.
5. To transact any business arising out of the above.
(Signed) W. C. Young, Moderator"

Reception Candidate Dixon Rowe

Mr. Dixon Rowe, of Shull's Mills church, appeared before the Presbytery and after the usual examination was received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by Dr. Dennis for God's blessing on Mr. Rowe in his work of preparation for the ministry.

Report Committee on Stewardship

Your committee on Stewardship begs leave to submit the following report:

Inasmuch as such a plan has been recommended by the Synod's Work Committee, and that some of the Presbyteries of the Synod are now using and commend the plan, we recommend that this Presbytery adopt the plan of having a treasurer for all the benevolent gifts of the Presbytery. We further recommend:

1. That Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D. and elder Frank Taylor be authorized to appoint this treasurer and to instruct him in the duties.
2. That the treasurer, when appointed, be empowered to notify the churches of this action; to receive funds from the churches and to forward them, according to the percentage plan adopted at the spring meeting of the Presbytery, to the various accredited agencies, committees, etc., of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur W. King, Chairman

The report was placed on the docket until the fall meeting of the Presbytery.

Dismission Rev. H. H. Cassady

Upon his request, a letter of dismission to Concord Presbytery was granted Rev. H. H. Cassady.

Fall Meeting

The time of the fall meeting of the Presbytery was changed from September 12th to September 5th.

The items of the call having been disposed of, the minutes were read and approved and the Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. John Martin.

N. L. Dennis, Moderator

T. J. Hutchison, Clerk pro tem

STATED MEETING

The 99th stated meeting of Holston Presbytery was held in the Spruce Pine church, Spruce Pine, N.C., beginning Tuesday evening, September 5th, 1933, at 7:30 p.m.

At the request of the retiring Moderator, Rev. W. C. Young, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. Lloyd Courtney on "The Forgiveness of Sins", from Acts 13:38.

The Presbyyery was then called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. C. Young, and opened with prayer.

Members Present

Ministers:- Chas. B. Boyles, Robert D. Carson D.D., Lloyd Courtney, McCoy Franklin, Joseph P. Hall, J. A. Harris, T. J. Hutchison, Walter K. Keys, Robert King D.D., D. W. McIver, C. G. McKaraher, D. B. McLaughlin, John Martin, Geo. F. Robertson, Edgar Tufts, John Young, W. C. Young.

Ruling Elders: W. K. Carson, Bristol First; M. D. Cox, Newdale; R. E. Armstrong, New Providence; J. F. Gross, New Bethel; E. H. Sloop Crossnore; Kingsport, Allen N. Dryden; L. Rolfe, Rogersville; W. W. Bailey, Spruce Pine; F. R. DeVault, Leesburg; Fred Burleson, Banner Elk; E. B. Comerford, Cold Spring; S. M. Branner, Mossy Creek; N. L. Dennis, Newport; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek.

Election Officers

Moderator: Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Supt. Presbytery's Home Missions
Temporary Clerk: Dr. N. L. Dennis, a ruling elder in Newport church.

Report Devotional Committee

Hours of session:- morning, 8:45 to 12; afternoon, 1:30 to 6; evening, 7:30 to the pleasure of the court. 7:30 Wednesday evening was made hour for Presbyterial sermon and communion service.

Courtesies

The following were introduced to the Presbytery: Mr. Troy Young; Mr. Robert Young of Cove Creek; Rev. Wood Hall, lay-worker; Mrs. Lyons and Miss Lapsley of Crossnore; Mr. Joseph E. Knight of Leesburg. Rev. Oscar G. Klinger, of Holston Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Presbytery voted to adjourn the afternoon session on Wednesday to accept an invitation to visit the Plumtree School for Boys. Rev. T. W. Clapp, the newly elected head of the Plumtree school, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet tomorrow morning at 8:45.

SECOND DAY ------ MORNING SESSION

Presbyyery met at 8:45, and engaged in devotional service conducted by Rev. D. B. McLaughlin.

Minutes of prevdous day read and approved.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures:- Rev. W. C. Young, Rev. D. W. McIver, Elders E. B. Comerford, J. F. Gross.
2. Devotional:- Rev. John Young, Elder W. W. Bailey
3. Leave of Absence:- Rev. Charles B. Boyles, Rev. John Martin, Elder F. R. DeVault
4. Judicial:- Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., Rev. Walter K. Keys, Elder N. L. Dennis.
5. Minutes of Assembly:- Rev. Robert King D.D., Rev. C. G. McKaraher, Elder M. D. Cox.
6. Narratiev to Synod:- Rev. Lloyd Courtney, Rev. John Martin, Elder Allen N. Dryden.
7. Nominations:- Rev. John Martin, Rev. Edgar Tufts

Communications

A communication from King College was read and referred to the Committee on Stewardship.
A communication from the Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions was read and referred to the committee on Assembly's Home Missions.
A communication from the Assembly's committee on Men's Work, requesting the appointment of a corresponding committee in the Presbytery, was read and the Presbytery voted to establish such a committee. It was referred to the committee on Nominations.

Call from Spruce Pine Church

A call from the Spruce Pine church for the pastoral services of Rev. John Young was read and found in order, and, Mr. Young having expressed his willingness to accept the call, was placed in his hands.
The following commission was appointed to install him in the Spruce Pine church on the second Sunday in October: to preach, preside and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. Edgar Tufts; to charge the people, Rev. W. C. Young; to charge the pastor, Rev. John Martin; Elders to complete the commission, F. H. Stinson, David Presson.

Call from Newport Church

A call from the Newport church for the pastoral services of Rev. Oscar G. Klinger was read and held pending the reception of Mr. Klinger into this Presbytery, by dismission from Holston Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Aid for Candidate Joseph E. Knight

The Presbytery instructed the chairman of the committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief to seek aid for Candidate Joseph E. Knight through the Louisville Committee.

Overture

Rev. Geo. F. Robertson D.D. presented an overture, asking Presbytery to overture the General Assembly to change the ecclesiastical year from April 1st - March 31st to January 1st - December 31st. It was referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

Orders of Day

It was made the order of the day to hear a sermon by Rev. R. D. Carson at 11 o'clock today.
It was made the order of the day to hear a sermon by Licentiate J. Allen Messer, as part of his examination for ordination, at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

100th Stated Meeting

The Stated Clerk called attention of the Presbytery to the fact that the next meeting of the Presbytery will be its 100th Stated Session, and moved that the Presbytery observe this meeting with an appropriate service in connection with the stated spring meeting.
The Presbytery voted to have such a service, and the following committee was appointed to arrange such a program: Rev. Charles C. Carson D.D., Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., Rev. Lloyd Courtney.

Report Committee Foreign Missions

The year closing March 31st broke all records in our church's contribution to Foreign Missions. The receipts from living donors were $1,310,743.00, an increase of $57,112.00 over the previous year. Our endowments and annuities funds now amount to $693,898.00, an increase during the year of $86,611.00. The value of equipment in our missions equals $1,296,508.00.
We are thankful to God for the large offerings made to the work, and also for the encouraging news from the mission fields. 4731 is the number received into the churches, an average increase of more than 11%. There was an increase in the Sunday school enrollment of about the same per cent. The income from native sources was $274,578.00, or 25¢ for every dollar from the home church, which outnumbers the mission enrollment ten to one.
The African church is rapidly increasing its benevolent offerings; the ranks of tithers are growing fast.
From Korea comes news of great interest in religion. The last two years have witnessed an increase in Sunday school enrollment from 12,000 to 30,000, and in the day schools from 3,000 to 12,000.
In China the grace of giving is swiftly increasing, and our Sunday schools are reported as growing by leaps and bounds,
Out three Brazil missions report gratifying progress. In Cardenas, Cuba we have the largest Protestant school on the Island, reporting a year of phenomenal growth and an enrollment of 609.
In out new Mixican field ten new missionaries were added to the force during the year, a native Presbytery organized, and lay-workers given short courses in the Theological Seminaries.
Recommendations:
1. That special attention be called to the fact that the receipts of the Foreign Mission Committee show a decrease of $46,000.00 for the first four months of the current year, compared with the corresponding months of the previous year. That all our churches be urged to give to Foreign Missions. If the quoto of $1,498,500.00

is fully raised, it will liquidate all the indebtedness, meet the current expenses, and leave some for expansion.

2. That October 29th be observed in all our Sunday schools as Foreign Mission Day, as ordered by the Assembly.

3. That our Missions' need of equipment be made a special subject of prayer. $3,000,000.00 is urgently needed for equipment. According to William T. Ellis we have the best body of missionaries and the most inadequate equipment of all mission work.

4. That our churches, through the Presbytery's committee on Foreign Missions, be urged to apply for visits from our returned missionaries.

5. That churches, societies, and individuals be urged to assume definite pledges for definite parts of the work abroad. Such supporters will receive quarterly letters from the missions helped.

Respectfully submitted,
W. G. Young,
John Young Committee

The report was received, and the recommendations adopted.

Report Committee Presbyterial Home Missions

Your committee on Home Missions begs leave to submit the following report:

Since the spring meeting of Presbytery we have lost three workers from our roll of home mission churches. Rev. J. P. Doggett resigned charge of the New Bethel group, of which he has been pastor for more than 20 years, a step which he felt necessary because of his advanced years. New Bethel group has been placed with the Blountville group and steps are being taken to secure a pastor for the enlarged field. Rev. John Martin has resigned charge of the Meadow Creek group to take work with the First church of Johnson City. Rev. H. H. Cassady has resigned charge of the Mitchell County group to take work in another Presbytery. It is with sincere regret that we give these workers up. Of the new workers secured, we have Mr. J. L. Gray located at Cove Creek, Carter County, Tenn., as Sunday School worker at Cove Creek church and Buladean, Mitchell County, N.C. We have Mr. Stafford Query for summer work in the Banner Elk field, and Dr. N. L. Dennis for work in the Cocke County field; we have secured Rev. John Young as pastor of the Spruce Pine and Grassy Creek churches, and Rev. Walter K. Keys as pastor of the Cold Spring group.

We are glad to report the organization of a new church, that of the Russ Memorial church; post office, Hunnicutt, Mitchell County, N.C.

Two school buildings have been erected: one at Relief, N.C. and one at Cove Creek, Tenn.; and a new teacher's cottage has been built at Blevins Creek, Avery County, N.C.

But the outstanding feature of the summer's work has been the reorganization and equipment of the Plumtree School. The name has been changed from "Boy's Department Lees-McRae Institute" to "The Plumtree School for Boys". Rev. T. W. Clapp, of Ansted, W. Va., has been secured as principal. Contracts for repairing the school building and equipping them with steam heat, water, electric lights, modern school furniture, etc., have been let and the work is well under way. The next school session is to open October 5th and a large enrollment is expected. The main purpose of this school is to afford the opportunity of an education to the boys of these highlands who have not had or who have not taken advantage of their opportunities for securing an education heretofore. Low tuition charges and the privilege of working one's way through the school combine to make the offer of this school exceedingly attractive. It is hoped that the pastors and sessions will co-operate to the very fullest extent

with the management of the school to the end that the boys for whom this school is intended may participate in its advantages and privileges.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. MacMillan, Chairman

The report was adopted.

In connection with the above report Mr. J. L. Gray, of Cove Creek, was introduced and made a very impressive talk relative to his work at Cove Creek.

Report Committee Church Societies

The Woman's Auxiliary of Holston Presbyterial shows growth for the year. During the year 13 auxiliaries made an increase in membership of 73, making a total membership of 779. Contributions to all causes were $7,411.00, a per capita amount of $9.00. Thirty two mission study classes are enrolled, with a membership of 300. There are 24 prayer bands, enrolling 399. There are 12 volunteers for life service; 14 Woman's Bible classes, enrollong 114; and 134 tithers.

The Montreat Summer School of Missions was attended by over 700 delegates from the Woman's Auxiliaries and was the largest and best of any session.

A new Christian Endeavor Society was organized August 13th in the Leesburg church, with 31 members. A Christian Endeavor Society was also organized at Cove Creek, with a membership of 27. Contributions from the Christian Endeavor Societies to Foreign Missions show an encouraging increase, being $663.79 more for the first quarter of the church year than for the corresponding quater last year.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Young, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Report Committee on Sabbath School and Publication

Your committee would report that no new data has come into our hands, but we feel the need of certain recommendations, which are herewith submitted:

1. That special services be held for children and youth, giving at least one service a month.

2. That ministers preach on the Bible, how to study and read it, following this up with formation of Pocket Testament Leagues, pledges for which may be had for the asking from the central League, 133 Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

3. That the Sunday Schools be urged to use, as far as possible, our own church literature, and that our people be urged to patronize our own book house at Richmond.

4. That we again commend the excellent work of Dr. J. J. Fix, Synod's efficient Superintendent of Sunday School and Young People's Work, and that our churches ask him to help as far as possible to hold Sunday School institutes as generally over the bounds of our Presbytery as his time will permit.

5. That emphasis be given this department of our work at each meeting of the Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. F. Robertson
Chas. B. Boyles Committee

The report was adopted

Report Committee Assembly's Home Missions

Your committee on Assembly's Home Missions has no stated report to make, but would respectfully direct the attention of the Presbytery to the colossal undertakings of the Assembly's Committee on Home Missions, and to the marked success with which God is crowning their efforts.

The committee's 905 missionaries are laboring with people of some twenty languages. About one-tenth of the entire population of Mexico has within recent years emigrated to the United States. To minister to the needs of these we have organized the Texas-Mexican Presbytery, and added the Spanish Department to Austin Seminary. Already some 2,000 mexicans have been added to our Church.

Then the work among the Negroes, that among the Jews, and that in our mountain fields, are being pushed with renewed vigor. During the past year more than 12,000 have been added to our Church in the fields under the care of this committee. The contributions of the Church during the past year to this cause was $543,431.00 - quite an excess over any previous year, but still $300,000.00 less than promised.

Your committee would recommend to Holston Presbytery:

1. That for the year before us we give to the Assembly's Committee its quoto of our benevolences as named in the official schedule.

2. That our churches be urged to observe Home Mission Week, November 12-19, in familiarizing our congregations with the work of our church in our own country. To their study we earnestly commend Dr. Homer McMillan's little book: "The Unfinished Task".

Respectfully submitted,
The report was adopted. Robert King, Chairman

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 tonight, the afternoon having been set apart for a visit to Plumtree School for Boys, and was dismissed with prayer.

SECOND DAY ---- EVENING SESSION

Presbytery met at 7:30

The Presbyterial sermon on "The Atonement" was preached by Rev. Geo. F. Robertson D.D. After the sermon the Lord's Supper was celebrated, Rev. D. W. McIver and Rev. Walter K. Keys officiating.

Report Committee Orphans' Homes

Your committee on Orphans' Homes begs leave to submit the following report:

The only Orphans' Home in the Presbytery is at Banners Elk, N.C. The Home is now eight years old. During its existence it has cared for approximately one hundred children. There are fifty two children in the Home at this time, and at least twenty asking for places.

Two important improvements are now in progress. One is an industrial workshop, the building for which is now finished, and one of the needs of the Home is a good supply of working tools. We are expecting this shop to be a valuable asset to the Home. The other improvement is a baby cottage. This is a beautiful building and the money for its completion is in the bank, the gift of Mrs. W. H. Osborn.

1. Support.

The support of the Home comes from three sources: first, the products that are raised on the farm, which amount to approximately $1,000.00 a year; second, voluntary and sporadic gifts from friends of the Home; third, regular collections from Sunday schools and churches. We wish to say that a few of the churches and Sunday schools send regular contributions to the Home, and that they are always greatly appreciated.

2. Needs.

The only special need that the Home has at this time in the way of equipment is a better water supply. We feel that every member of the Presbytery feels the importance of an adequate water supply in a home where are over fifty children to be cared for, and the Home will greatly appreciate some special help for this cause.

Recommendation:

That each Sunday school set apart the collection of one regular Sunday's offering in each month for the support of the half hundred fatherless children that are in the Home.

Respectfully submitted,
The report was adopted. Edgar Tufts , Chairman

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY ------ MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 8:45.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. Robert King D.D.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Report Committee Bills and Overtures

Your committee on Bills and Overtures reports that only one overture has come into its hands, namely, an overture requesting the Presbytery to overture the Assembly to change the ecclesiastical year from April 1st - March 31st to Jan. 1st - Dec. 31st. We do not regard the change desirable and recommend the rejection of it by the Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
The recommendation was adopted. W.C.Young, Chairman

Report Committee on Evangelism

Your committee on Evangelism would report that the efforts that are being put forth to win men and women to Christ are being owned and blessed of God. A large number of faithful evangelistic services have been held in many churches, and many others are planning for such services.

We recommend:

1. That the Presbytery urge our ministers and sessions to provide for evangelistic meetings in each church and mission point.

2. That with this in view, a campaign for the spring and summer of 1923 be planned, and the details of the campaign be referred to the Presbytery's committee on Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
The report was adopted. R. D. Carson, Chairman

Overture

Rev. Edgar Tufts presented the following overture:
I hereby make the following overture to Holston Presbytery:
1. That the Presbytery give its consent for the Trustees of Lees-McRae Institute to establish at Banner Elk, N.C. a junior college for girls, the same to be known as "Woodrow Wilson College", if such an undertaking seems advisable to said Trustees.
2. That the ownership and control of the college be placed in the hands of a board of ten trustees, five of whom shall be appointed by Holston Presbytery and five by Concord Presbytery, provided this arrangement is agreeable to Concord Presbytery.
3. That the trustees of the Lees-McRae Institute be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to secure a charter for the proposed college.
4. That Holston Presbytery appoint, at an adjourned meeting during the meeting of Synod in November, a board of five trustees for the proposed college. And, in case Concord Presbytery declines to enter into the relation, Holston Presbytery shall appoint ten trustees instead of five, six of whom shall be members of Holston Presbytery.

(Signed) Edgar Tufts

Action on this overture was deferred until the adjourned meeting of the Presbytery during the meeting of the Synod of Appalachia at Johnson City, Tenn., in November next.

Organization Russ Memorial Church

Rev. T. J. Hutchison submitted the following report:
Under authority of Presbytery and by the direction of the committee on Presbyterial Home Missions, I have organized a church at Hupniott, Mitchell County, N.C., known as Russ Memorial church, with 18 members. Three elders and two deacons were elected. This was done on the 26th of July 1922.

(Signed) T. J. Hutchison, Supt. of Home Missions.

The action was approved, and Supt. Hutchison and Rev. C. G. McKaraher were commended for their diligence relative to the establishment of this church.

Report Committee Bible Cause

The chairman, Rev. W. B. McLaughlin, made a verbal report for this committee, stressing the importance of this cause and the urgency of its need of adequate support.

Report Committee on Nominations

The committee on Nominations made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

Executive Committees

1. Foreign Missions:- Rev. W. C. Young, Rev. C. G. McKaraher, Rev. John Young, Elder R. E. Armstrong
2. Presbyterial Home Missions:- Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D., Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. Lloyd Courtney, Rev. Chas. C. Carson D.D., Rev. Robert King, Rev. Edgar Tufts, Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., Elders F. T. Nance, Frank Taylor, J. H. Newman, J. D. Faucette, Sam R. Sells

3. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief:- Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., Rev. Tilden Scherer D.D., Elder J. N. Fisher
4. Publication and Sabbath School:- Rev. Geo. F. Robertson D.D., Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Elder W. M. Bayless

Permanent Committees

1. Assembly's Home Missions:- Rev. Robert King D.D., Rev. Chas. C. Carson D.D., Elders E. W. King, J. R. Forgey
2. Church Societies:- Rev. W. C. Young, Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Elders E. H. Moore, J. A. Waddell
3. Schools and Colleges:- Rev. Charles C. Carson D.D., Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., Elders J. D. Faucette, E. H. Sloop, Chas. Massengill
4. Evangelism:- Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., Rev. Robert King D.D., Rev. McCoy Franklin, Elder J. Fred Johnson
5. Orphans' Homes:- Rev. Edgar Tufts, Rev. J. A. Harris, Rev. John Young, Elder Joe H. Slonaker
6. Bible Cause:- Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, Rev. C. G. McKaraher, Elders S. M. Newland, Frank Briscoe
7. Stewardship:- Elder Arthur King, Chairman, together with all chairmen of Executive and Permanent Committees.
8. Comity:- Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D., Rev. Chas. C. Carson D.D., Rev. Geo. F. Robertson D.D., Elders J. E. Brading, J. D. Laveth
9. Sabbath and Family Religion:- Rev. Lloyd Courtney, Rev. J. A. Harris. Elders S. F. Peavler, S. S. McCormick
10:- Men's Work:- Rev. S. H. Hay, Elders J. Fred Johnson, R. P. Barnett, Henry W. Harris, Arthur W. King, F. H. Stinson

Examining Committees

1. Experimental Religion:- D. W. McIver, Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. J. P. Doggett.
2. Theology:- Rev. Chas. C. Carson D.D., Rev. J. L MacMillan D.D., Rev. R. D. Carson D.D.
3. Church History:- Rev. Lloyd Courtney, Rev. W. C. Young, Rev. J. A. Harris
4. Church Government and Sacraments:- Rev. Robert King D.D., Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Rev. McCoy Franklin
5. Philosophy, Logic and Ethics:- Rev. Tilden Scherer, Rev. S.H.Hay
6. Natural Science and Secular Subjects:- Rev. Edgar Tufts, Rev. Lloyd Courtney.
7. Latin, Greek and Hebrew:- Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. Chas. B. Boyles,

Trustees

1. For Lees-McRae Institute: Term expires April 1923, Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D., Elder James Summers; term expires April 1924, Rev. Robert King D.D., Elder F. H. Stinson; term expires April 1925, Elder J. H. Beall
2. For Plumtree School for Boys: Term expires April 1923, Rev. J.L. MacMillan, Convener; Rev. Chas. C. Carson, Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. Edgar Tufts; Elders T. B. Vance, W. B. Burleson, J. D. Faucette, Sam R. Sells; Frank Taylor
3. For Boone Fork Institute: Term expires April 1923, Elders W. S. Whiting, T. W. Hampton; term expires April 1924, Rev. J. L. Macmillan Rev. Edgar Tufts; term expires April 1925, Elders Sam R. Sells, Rev C. G. McKaraher

Respectfully submitted,
T. J. Hutchison, Chairman

The recommendations were adopted

Report Committee Narrative to Synod

Your committee on Narrative to Synod would recommend that the published report of the committee on Narrative to the Assembly at the spring meeting of Presbytery, be made the narrative to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Courtney, Chairman

The recommendation was adopted

Report Commissioners to General Assembly

The Clerk read a written report from Elder James A. Brown, and Rev. C. G. McKaraher and Rev. T. J. Hutchison made verbal reports of their diligence as Commissioners to the last Assembly. The reports were received.

Report Committee Leave of Absence

Your committee on Leave of Absence recommends that Rev. C. G. McKaraher be excused from attendance on the sessions of the Presbytery after noon Wednesday, and that Rev. Edgar Tufts and Rev. D. B. McLaughlin be excused from attendence after noon Thursday.

Respectfully submitted,
Chas. B. Boyles, Chairman

The recommendations were adopted.

Report Committee on Stewardship

Your committee on Stewardship makes the following recommendations:
1. That the benevolent quotas of our churches for the year beginning April 1923 be increased-7½% over their quotas for the present year.
2. That those churches desiring a visit from a representative of the Stewardship Committee to aid in presenting the Progressive Program, notify the Synod's Superimtendent before January 1st.
3. That the pastors enlist qualified laymen who will each present to at least one church our Progressive Program.
4. That the members of this committee living in Bristol be constituted a central committee with Ad-Interim powers.
5. That a deacons' conference be held at Kingsport, the date and the program to be arranged by the following committee: Rev. Robert King, Mr. J. Fred Johnson, Rev. Lloyd Courtney. And that the expense of the program be borne by the Presbytery.
6. In answer to an overture from King College, asking for $3,000.00, the committee recommends that the Synod's Superintendent be asked to write to each church in the Presbytery urging them to contribute to Schools and Colleges the percentage of quotas according to the official schedule.
7. That the Presbytery adopt the schedule of percentage for benevolences suggested by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C Young, Acting chairman

The report was taken up seriatim, each recommendation adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

Nomination Commissioners to Assembly

The following principal and alternate commissioners to the next General Assembly were nominated:

Principals: Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. John Young, Elders F. R. DeVault and E. B. Comerford
Alternates: Rev. D. W. McIver, Rev. J. A. Harris, Elders Arthur King, Allen N. Dryden.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The selection of time and place of next meeting was deferred until the adjourned meeting during the meeting of Synod in November.

The Presbytery took recess for 15 minutes, preceding the hour for preaching service.

Sermon by Licentiate J. Allen Messer

Presbytery reconvened at 11 o'clock, at which time Licentiate J. Allen Messer preached a very helpful sermon from Phil. 3:13,14

Resolution of Thanks

At the close of the preaching service, Rev. D. W. McIver, chairman of the committee on Resolution of Thanks, read an appropriate resolution, which was adopted, with the request that it be read from the pulpit of the Spruce Pine church on next Sunday morning.

Presbytery took recess until 1:30 p.m., and was dismissed with prayer.

THIRD DAY ----- AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery met at 1:30, and was led in prayer by Rev. Charles B. Boyles.

Examination Licentiate J. Allen Messer

Licentiate J. Allen Messer appeared before the Presbytery for examination for ordination.
He was examined in Experimental Religion, Theology, Church History, Church Government and Sacraments. Inasmuch as he appeared as an extraordinary case, the examination in the Greek and Hebrew languages, and in Philosophy, Logic and Ethics were omitted. His examinations in the several branches touched were sustained, after which his examination, including the sermon preached this morning, was sustained as a whole. The Presbytery then proceeded by the laying on of hands and by prayer to set him apart to the sacred office of the Gospel Ministry, after which a suitable charge was given him by Rev. Geo. F. Robertson D.D., and he was enrolled a member of the Presbytery.

Report Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion

The chairman of the committee on Sabbath and Family Religion, Rev. Lloyd Courtney, read a telegram from the representative of the Lord's Day Alliance, Rev. I. Cochrane Hunt D.D., in which the attention of the Presbytery was directed to the fact that Holston was one of the seventeen Presbyteries overturing the Charleston Assembly to place the Alliance on the benevolent budget. These overtures were rejected and the Assembly again ordered special collections for this cause. Les than three hundred churches have responded with gifts. One Presbytery, (Montgomery) has put the Alliance on its budget for one half of one per cent. The Alliance

requested Holston to follow this example. The committee made the following recommendation:

Inasmuch as the Assembly has expressed its approval of the work being carried forward by the Lord's Day Alliance; and in view of the fact that the Alliance has already spent almost ten thousand dollars in the South, and that a more extended program is being projected, we recommend:

1. That the Assembly be again overtured to place this cause on the benevolent budget of the church.
2. That Holston Presbytery now give the Alliance an alotment of one half of one per cent in the schedule suggested to the churches.

The second recommendation was referred to the committee on Stewardship, and the report was adopted.

Adjournment

The business of the Presbytery being completed, the minutes were read and approved.

After singing a fellowship hymn, the Presbytery adjourned to meet during the meeting of the Synod of Appalachia at Johnson City, in November, and was dismissed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Moderator.

T J Hutchison
Moderator

Stated Clerk

N. L. Dennis
Temporary Clerk

ADJOURNED MEETING

The Presbytery of Holston met in adjourned session during the meeting of the Synod of Appalachia, at Johnson City, Tenn., November 8th, 1923.

The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. T. J. Hutchison, and was opened with prayer.

Members Present

Ministers:- R. D. Carson D.D., Lloyd Courtney, J. P. Hall, T.J. Hutchison, Robert King D.D., D. W. McIver, J. L. MacMillan D.D., C. G. McKaraher, John Martin, Geo. F. Robertson D.D., S. H. Hay, Chas. C. Carson D.D., Edgar Tufts, W. C. Young, John Young, Chas. B. Boyles, Tilden Scherer D.D.

Ruling Elders:- W. K. Carson, Bristol First; W. R. Thomas, Windsor Avenue; W. S. Whiting, Shull's Mills; L. Rolfe, Rogersville; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek.

Visitors:- Rev. O. G. Klinger, of the Presbytery of Holston, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; Rev. Henry H. Sweets D.D., of the Presbytery of Louisville; Elder R. P. Barnett, of the Newport Church.

Reception of Rev. O. G. Klinger

Rev. O. G. Klinger appeared before the Presbytery, presenting a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Holston, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and, after having met the customary requirements, was received and enrolled a member of this Presbytery.

A call from the Newport church, for the pastoral services of Rev. O.G.Klinger, was received at the fall meeting and held pending his reception into this Presbytery. The call was taken up and found in order, and, when he had expressed his willingness to accept it, placed in his hands.

The following were appointed a commission to install him in the Newport church: To preach, preside and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D.; to charge the pastor, Rev. R. D. Carson; to charge the people, Rev. S. H. Hay; to complete the commission, Elder H. C. Alexander.

Reception of Rev. T. W. Clapp

Rev. T. W. Clapp appeared before the Presbytery, presenting a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Greenbrier, and, after having met the customary requirements, was received and enrolled a member of the Presbytery.

Reception of Candidate J. E. McKinley

Mr. Johnson Edward McKinley appeared before the Presbytery, requesting to be taken under its care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. He was examined in experimental religion and his motives for seeking the office of the ministry, and, the examination being satisfactory, was received as a candidate under the care of this Presbytery.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by Rev. S. H. Hay for God's blessing on Mr. McKinley in his work of preparation for the ministry.

Upon recommendation of Rev. S. H. Hay, chairman of the committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mr. McKinley was recommended to the Louisville Committee for financial aid during the time of his preparation for the ministry.

Overture

The overture of Rev. Edgar Tufts, asking that the consent of the Presbytery be given for the establishment of a junior college at Banner Elk, N.C., which was presented at the regular fall meeting and action deferred until this adjourned meeting, was taken up. The Presbytery voted to submit the matter to the Synod for its counsel.

Call from Johnson City Church for Rev. John Martin

Upon his request, which was concurred in by the congregation, the pastoral relation between Rev. John Martin and the Meadow Creek church was dissolved, to enable him to accept the call of the Johnson City church as associate pastor. The call was read, found in order, and, when he had expressed his willingness to accept it, placed in his hands.

Petition to Organize a Church at Buladean

A petition was read, in which a requisite number of persons requested the organization of a church at Buladean, N.C., and the Presbytery answered the petition by ordering the organization of said church. The following commission was appointed to effect the organization: Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Rev. W. C. Young, Rev. John Martin, Elder J. L. Gray.

Petition to Organize a Church at Moraine

A petition, bearing a requisite number of signatures for the organization of a church at Moraine, Tenn., was received and referred to the committee on Presbyterial Home Missions.

Installation of Rev. John Young

The following report was received:
The commission to install Rev. John Young in the Spruce Pine church met on the second Sunday in October 1933. The commission was constituted with prayer. Rev. Edgar Tufts was elected chairman and Rev. W. C. Young was elected secretary. Mr Tufts preached the sermon and propounded the constitutional questions. Rev. W. C. Young charged the pastor, and Elder F. H. Stinson charged the people.

(Signed) W. C. Young, Secretary

Action on Overture of Rev. Edgar Tufts

On the advice of the Synod, Presbytery voted to answer the overture of Rev. Edgar Tufts in the affirmative. It is as follows:

I hereby make the following overture to Holston Presbytery:
1. That the Presbytery give its consent to the trustees of Lees-McRae Institute to establish at Banner Elk, N.C. a junior college for girls,

the same to be known as Woodrow Wilson College, if such an undertaking seems advisable to said trustees.
2. That the ownership and control of the college be placed in the hands of a board of ten trustees, five of whom shall be appointed by Holston Presbytery and five by Concord Presbytery, provided this arrangement is agreeable to Concord Presbytery.
3. That the trustees of the Lees-McRae Institute be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to secure a charter for the proposed college.
4. That Holston Presbytery appoint, at an adjourned meeting during the meeting of Synod in November, a board of five trustees for the proposed college. And in case Concord Presbytery declines to enter into this relation, Holston Presbytery shall appoint ten trustees, six of whom shall be members of Holston Presbytery.

(Signed) Edgar Tufts

The present five trustees of Lees-McRae Institute were appointed as trustees for the proposed Woodrow Wilson College.

Action Touching Endowments of King College

On the recommendation of the chairman of the committee on Educational Institutions, all endowments of King College that may be legally transferred were authorized transferred from the old Board of Curators to the ne Board of Trustees

Presbyterial Secretary of Stewardship

The office of Presbyterial Secretary of Stewardship was created, and Rev. T. J. Hutchison was elected to the office for a period of one year.

Time and Place of Spring Meeting

The selection of the time and place of the next meeting of Presbytery, which was deferred from the fall meeting, was placed in the hands of the special committee on program for that meeting.

Schedule of Percentages

The following schedule of percantages for the distribution of funds for benevolences for the current year was adopted:

Foreign Missions	35%
Assembly's Home Missions	8%
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	6%
Sabbath School Extension and Publication	2%
Bible Cause ... one half of	1%
Assembly's Training School ... one half of	1%
Presbyterial Causes	40%
Synod's Colleges	12%
Synod's Home Missions	6%

Distribution of funds for Presbyterial Causes as follows:

Presbyterial Home Missions and Schools	36%
Orphans' Home	4%

The minutes were read and approved, after which the Presbytery adjourned with prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

Roy Kenney Stated Clerk T. J. Hutchison Moderator

STATED MEETING

Rogersville, Tenn., April 10th, 1923

The one hundredth stated meeting of Holston Presbytery was held in the Presbyterian church, Rogersville, Tennessee, beginning Tuesday evening, April 10th, 1923, at 7:30 p.m.

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. T. J. Hutchison, from John 1:1.

The Presbyterial communion service was held, conducted by Rev. S. H. Hay and Rev. Robert King D.D.

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer.

Enrollment

The following were present:
Ministers:- Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Rev. Chas. C. Carson D.D., Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., Rev. Lloyd Courtney, Rev. T. W. Clapp, Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Rev. Walter K. Keys, Rev. Robert King D.D., Rev. O. G. Klinger, Rev. D. W. McIver, Rev. Chas. G. McKaraher, Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, Rev. J. L. MacMillan D.D., Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. Allen Messer, Rev. Geo. F. Robertson D.D., Rev. W. C. Young, Rev. John Young.
Ruling Elders:- J. M. Fain, Bristol First; Chas. Booher, Weaver; R. P. Carmack, Paperville; Sam P. Miller, New Providence; E. H. Sloop, Crossnore; J. D. Hasson, Morristown; A. N. Dryden, Kingsport; Hu G. Kyle, Rogersville; John Yelton, Shull's Mills; John Powers, Johnson City First; J. A. Kiser, Meadow Creek; J. R. Allen, Windsor Avenue; F. H. Stinson, Banner Elk; F. R. DeVault, Leesburg; J. E. Nance, Rutledge; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek.

Election Officers

Rev. Geo. F. Robertson D.D., pastor of the Windsor Avenue church, Bristol, and a former pastor of the Rogersville church, was elected Moderator.
Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Presbytery's Superintendent of Home Missions, was elected Temporary Clerk

Report Devotional Committee

The Devotional Committee recommended that the program prepared by the special committee to arrange a program for this meeting be adopted. It is as follows:

April 10,	7:30 p.m.,	Opening sermon, Rev. T. J. Hutchison
		Communion Service, Rev. S. H. Hay and Rev. Robert King.
		Organization.
April 11,	9:00 a.m.,	Devotional service, Rev. John Martin.
	9:15 a.m.,	Business session
	11:00 a.m.,	Historical Address Hon. John H. Caldwell
	12:00 m.	Noon recess

	2:00 p.m.,	Business session
	3:30 p.m.,	Popular Meeting on Home Missions
	5:00 p.m.,	Evening recess
	6:00 p.m.,	Banquet
	8:00 p.m.,	Address: "The Ethical Effects of Calvinism" Rev. R. C. Reed D.D.
April 12th,	9:00 a.m.,	Devotional service, Rev. Walter K. Keys
	9:15 a.m.,	Business session
	11:00 a.m.,	Sermon: "The Calvinistic Home" Rev. Geo. F. Robertson D.D.
	12:00 m.	Noon recess
	2:00 p.m.,	Business session Adjournment

The recommendation was adopted.

Introduction of Dr. Joseph Rogers Walker

At this point, Dr. Charles C. Carson, pastor of the First church, Bristol, and a son of the Rogersville church, arose and said: "Mr. Moderator, I arise to a question of personal privilege. In this church there is an honored elder in the ninety first year of his age. I wish to introduce him to the Presbytery".

Dr. Carson then introduced Dr. Joseph Rogers Walker, a beloved physician, whose ancestors founded the town of Rogersville, to whom he paid a beautiful tribute. The Presbyyery requested Dr. Carson to commit his remarks to writing, and voted to make them a part of the minutes of this meeting. Dr. Carson said:

"Beloved brethren, Dr. Walker has reached a ripe old age. This in itself is an impressive fact, but others have lived as long, and some even beyond the century mark. However, it is not so important how long we live as how well we live. 'We live in deeds, not years'. The 'how' of life is the power of life, and the real measure of our days is that we have applied our hearts unto wisdom.

Dr. Walker was our family physician. He was doubtless present in prayer as well as in practice when my young mother went down into the 'valley of the shadow' to give me my place in God's plan. His eyes, now dim, were doubtless the first to view my infant form. That lovely mother, so sweet, so tender, so true, so cheery, so sympathetic, so consecrated, so like Jesus, in whose Name she taught her children to pray, and whose sacrifice and example she appreciated and emulated, beyond three score and ten, has gone to heaven, 'the home of the soul', the home of which her own was a beautiful type, the home of which she caught such inspiring glimpses when here on earth. O the unspeakably precious memories of that mother! She is always here with her 'preacher boy', as she fondly and gratefully called me. Doctor, if you enter the gates of glory before I do, and can convey a message to the immortals on the further shore, 'tell mother I'll be there'.

You, sir, and my sainted father were elders in the Old School church, then across the way, now a memory. You and my father were associated in the Sabbath School of the church, of which my father was superintendent for eighteen years. Your boys and his were converted there and joined the church. You were factors in the union of the two churches and continued your official relation in the new organization. My Noble father - and elder brother he was, as well as a father - a brave soldier of the sixties, and a faithful soldier of the 'Captain of our Salvation'. A quarter of a century ago, on an Easter Sabbath, he 'passed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees'. Your home and my father's home were diagonally across the street; your boys and his boys played and

fought and sought and wrought together; one of them my desk-mate at the old McMinn Academy yonder on the hill and my life-long friend.

With tender memories I recall our Christian teacher, Professor A. W. Main, who taught me how to read, and who is now an elder in this church and in attendance on this session of the Presbytery. How this able instructor and good man could pray! I owe much to his precept and example.

The Presbytery knows that you have given two distinguished sons to the gospel ministry: Rev. Hugh K. Walker D.D., of Los Angeles, Calif., and Rev. Lynn R. Walker D.D., of Franklin, Tenn., my boyhood desk-mate and bosom friend and companion in the glorious gospel.

Doctor Walker has probably never missed a service in this church, including Sabbath school and prayer meeting, unless providentially prevented. He wears on his coat the Sabbath School pin of the various metals and meanings for constant attendance. This eminent saint is a living example of the beautiful words of the Psalmist: 'Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will deliver him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation'. The eternal years of God are yours: 'He that doeth the will of God abideth forever'.

Father in Israel; sweet spirited, illustrious saint; we have known you long and loved you well. 'O'er the hill the sun is setting, and the eve is drawing on'. The sunset of your pilgrimage is not far distant, but the afterglow of your rare and radient life will linger in benediction of surpassing splendor, like the incomparable colors that mingle in the glorious western sky as the sun goes down gracefully and silently, photographing the grandeur and inspiration of the picturesque mountains of your nativity, the scenes of 'your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ'. The same sun will beam on the cherished spot where loving hands of grateful friends, with tearful eyes and chasteted memories, will consign your mortal body in the calm confidence of resurrection victory and ascention glory.

Dr. Joseph Rogers Walker, of Rogersville, Tennessee,
Grand old man we all know you to be;
When from the body your soul shall flee,
What a blissful fellowship through eternity.
Friend of God and friend of man,
'If you get to heaven before we do,
Tell all our friends we're coming too'."

Order of Day

It was made the order of the day to hear Mr. Edgar Tufts Jr. and Mr. J. W. Holcomb at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Dismission Candidate J. C. Clark

At his request, through the chairman of the committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, candidate J. C. Clark was dismissed to the care of Montgomery Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator, to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY --- MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 9 o'clock and was led in devotional service by Rev. John Martin.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Communications

A communication from Dr. J. P. McCallie, touching Men's Work, was read and referred to the Committee on Men's Work.

A communication from Rev. R. D. Carson D.D., containing an overture to the Assembly, touching the participation of the Mountain Retreat Association in the Equipment Fund, was read and referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of Standing Committees as follows:

1. Bills and Overtures:- Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Rev. W. C. Young, Elder J. D. Hasson.
2. Devotional:- Rev. D. W. McIver, Elder Hu G. Kyle
3. Leave of Absence:- Rev. W. K. Keys; Elders J. A. Kiser, F. H. Stinson.
4. Finance:- Elders J. E. Nance, J. M. Fain, J. L. Gray
5. Judicial:- Rev. Chas. C. Carson D.D., Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Rev. O. G. Klinger
6. Minutes of Synod:- Rev. C. G. McKaraher, Rev. D. B. McLaughlin
7. Sessional Records:- Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Rev. John Martin; Elders F. R. DeVault, R. P. Carmack, J. R. Allen, F. H. Stinson
8. Statistics:- Rev. T. W. Clapp; Elders Sam P. Miller, Chas. Booher
9. Narrative to Assembly:- Rev. John Young; Elders Allen N. Dryden, John Yelton.
10. Nominations:- Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. W. K. Keys, Elder J. M. Fain

In the absence of the chairman of the Stewardship Committee, Elder Arthur King, Rev. R. D. Carson D.D. was appointed chairman of that committee for this meeting.

Presbytery took recess until the order of the day at 10 o'clock, to hear Mr. Edgar Tufts Jr. and Mr. J. W. Holcomb on the work at Banner Elk.

Addresses, Mr. Edgar Tufts Jr. and Mr. J. W. Holcomb

Presbytery reconvened at 10 o'clock and heard Mr. Edgar Tufts Jr. speak of the Lees-McRae Institute, and Mr. J. W. Holcomb, Superintendent of the Grandfather Orphanage, speak on the Home.
The Presbytery was much impressed with the addresses of these gentlemen and pledged a renewed loyalty to the work at Banner Elk and full support of these gentlemen in the obligation that has come upon them in the untimely death of Rev. Edgar Tufts.
The Presbytery was led in prayer by Rev. Lloyd Courtney for God's blessing on Mr. Tufts and Mr. Holcomb in carrying forward the work.

Mr. Tufts' address was referred to the Trustees of the Lees-McRae Institute and Mr. Holcomb's address to the Committee on Orphans' Homes.

Presbytery took recess until 11 o'clock, the order of the day for the historical address.

Centennial Celebration

Presbytery reconvened at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Charles C. Carson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Bristol, was called to the chair. Dr. Carson stated that the present meeting was one of special interest, it being the one hundredth stated meeting of Holston Presbytery. He then introduced Hon. John H. Caldwell of Bristol, who had been requested to address the Presbytery on "Early Presbyterianism in the Southwest".

Presentation of Gavel

At this point, Rev. Lloyd Courtney, pastor of New Providence church, Stony Point, Tenn., which is the oldest organization within the bounds of the Presbytery, presented the Presbytery with a gavel, made of wood from the pulpit of one of the early buildings used by the New Providence congregation. The New Providence church was founded in 1780, and the building from the wood of which the gavel was made dated back toward the beginning of the last century.
Dr. Carson accepted the gavel, on behalf of the Presbytery, with appropriate remarks.

Historical Address

The Presbytery then heard an address by Hon. John H. Caldwell on "Early Presbyterianism in the Southwest", which was greatly appreciated.
Judge Caldwell was given a rising vote of thanks by the Presbytery, and a copy of the address was requested for publication in the minutes of the Presbytery.

Courtesy

Rev. R. C. Reed D.D., a member of the Presbytery of Atlanta, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Order of Day

2 o'clock this afternoon was made the order of the day for the examination and reception, if the way be clear, of Rev. Robert Yost D.D., from the Presbytery of Duluth, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Presbytery took recess until 2 p.m.

SECOND DAY --- AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2 o'clock

Reception of Rev. Robert Yost D.D.

Rev. Robert Yost D.D., presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Duluth, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and after the customary examination was received and enrolled a member of this Presbytery.

Report Committee on Foreign Missions

Your committee on Foreign Missions respectfully submits the following report:
We rejoice that the labors of our missionaries have been so abundantly crowned with success. 4,356 additions were made during the year to the native churches.

The Phelps Stokes Educational Commission recently commended most highly the work of our mission in Africa. In Latin America all the evangelical denominations of North America, except the Southern Baptists, are co-operating most delightfully in the mission work. The Korean mission has had remarkable success and has given special emphasis to Bible study, personal evangelism and self-support, The other mission fields also show progress during the year.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That churches, societies and individuals be urged to assume definkte obligations for definite parts of our Foreign Mission work.
2. That our Sunday Schools be urged to follow the seven year plan for missionary education and support.
3. That our Christian Endeavor Societies be urged to use the six missionary programs specially arranged for them.
4. That pastors and sessions of our church be requested to lay upon the hearts of our people the great need of funds for equipment in the mission stations and for the sending out of the large waiting list of new missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Young, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Report Committee Minutes of Synod

Your committee on Minutes of Synod would report that they have found nothing in the minutes of the Synod requiring the attention of the Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
C. G. McKaraher, Chairman

Report Committee Church Societies

Your committee on Church Societies reports that all the societies have not sent reports to Presbytery and this report may have to be amended.

We have reports so far from -

14 Woman's Auxiliaries, with a membership of 927, and benevolences amounting to $6,934.56
9 Christian Endeavoe Societies, with a membership of 477, and benevolences amounting to $294.80
1 Boy Scout Band, with 32 members
1 Girl's Band, with 14 members

We recommend: that all the societies of the Church be urged to send promptly full reports of the year's work to the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Young, Chairman

The report was adopted

Report Committee on Assembly's Home Missions

Your committee on Assembly's Home Missions would report that for the first time in two decades the total receipts for this cause did not show a gain over the preceding year, and the Executive Committee is obliged to report to the Assembly a debt of $35,000 on the year's work.

The total receipts from all sources for Assembly's Home Missions for the year ending March 31st was $523,401.66, which is $30,030.30 less than the amount received in 1922. Yet there is encouragement in the fact that there was an increase in contributions from strictly Progressive Program sources, there being a gain of $13,688.10 in contributions by churches, missionary societies,

Sunday Schools and individuals. However, your committee would draw attention to the fact that the total from Progressive Program sources was $369,443 less than the amount assigned Assembly's Home Missions in the Assembly's Benevolent Budget, showing that many Synods, Presbyteries and sessions have not recognized the distinctive claim of this enlarging and fundamental work.

Your committee is gratified to report that in spite of the financial discouragements, the year just closed has been a year of remarkable ingathering. Reports from the Presbyteries show that 9311 were added to the church by profession and 3798 by certificate, making a total of 13,900 that were added to the Church during the year by the workers aided or supported by the Assembly's Committee.

In providing material equipment for the various schools and missions great progress has been made. During the year eight new buildings were completed or occupied, this being the largest gain in material equipment of any year during the history of the work.

Every year it becomes increasingly evident that the Home Mission work of the Church cannot be maintained on the old standards. We are living in a new day and the Church must gird itself to meet the new conditions. The church can no longer go into a new field and grow by starting a work in an old shack on a side street, and no longer can the home missionary go into the work on the meagre salary once paid.

In every Synod, and in almost every Presbytery, there are inviting fields waiting to be occupied. The mountaineers, the immigrants, the Mexicans, the Jews, and the Negroes all make their peculiar appeal. The marvelous developement of the South, especially in the cities, presents the Church with many exceptional opportunities for new and promising enterprises. These opportunities somehow must be met, if the Presbyterian Church is to keep pace with the growing demands at home and in the foreign field.

We are informed that at the meeting of the Executive in March, when apportionments for 1933-1934 were made, applications for assistance totaling more than $1,000,000.00 were presented. When the Committees income is a little more than one half this amount, its financial embarrasment and limitations are readily seen.

In this new day, when such far-reaching changes are taking place in every department of the nation's life, the Church must awaken to the fact that the work of Home Missions is not something to be supported or neglected as we choose. It is an enterprise of fundamental importance, not only to the welfare of the nation but in the life of the Church itself. Home Missions is now a big business and requires large resources for its accomplishment. Many mission leaders are of the opinion that Home Missions is the most urgent business of the Church in this challenging hour of world need.

The following recommendations are offered:

1. That all pastors be urged to preach from time to time on the far-reaching importance of the Home Mission enterprise in the life of the Church and the nation.
2. That Presbytery urge the formation of Home Mission study classes to culminate, if possible, in the observance of Home Mission week in November.
3. That sessions and congregations be urged to recognize the distinctive claim of the Assembly's Home Missions in the work of the church, and the importance of this cause receiving its full apportionment in the church's benevolent budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert King, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Recommendation Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion

The General Assembly has approved the work of the Lord's Day Alliance, but has declined to give the Alliance a definite place in the benevolent budget, although repeatedly overtured by many Presbyteries to do so. It has, however, requested that a special collection for that cause be taken annually. The records show that for the year 1922-1923 only 60 Presbyteries complied with that request, and they contributed only $2,558. In Holston Presbytery only one church sent in this voluntary offering, and it amounted to only $3.00.

In view of the apparent failure of the voluntary contribution plan, and because of the good work being done by the Lord's Day Alliance, in the benefits of which we share, we recommend:

1. That Holston Presbytery join with some 25 other Presbyteries that are taking the same action in again overturing the Assembly to give the Lord's Day Alliance a place on the benevolent budget.
2. That, if the Assembly of this year shall answer these overtures negatively, and until a positive action shall be taken by a subsequent Assembly, Holston Presbytery place the Lord's Day Alliance on its budget, apportioning to it one half of one percent of all undesignated funds for benevolent causes.

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Courtney, Chairman

The first recommendation was adopted, and the second was referred to the Presbytery's committee on Stewardship.

Report Committee Bills and Overtures

The committee on Bills and Overtures recommended the endorsement of the overture submitted by Rev. R. D. Carson D.D. and the recommendation was adopted. The overture is as follows:

Overture to General Assembly

Whereas the Assembly meeting in St. Louis in 1923 apportioned out of the General Equipment Fund, to be raised by the Southern Presbyterian Church, the sum of $300,000 to the Mountain Retreat Association, provided the committee on the Mountain Retreat Association, of which Dr. J. D. Eggleston is chairman, shall report to the next General Assembly that a satisfactory title is vested in the Trustees of the Assembly, and if title cannot be given in a way that protects the interests of our Assembly, then and in that event, this sum of $300,000 shall be given to Foreign Missions; and whereas the 62nd Assembly, sitting at Charleston, W. Va., recinded the aforesaid proviso, giving the said Mountain Retreat Association unconditionally the said sum out of the said Equipment Fund; therefore the Presbytery of Holston overtures the General Assembly to convene at Montreat, N.C., May 17th, 1933 to recind the action of both the above named General Assemblies, in so far as said Assemblies apportioned any part whatsoever of said Equipment Fund to the Mountain Retreat Association; and Holston Presbytery prays that the action be taken for the following reasons, namely and towit:

1. We believe it wrong to apportion money given for maintainance and propogation of the gospel to a corporation not owned by the Trustees of the General Assembly, especially from the Equipment Fund which is to be raised by the sacrificial gifts of God's people.
2. Because while managed and controlled, it is claimed, in the interest of the Southern Presbyterian Church and Presbyterianism in general, it is not the Church itself doing the Lord's work with the offerings of the Lord's people.

3. It is setting a bad precedent in that there is no more reason for apportioning the Church's money for the Mountain Retreat Association than for the Assembly Grounds at Kerrville, Texas, or for the Massennetta Spring Grounds in Virginia, or any other assembly ground that may now exist or may hereafter be set up.
4. That while we pass no criticism on the management of the Mountain Retreat Association, its sincerity and honest purpose to introduce or maintain upon its grounds only those things that are approved by the Church, it is not impossible that at some future time there might be introduced that which would be disapproved by the Church, and then the Church would have absolutely no power to correct it. In other words, the Church as a church does not own and control said Association and therefore cannot dictate its policies.
5. We do not deem it fair or equitable that the people of Texas or Virginia or any parts of the country who have or may have assembly grounds of their own, operated by them for identically the same purposes as Montreat to be asked to contribute to the Mountain Retreat Association to maintain their Assembly Ground. It is putting a double burden on those parts of the Church which by reason of distance or other reason have their own assembly ground which they maintain.
6. We believe that the retention of the apportionment of $200,000 to an enterprise that lies outside the ownership and control of the Presbyterian Church will greatly impede the raising of the Ganeral Equipment Fund.
7. When our Home Mission work and our Foreign Mission work, the enterprises of our Home and Foreign fields are languishing with insufficient equipment, we believe that the Assembly should provide for the enterprises of the Church before any such appropriations should be made to enterprises that lie beyond the jurisdiction of our church.

The Presbytery took recess for five minutes, preceding the hour for the popular meeting on Home Missions.

Popular Meeting on Home Missions

The Presbytery reconvened at 3:30 and engaged in a popular meeting on Home Missions. Certain phases of our Presbyterial Home Mission work were represented as follows: Rev. C. G. McKaraher spoke on the work of the Boone Fork Institute; Rev. T. W. Clapp, the new principal of the Plumtree School for Boys, presented the work of that institution; and Mr. J. L. Gray spoke of the work at Cove Creek.

In connection with the discussion of Home Missions, Rev. R. D. Carson D.D. presented the following memorial to the life and work of Rev. Edgar Tufts of Banner Elk, N.C.

Memorial Rev. Edgar Tufts

This prophet of God and minister of Jesus Christ, having served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep on January 8th, 1933.

He was born at Kirkwood, Georgia, December 4th, 1869. He was graduated from Washington and Lee University and Union Seminary in Virginia. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Concord in May 1897, and ordained as shepherd of the hills the following September, and assigned to Home Mission work in what was then Mitchell County, N.C., where he had spent his Seminary vacations. In this section of

the great empire of Western North Carolina, his whole ministry was spent, except a short period of service as evangelist of the Presbytery of Savannah.

Beginning without funds or friends, he worked and prayed until he could count the assets of the institutions he had founded by the hundreds of thousands and his friends wherever the story of his faith and sacrifice was known.

In just a little more than a quarter of a century, he established a church and erected a building that is one of the most beautiful in the mountains of North Carolina. He founded and fostered Lees-McRae Institute, in whose walls more than a thousand girls and young women have been trained for the responsibilities of life. He founded Plumtree School for Boys, in whose walls hundreds have come under the influences that have blessed their lives and enriched the world. He founded the Grandfather Orphanage, which has rescued scores of God's little ones from surroundings of want and brought them under the influence of the Christian home. He established the Grace Hospital, which has been ministering to the diseased bodies of the people of the hills. He has established all through this mountain region churches which have brought messages of healing to souls diseased by sin. All this was done and never a dollar of debt incurred. No man of hid generation in the ministry of our Church has had a larger, more fruitful ministry, The outstanding characteristics of his life are these: Faith in God. He began his life work on his knees, and by way of his Lord's throne he approached those to whom God had intrusted this world's goods.

Faith in his fellowmen. He believed in men because he loved his fellowmen, and because he showed himself friendly, he made friends who believed in him and his work.

Faithfulness to duty. His heart was among the people to whome he gave his life and in these years he gave himself without stint in their service. No day was too cold, no mountain road too bleak, no appointment too far away for him. Forgetting self, he lived for others.

The crowning virtue of his life was passionate love for the Christ who died for him. "The love of Christ constrained him". Moved by these characteristics, his life has been an inspiration to his brethren, a song of praise to his Lord, and a benediction to the world in which he lived.

Report Committee Presbyterial Home Missions

Your committee on Home Missions begs leave to submit the following report:

In reviewing the work of the year just past, the matter which comes first into prominence and which is deserving of first mention is our sorrow and sense of loss in the death of Rev. Edgar Tufts, our brother and fellow-member of this committee, and most efficient laborer in our Home Mission work. For more than twenty years Mr. Tufts had given his life unsparingly to the school and church work of Avery and Watauga Counties, N.C., building up a work which is so well known among us that we need no describe in detail here, and a work which has contributed so mightily to the building up of God's kingdom in this country; and who was taken just when plans for the extension of his work were at their maximum. We mourn his death and we keenly feel his loss, and while we do not understand the ways of God's providence, we can confidently pray Him not to suffer the work to languish, although He has removed the worker from us.

An outstanding feature of the work during this year has been the enlargement of the work at Cove Creek and Buladean under the

supervision of Mr. J. L. Gray, a layman, in which a church and mission having a total membership of less than thirty have increased to a total membership of over one hundred, with the mission organized into a church, a new church built, a school house built, etc.

Another outstanding feature has been the reorganization and equipment of Plumtree School for Boys. This school, under the efficient management of Mr. T. W Clapp, has been made a standard high school; has accomplished a most satisfactory year's work; had an enrollment of over 50 boys; and has one of the very brightest futures before it.

The year's work has also resulted in the strengthening of our mission day schools. There are four of the schools in places where we own the school buildings, and three of the places have teacher's cottages. These four schools are located at Buladean, N.C.; Cove Creek, Tenn.; Blevins Creek, N.C.; and Relief, N.C. They have each made a full report of the year's work, of which the summary is as follows: total number of teachers, including summer helpers, 10; total enrollment of pupils 434; total number of grades taught are, in three of them 8 grades are taught, and in the other 7 grades; total number of buildings 9; value of these buildings $3,850; total amount of land owned 3½ acres; value of this land $290; value of school equipment $650; grand total of all these values $4,885; total receipts for salaries, current expenses, buildings, equipment, etc., $3,577; total disbursements for all causes $3,577.

In addition to the workers in these permanent mission day schools, our church received the services of four teachers, located at Forbes, N.C., Newdale, N.C., Mt. Mitchell, N.C., and Hughes, N.C., three of whom received salaries from the County School Board, one of whom was on her own charges, and one of whom was helped by one of our own churches. They had a total of over one hundred children in their charge; were active in the sunday school and young people's work; helped with the Progressive Program; and in many ways strengthened the work.

In addition to these two classes of schools, we have in the bounds of our Presbytery, but under the control of the General Assembly's Committee of Home Missions, four day schools in or near Cocke County, Tenn., with a total of eight teachers, and an enrollment of over two hundred; each having a school building and a teacher's cottage well equipped. This work is under the direction of Rev. J. Allen Messer. Including all the workers, there was a total of 750 children brought under the influence of our teaching during the year past.

Three churches were organized this year; Russ Memorial, in Mitchell County, N.C.; Buladean, also in Mitchell County; and Smoky Mountain in Cocke County, Tenn.

Land was secured and buildings erected as follows: a school house and an additional room to the cottage at Cove Creek; an old church remodeled near Buladean, known as Hughes Chapel; a teacher's cottage built at Blevins Creek; a church building started at Smoky, near Newland, N.C.; a school house built at Relief, N.C.

Workers for the summer have been secured as follows: Candidate N.L. Dennis has been engaged for work at Ebenezer Mission and Black's Mission, Cocke County, Tenn.; Candidate B. S. Hodges, for work in the Cove Creek field in Carter County, Tenn.; Candidate Hugh Gray, for work in the school and field at Plumtree, N.C.

An extensive and intensive evangelistic campaign is being planned for the summer and fall and it is hoped that a revival can be held in each church. We have the promise of getting Rev. J. McD. Lacy, Assembly's Evangelist, for three month's work in this campaign. The results in this department of our work for the past year have been that two meetings were held at Newdale, N.C. and one each at the following places: Leesburg, Mooresburg, Forbes, Russellville,

Buladean, Grassy Creek, Meadow View, Windsor Avenue, Smoky, Pineola, Linville, Weaver, Paperville, Cold Springs, Rooty Branch, Moraine, and Mt. Sterling, with a total of 341 reconsecrations, 171 conversions, and 146 additions to our churches.

In order to get regular, full and prompt reports from the field, the Committee took action requiring the sending of these reports on time, if the salary checks were to be sent on time; asking a monthly report from every preacher, teacher or salaried worker of any kind; the workers have readily responded to this and it is hoped that this promptness will continue.

Recommendations:

1. That Presbytery urge our pastors to give the right-of-way to the appeals of the mission churches for conducting revivals in these churches this year.
2. That Presbytery urge our pastors and elders to put more emphasis on Sabbath observance and family religion; stewardship of life and possessions; and regular observance of the Lord's Supper.
3. That Presbytery incoroprate with the church reports annual reports of our high schools, to wit: Lees-McRae Institute, Plumtree School for Boys and Boone Fork Institute, and print said reports in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
J.L. MacMillan, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Presbytery took recess until 8 o'clock tonight.

SECOND DAY ----- EVENING SESSION

Presbytery met at 8 o'clock.

Address, Rev. R. C. Reed D.D.

Rev. R. C. Reed D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, addressed the Presbytery on "The Ethical Effects of Calvinism".

The Presbytery expressed its appreciation of Dr. Reed's splendid address by a rising vote of thanks.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, and was dismissed with prayer.

THIRD DAY ------ MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 9 o'clock and was led in devotional services by Rev. Walter K. Keys.

The Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Report Committee on Narrative of Session

We submit the following facts touching Christian Life and Work:

That out of 50 churches in the Presbytery, only 27 reports reached the head of this committee.

An average of about 63% of the membership of the churches attended morning service; evening, 45%; prayer meeting, 34%, but only 11 churches reported a prayer meeting.

373 additions to the church are reported, 219 on profession and 154 by certificate. This is 247 less than last year. Of the 373 added to the church, 180 came in through the Sabbath school.

17 evangelistic services are reported, with markes improvement in the condition of the church.

The number of family altars reported is 356, which is distressingly small, and only seven Family Altar Leagues are reported.

51 communion services are reported, the average attendance being 69%.

It is reported that the Lord's Day is generally well observed.

Reports show that as a whole parents are faithful in presenting their children for baptism.

It is indicated by reports that parents have been more faithful in teaching their children the Catechisms than they were last year.

Reports show that there are only a very few Sabbath schools that are not teaching the Catechisms.

About one half of the Sabbath schools are reported as doing any work in memorizing the Scriptures and hymns.

The pastors are generally reported as being faithful in teaching the principles of the Stewardship of life and possession.

Reports show that 365 members tithe.

Only seven churches reported as having paid in full their apportionment in full to the benevolent causes, but most report pastor's salary paid fully and promptly.

Indications are that worldly conformity does not exist to any alarming degree. One church reports as being perfect.

One half of the churches report evangelistic work done outside their bounds.

Two thirds report having made some effort to secure recruits for the ministry.

Recommendations:

1. In the face of the appalling number of churches that did not make report, that Presbytery earnestly request the pastors and elders to see to it that their reports be on hand next year.
2. In view of the fields that are white already to the harvest, and the ever widening opportunity of our church and in the face of the appalling number of churches that did not pay in full their apportionments to the benevolent causes, that each pastor of such a church take this matter to heart, take it to God, and take it in hand, and see that his church goes over the top next year.
3. That greater effort on the part of pastors and sessions be made to secure recruits for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Young, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Report Committee on Sessional Records.

The committee on Sessional Records recommended that the records reviewed by them be approved as follows:

Without exceptions: Cove Creek, Bristol First, Johnson City First, Paperville, Crossnore, Kingsport, Cold Spring, Russellville, Weaver Morristown, Newport, Leesburg, Grassy Creek, Windsor Avenue, Mossy Creek

With exceptions:

Newland, except that only three meetings have been held since November 26, 1921.

New Providence, except that minutes of congregational meeting are recorded with minutes of sessional meetings.

Spruce Pine, except that no meetings held from May 1919 to July 1922

Rutledge, except that record of one meeting does not show whether it was opened and closed with prayer.

Banner Elk, except that book has not been before Presbytery since 1920, several meetings do not show whether opened and closed with prayer, and does not show that minutes approved by session.

Rogersville, except that record has not been before Presbytery since 1921.

Plumtree, except that book has not been before Presbytery since 1917, and from that time until the present only twelve meetings have been held, also many meetings do not show that opened and closed with prayer.

We recommend: that the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery write to the preachers or clerks of sessions of those churches whose books were not before this meeting of the Presbytery and notify them that they are required to bring the books to the fall meeting of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

The report was adopted. Chas. B. Boyles, Chairman

Report Permanent Committee on Men's Work

The General Assembly of 1922 took the following action on the Men's Work of our church:

That the Stewardship Committee be directed "at its meeting in July to elect a committee of seven, composed of ministers and elders, said committee to name its own chairman, and to be known as the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Men's Work, whose duties it shall be to effect such organization for the denomination as is in accordance with denominational procedure and in harmony with the Presbyterian Progressive Program of the Church, which shall have charge of the entire Men's Work of the Church, and shall be empowered to organize the work in Synod, Presbytery and local congregation;"

This order has been duly executed as far as time has allowed. At the request of the Assembly's new permanent committee, a committee corresponding to itself was appointed last fall in our own and other Presbyteries. A tentative constitution with by-laws has been drafted and was presented at all the regional laymen's conventions during February and March. The chairman of your committee was present at one of these gatherings and heard the constitution read, It is in his judgment sound and wise in all of its provisions.

It is possible, however, that the Assembly of the present year may revise in important particulars the tentative plans. It was only last year that the committee was appointed to take the whole matter under advisement. That which is done hastily is not often done well. Your Presbyterial committee, if continued, will not press the matter with the churches before the fall months, after the meeting of the Assembly. Very little time will be lost and the Assembly's recommendation will by that time be complete.

With the Church definitely planning this new structural factor, we should keep before us some important facts that give us pause and reflection. In adding further to our ecclesiastical structure we are increasing also our problems. Civilization and church life have become amazingly complex. There was a time when the organized factors of our church were only the Scripturally appointed units of family, congregation, session, diaconate and Presbytery. Since then have been added our choirs, Sunday schools, organized classes, clubs and auxiliaries, each making ostensibly its contribution to the church life, yet adding undeniably to its problems.

The present is a mechanical age, and the reflex of this must inevitably appear in the modes and make-up of contemporary church life. The church will doubtless do wisely to adapt itself to such

ruling ideas and modes as are not contrary to right and Scripture, and which will contribute to its usefulness. Yet we must remember that spirit remains more important than mechanics. No congregation that is too small for highly organized ecclesiastical life should feel itself humiliated or its importance minified, or its usefulness fatally handicapped by its being unable to possess units additional to those appointed in Scripture. As a matter of actual fact, an undue proportion of our leaders are even now being called of God from churches that are small and of simple type. Al or our churches, including those that are correctly placing great emphasis upon organization, should study to place spirit above structure. The hope of the church is now as always in the presence of the spirit rather than in any devices of organization. The main need of this mechanical hour is a tide of power from God. Your committee would recommend a hearty co-operation with the Assembly's plan for organizing the men of the church into an efficient unit; yet we would bring reminder of the dangers and problems involved and suggest caution and deliberation in procedure. We would specially urge that between the present time and the coming autumn all congregations and pastors give thought to the selection of only men of approved piety for leadership in this comparatively new department of our church work.

Respectfully submitted,

The report was adopted. S. H. Hay, Chairman

Report Committee on Sabbath School and Publication

Your committee on Sabbath School and Publication submits the following report:

Churches reporting	26
Schools reported	38
Officers and Teachers	323
Scholars	3875
Cradle Roll	315
Home Department	200
Total enrollment as reported	4749
Scholars added to communion of church	100

Contributions:

Foreign Missions	644	S. S. Ext. and Pub.	309
Assemb. Home Mission	320	Educational Institu.	333
Synod's Home Mission	337	Bible Cause	106
Presby. Home Mission	530	Orphans' Homes	430
Cong. Home Mission	573	Current Expenses	2726
C. Educa. and Min. Rel	430	Miscell. contributions	797

Total contributions .. $7,350

Schools of Method have been conducted in this Presbytery during the past year, under the superintendence of Rev. J. J. Fix D.D., as follows:

One at the Bristol First church, February 5-9, 1923, at which 18 were enrolled and 11 received certificates of graduation.

One at Johnson City First church, February 12-16, 1923, in which 77 were enrolled and 49 received certificates of graduation.

In these schools of methods there are ten lessons. Two are given each night in 45 minute periods. The course is the same as the General Assembly's three year course, in which there are four books each year.

We wish to repeat a former recommendation that the superintendents or pastors of the Sabbath schools arrange through the chairman of your committee to have Dr. Fix, Synodical Superintendent of Sabbath School and Young People's Work, to hold institutes, schools of method, and district conventions whenever practicable.

We further recommend:

1. That ever church send carefully selected representatives of the young people to our Synodical conference, which is to be held in Stonewall Jackson College, Abingdon, Va., June 5th to 13th inclusive. The expenses of this Conference are: board for the time of the Conference, $10.00; registration fee, $3.00; total $13.00. Each Presbytery is allowed thirty representatives if they register before May 25th. After that date the registration will be open for all.

2. That a definite teacher training policy be established in each Sabbath School. Trained and consecrated leadership, humanly speaking, is the secret success in the Church's great educational task. Schools are urged to use ever available means to this end. Encourage correspondence study and reading, establish local training classes, and take advantage of a standard training school, summer conferences and institutes.

3. That the standard of efficiency be used as a measuring rod of the school's completeness and effectiveness in organization, and as an incentive to better work.

4. That each school be urged to take a special collection once each month for the Grandfather Orphans' Home.

Respectfully submitted,
Gro. F. Robertson, Chairman
Chas. B. Boyles

The report was adopted.

Report Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The committee on Christian Education and Mimisterial Relief reported verbally on the work of this department in the church at large, adding the following on the work in Holston Presbytery, which was adopted:

The Presbytery has now under its care ten candidates for the ministry and one woman student at the Assembly's Training School. In order that the Presbytery may carry these candidates in its interest and prayers, the list is given herewith for record:

James C. Clark, Banner Elk, N.C., now in his senior year at Union Seminary; N. L. Dennis, Newport, Tenn., at Union Seminary in his middle year; Joe E. Knight, Jonesboro, Tenn., at King College; J.E. McKinley, Quintin, Miss., at King College; J. Dixon Rowe, Shull's Mills, N.C., at Boone Fork Institute; W. R. Smith, Russellville, Tenn., at Union Seminary in his middle year; Troy L. Young, Micaville, N.C., planning to enter Louisville Seminary the coming fall; Elvin H. Hurst, now at a medical school in Richmond.

E. P. Day, of Whitesburg, Ky., and D. F. Waddell, of Greeneville, Tenn., we have been unable to hear from directly for several years, though response to our letters has been courteously and persistently requested. In directly we have heard that the former was at Tusculum College last year, and that the latter is at Maryville College at present. We recommend that these candidates be removed from our roll of candidates, with the right of reinstatement without examination, upon indication of their so desiring.

We recommend that E. H. Hurst be removed from our roll of candidates at his own request; and that James C. Clark be dismissed at his own request to the care of Montgomery Presbytery.

The department of Ministerial Relief is giving aid to three infirm ministers and six widows, whose names follow with appropriations recommended for the current church year. The committee requests authority to revise the figures in the event new needs or conditions develope.

Mrs. Mildred W. Byers $100; Mrs. Eva D. Converse $150; Rev. J. P. Doggett $600; Rev. W. T. Howison $500; Mrs. Julia F. King $250; Mrs. Lottie S. McFerrin $200; Rev. A. C. Snoddy $300; Mrs. Josephine C. Wakefield $300; Mrs Sue T. Wallace $200. These figures are the same as for the past year. To these amounts was added by the Executive Committee a bonus of about 25% in accordance with a policy persued for several years. There is no guarantee of this bonus for any future year.

Certain facts in connection with our financial support of this department deserve the consideration of the Presbytery. Your chairman has disbursed for relief the past year $3,078, and our candidates have received on our application from Louisville $1,000. We have used therefore of the Church's money about $4,000, whereas we have contributed for the same year only about $1,700, according to reports recently placed in my hands by Dr. Sweets. Last year the Synod recommended to the Presbyteries that 6% be the amount assigned to Christian Education and Ministerial Relief in the schedule of benevolences. The Presbytery of Holston adopted the Synod's recommendation and passed it on to the churches. The committee asks that members of Presbytery, and especially our Stewardship Committee, consider whether the Presbytery's special need and expenditures in this department do not warrant an increase for this cause in the schedule in percentages to be recommended to the churches next fall.

Respectfully submitted by the committee,
S. H. Hay, Chairman

Report Committee on Stewardship

Your committee has not had a full meeting of all members since its appointment, but the members living in Bristol have had several called meetings at which the percentages were passed and quotos agreed on for each church.

A letter was sent out to each church notifying them of the percentages and asking them to accept the quotos proposed. Your chairman received letters from eight churches accepting quotos.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur King, Chairman

Address, Dr. J. Fred Alexander

Presbytery heard Dr. Fred Alexander, president of Stonewall Jackson College, speak on the condition and needs of that institution.

Presbytery took recess until 11 o'clock

Sermon by Rev. Geo. F. Robertson D.D.

Presbytery reconvened at 11 o'clock and heard a sermon by Rev. Geo. F. Robertson D.D. on "The Calvinistic Home".

Presbytery took recess until 1:30 p.m.

THIRD DAY ---- AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer of the Presbytery, Rev. Lloyd Courtney, submitted his annual report as follows:

RECEIPTS

1922		
April 10,	Balance, as per statement 1922	376.84
	Received from churches for taxes ..	335.60
1923		
Apr. 10 -	Cash on hand	143.50
	Total	$835.98

DISBURSEMENTS

1922		
Apr. 19 -	Postage	1.00
19 -	Assembly's Assessment	509.49
May 18 -	Stationery	8.05
July 18 -	Postage	1.00
Aug. 14 -	Printing Minutes (Spring)	64.45
14 -	Postage	2.00
Nov. 1 -	Printing Minutes (Fall)	46.37
3 -	Envelopes and postage	2.50
6 -	Salary, S. C. and Treasurer	75.00
8 -	Travelling expenses (Synod 1922) ..	34.66
1923		
Jan. 18 -	Supplies (Report blanks, etc.)	10.82
	Total	$755.34
	Balance	$80.62

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Courtney, Treas.

The report was referred to the Finance Committee.

Report Committee on Leave of Absence

Your committee on Leave of Absence recommends that elder F. H. Stinson be excused after the morning session Wednesday; that Dr. Robert Yost be excused after 2:30 Wednesday; that Rev. John Martin be excused after the evening session Wednesday; that elder E. H. Sloop be excused after the Wednesday evening session; that elder J. R. Allen be excused after 2:30 Thursday.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter K. Keys, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Time and Place of Fall Meeting

The invitation of the Cold Spring church, extended through the pastor, Rev. Walter K. Keys, for the fall meeting of the Presbytery to be held with that congregation was unanimously accepted; and Rev. Walter K. Keys and the Stated Clerk were appointed a committee to set the time for the meeting.

Commissioners to General Assembly

The following principal and alternate commissioners to the General Assembly were elected:

Principals:- Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. John Young; Ruling Elders F. R. DeVault and E. B. Conerford.
Alternates:- Rev. D. W. McIver, Rev. J. A. Harris; Ruling Elders Arthur King and Allen N. Dryden.

Report Finance Committee

Your committee on Finance has examined the statement of the Treasurer, Rev. Lloyd Courtney, and find it correct. Its approval is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Nance, Chairman

Address by Dr. Tilden Scherer

Rev. Tilden Scherer, president of King College, addressed the Presbytery on the condition and needs of that institution.

Report Committee on Statistics

Your committee on Statistics would report as follows:

Number of ministers on roll	39
Number of churches	48
Number of licentiates	1
Number of candidates for the ministry	10
Number of installations of pastors	2
Number of pastoral dissolutions	2
Number of churches organized	3
Number of Ruling Elders	300
Number of Deacons	184
Number added on examination	294
Number added on Certificate	175
Total number of resident communicants	4332
Total number of non-resident communicants	851
Whole number of communicants	5183
Number adult baptisms	151
Number infant baptisms	62
Total Sunday School enrollment	4754

Benevolent funds contributed:

Foreign Missions	11,179
Assembly's Home Missions	3,435
Synod's Home Missions	2,253
Presbytery's Home Missions	8,667
Congregational Home Missions	8,904
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	3,404
Sunday School Extension and Publication	1,034

Educational Institutions	35,036
Bible Cause	277
Orphans' Homes	1,571
Current Expenses and Presbyterial Tax	25,469
Pastor's salaries actually paid	31,533
Miscellaneous contributions	5,347

Respectfully submitted,
T. W. Clapp, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Report Committee on Comity

The committee on Comity reported that no matters had come before them, hence they had no reports to make.

Report Committee on Bible Cause

The committee on Bible Cause reported that no new material had come into theor hands, hence they had no report to make.

Report Committee on Educational Institutions

The committee on Educational Institutions expressed its appreciation of the addresses of Doctors Scherer and Alexander, presidents of King College and Stonewall Jackson College respectively, and recommended that these addresses be received as the committee's report for information.
The recommendation aas adopted.

Annual Report from Lees-McRae Institute

The Board of Trustees of the Lees-McRae school, located at Banner Elk, N.C., submit the following report to Holston Presbytery for the year ending March 31st, 1923:
Name of principal: Edgar Tufts Jr. Names of teachers: Miss Estill McTrue, Miss Phifer, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Byers, Miss Caldwell, Miss Stewart, Miss Franklin, Miss Page.
Grades taught: 10 Length of school session: 8 months
Total number of pupils enrolled: 96. Total in high school: 48
Number of buildings: 4. Value of same: $55,000.
Amount of land owned by school: 200 acres. Value: $4,500
Value of equipment and other property: $21,000. Grand total: $80,500

Receipts during past session:

1. From churches, societies, etc.	$1,938.70	
2. From Home Mission Committee	$1,000.00	
3. From school property	757.95	
4. From other sources	11,796.15	
Total receipts		$15,492.80

Disbursements during past session:

1. For salaries of principal and teachers.	$3,625.00	
2. For purchase of property and equipment.	3,000.00	
3. For other expenses	7,177.75	
Total disbursements		$13,802.75
Balance		$1,690.05

(Signed) J. L. MacMillan, Chm

Annual Report from Boone Fork Institute

The Board of Trustees of Boone Fork Institute, located at Shull's Mills, N.C., submit the following report to Holston Presbytery for the year ending March 31st, 1923:
Names of teachers: Mrs. L. H. McKaraher, Mr. C. G. McKaraher, Mr. J. S. Yelton, Miss A. M. Brown, Miss Donna M. Hubbard.
Grades taught: 9. Length of school session: 9 months.
Total number pupils enrolled: 63. Total in high school: 13
Number of buildings: 4. Value of same: $9,750.00
Amount of land owned by school: 87 acres. Value: $2,175.00
Value of equipment and other property: $2,684.00. Grand total: $14,609.00

Receipts during past session:

1. From churches, societies, etc.	$375.00	
2. From Home Mission Committee	1,452.00	
3. From individuals	1,710.00	
4. From other sources	161.00	
5. From school tuition	240.00	
Total		$3,938.00

Disbursements during past session:

1. Salaries of principal and teachers	$1,100.00	
2. For other current expenses of school	1,142.00	
3. For purchase of property and equipment.	1,125.00	
4. For taxes, interest on loans, etc.	520.00	
Total		$3,887.00
Balance		$51.00

(Signed) W. S. Whiting, Chm.

Annual Report from Grandfather Orphans' Home

The Board of Trustees of Grandfather Orphans' Home, located at Banner Elk, N.C., submit the following report to Holston Presbytery for the year ending March 31st, 1923:
Name of principal: Miss Kate Query. Names of teachers: Miss Margaret Query, Miss Sylvia Roberts.
Grades taught: 9. Length of school session: 8½ months.
Total number pupils enrolled: 51. Total in high school: 4
Number of buildings: 8. Value of same: $30,000
Amount of land owned by Home: 300 acres. Value: $11,000.
Value of equipment and other property: $3,000. Grand total: $34,000.00

Receipts during past session:

1. From churches, societies, etc.	$2,561.05	
2. From Synod's Fund	286.00	
3. From Home property	1,000.00	
4. From other sources	5,111,30	
Total receipts		$8,958.42

Disbursements during past session:

1. For salaries of principal and teachers.	$2,850.00	
2. For other current expenses of school	4,738.11	
Total disbursements		$7,588.11
Balance		$1,431.31

(Signed) J. W. Holcomb, Chm.

Organization of Buladean Church

The following report was received:
Your commission to organize a church at Buladean, N.C. met there on Nov, 14th, 1922, at 7 p.m. There were present: Rev. John Martin, Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Rev. W. C. Young and Elder J. R. Gray of the Cove Creek church. The commission was constituted with prayer and Rev. W. C. Young was elected Secretary. The church was duly organized with 30 members. Rev. John Martin preached the sermon, and Rev. W. C. Young presided and propounded the constitutional questions.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Young, Secretary

Organization of Smoky Mountain Church

The following report was received:
Under the authority of the Presbytery, and by direction of the committee on Presbyterial Home Missions, I organized the Smoky Mountain church (post office, Moraine, Tenn.) on Dec. 17th, 1922, with twelve members. This church is supplied by Rev. J. Allen Messer of Mt. Sterling, N.C.

(Signed) T. J. Hutchison,
Supt, Pres. Home Missions

Publication of Historical Address

The Presbytery reconsidered its former action, in which the Historical Address of Hon. John H. Caldwell was ordered incorporated in the minutes of the Presbytery, and instructed the Stated Clerk to have the address printed in pamphlet form, and in such number as his judgment may dictate, and authorized the Treasurer to defray the expense of printing said address out of the general funds of the Presbytery.

Report Committee on Nominations

The committee on Nominations made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

Executive Committees

1. Foreign Missions:- Rev. W. C. Young, Rev. C. G. McKaraher, Rev John Young, Elder R. E. Armstrong.
2. Presbyterial Home Missions:- Rev. J. L. MacMillan, Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. Lloyd Courtney, Rev. Chas. C. Carson, Rev. Robert King, Rev. D. W. McIver, Rev. R. D. Carson; Elders F. T. Nance, Frank Taylor, J. H. Newman, J. D. Faucette, Sam R. Sells.
3. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief:- Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. R. D. Carson, Rev. Tilden Scherer, Elder J. N. Fisher.
4. Publication and Sabbath School:- Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Elder Clarance King,

Permanent Committees

1. Assembly's Home Missions:- Rev. Robert King, Rev. Chas. C. Carson; Elders E. W. King, J. R. Forgey
2. Church Societies:- Rev. W. C. Young, Rev. Chas. B. Boyles; Elders E. H. Moore, J. A. Waddell.
3. Educational Institutions:- Rev. Chas. C. Carson, Rev. R. D. Carson; Elders J. D. Faucette, E. H. Sloop, Chas. Massengill

4. Evangelism:- Rev. R. D. Carson, Rev. Robert King, Rev. McCoy Franklin, Elder J. D. Hasson.
5. Orphans' Homes:- Rev. Lloyd Courtney, Mr. Edgar Tufts Jr., Rev. T. W. Clapp, Rev. John Young, Elder J. H. Slonaker
6. Bible Cause:- Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, Rev. C. G. McKaraher; Elders S. M. Newland, Frank Briscoe
7. Stewardship:- Rev. D. W. McIver, chairman; Elder Arthur King, together with all chairman of Executive and Permanent Committees.
8. Comity:- Rev. J. L. MacMillan, Rev. Chas. C. Carson, Rev. Geo. F. Robertson; Elders J. E. Brading, J. D. Laveth
9. Sabbath and Family Religion:- Rev. Lloyd Courtney, Rev. J. A. Harris; Elders S. F. Peavler, S. S. McCormick
10. Men's Work:- Rev. S. H. Hay; Elders J. Fred Johnson, R. P. Barnett, Henry E. Harris, Arthur W. King, F. H. Stinson.

Examining Committees

1. Experimental Religion:- Rev. D. W. McIver, Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. J. P. Doggett
2. Theology:- Rev. Chas. C. Carson, Rev. J. L. MacMillan, Rev. R. D. Carson
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Trustees

1. For Lees-McRae Institute:- term expires April 1923, Rev. J. L. MacMillan, Elder James Summers; term expires April 1924, Rev. Robt. King, Elder F. H. Stinson; term expires April 1925, Elder J. H. Beall,
2. For Plumtree School for Boys:- term expires April 1923, Rev. J. L. MacMillan, convener; Rev. Chas. C. Carson, Rev. S. H. Hay, Mr. Edgar Tufts Jr.; Elders T. B. Vance, W. B. Burleson, J. D. Faucette, Sam R. Sells, Frank Taylor
3. For Boone Fork Institute:- term expires April 1923, Elders T. W. Hampton, W. S. Whiting; term expires April 1924, Rev. J. L. MacMillan, Rev. T. J. Hutchison; term expires April 1925, Elder Sam R. Sells, Rev. C. G. McKaraher.

Minister and Subject Presbyterial Sermon

Principal: Rev. Robert Yost D.D.
Alternate: Rev. D. W. McIver
Subject: "What great notes of the gospel need especially to be sounded now?"

Resolution of Thanks

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:
Again the impossible has come to pass. The Rogersville people have even surpassed themselves in their proverbial hospitality. They have met with rare culture and commendable zeal the requirements of the centennial celebrxtion of the organization of

Bolston Presbytery.

We record with gratitude our pronounced appreciation of the opportunity to hold these memorable sessions in this historic church of hallowed associations and world-wide influence.

We thank the people for their ample provision for our delightful entertainment. We record in italica our appreciation of the splendid noon-day meals served by the gracious and capable women; and our gratitude to the Men's Bible Class of the Rogersville church for the richly appointed banquet on Wednesday evening; to Mr. Richard Hale for his contribution to the program with his voice of rare strength and sweetness; and for the impressive fellowship of the inspiring occasion.

We thank our Moderator for his able and impartial service; and our Stated Clerk for his courtesy and efficiency.

We pray God's richest blessings upon one and all: upon the pastor in his labor of love for the reception of the brethren on these sessions of the Presbytery; upon him and his officers and members in their mutual duties and privileges in the work of the church of the Living God.

We thank Dr. R. C. Reed, Hon John H. Caldwell and Dr. Geo. F. Robertson for their splendid messages in connection with the centennial program.

Also our thanks are tendered the principal of the Rogersville High School for the visit to that institution, and we record our pleasure in the magnificent new building which occupies the sacred site of the old "Rogersville Synodical Female College".

"God be with you till we meet again".

We recommend that this resolution be read by the pastor to his congregation on the coming Sabbath, and that it be published in the local papers.

Chas. C. Carson,
Allen N. Dryden, Committee

On motion of Rev. S. H. Hay, the thanks of the Presbytery was also extended to the Program Committee which arranged for the special program in connection with the Centennial Session.

At the request of the pastor, the Presbytery appointed the Moderator, Rev. Geo. F. Robertson D.D., to remain over and preach in the Rogersville church on the coming Sabbath.

Adjournment

The business of the Presbytery being completed, the minutes were read and approved, after which the Presbytery joined singing "Blest be the tie than binds" and was dismissed with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

Geo. F. Robertson
Moderator

Lloyd Cumberg
Stated Clerk

J. H. Hutchison
Temporary Clerk

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3. Boone Fork Institute—1924, J. L. MacMillan, D. D., A. B. Rogan; 1925, Sam R. Sells, C. G. McKarsher; 1926, W. S. Whiting.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETINGS SINCE STATED SPRING MEETING

CALLED MEETING

Bristol, Tenn., May 17, 1923

The Presbytery of Holston met in called session in the offices of the Synod of Appalachia, Bristol, Tenn., Thursday, May 17, 1923, at 1 P. M.

Members Present

Ministers: Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., W. K. Keys, Chas. B. Boyles.

Ruling Elders: J. M. Fain, Bristol First; J. R. Allen, Windsor Avenue.

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D. Rev. Chas. B. Boyles was requested by the Moderator to act as Clerk.

The following call was read and found in order: The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery to convene in the offices of the Synod of Appalachia, Bristol, Tenn., Thursday, May 17, 1923, at 1 P. M., to transact the following busniess, if the way be clear:

1. To hear the request of Candidate W. R. Smith, Jr., that he be dismissed to the care of Roanoke Presbytery.

2. To change the call of the Windsor Avenue church, with reference to mission points.

3. To transact any business growing out of the above.

(Signed) GEO. F. ROBERTSON,
Moderator.

DISMISSION OF CANDIDATE W. R. SMITH, JR.

The first item of the call was taken up and Candidate W. R. Smith, at his own request, was dismissed to the care of Roanoke Presbytery.

CHANGE OF CALL OF WINDSOR AVENUE CHURCH

The second item of the call was taken up and Windsor Avenue church was allowed to amend its call to Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., by omitting all reference to West Bristol Chapel.

Mr. W. G. Baylor, of West Bristol, was heard with reference to the West Bristol Chapel, in which he expressed the desire that the West Bristol Chapel work should in some way be kept up.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. K. Keys.

GEO. F. ROBERTSON,
Moderator.
CHAS. B. BOYLES,
Clerk pro tem.

CALLED MEETING

Bristol, Tenn., August 21, 1923

Holston Presbytery met in the offices of the Synod in Bristol, Tenn., on August 21, 1921, according to call.

Members Present

Ministers: Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., Rev. Chas. B. Boyles and Rev. Lloyd Courtney.

Ruling Elders: J. R. Allen, of the Windsor Avenue Church.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., and opened with prayer by Rev. J. J. Fix, D. D. Rev. R. D. Carson was appointed clerk pro tem.

The following called was read and found in order: The Presbytery of Holston is hereby called to meet August 21, at one o'clock P. M. in the office of Synod's Superintendent of Home Missions, Bristol, the constitutional requirements having been met with:

1. To receive the resignation of Rev. Lloyd M. Courtney as pastor of New Providence church.

2. To accept said resignation, dissolve the pastoral relations and grant him a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Greenbrier, if the way be clear.

3. To attend to any business growing out of Presbytery's action on these items.

(Signed) GEO. F. ROBERTSON, D. D.,
Moderator.

Rev. L. M. Courtney presented his resignation as pastor of New Providence church that he might accept a call to the Old Stone Church, Lewisburg, W. Va. The church was heard from, concurring in the request, "only because Mr. Courtney has asked that they should do so." Mr. Courtney was then, at his request, dismissed to the Presbytery of Greenbrier, and the following resolution was adopted:

"In dismissing Rev. Lloyd Courtney to the Presbytery of Greenbrier, the Presbytery of Holston desires to place on record our appreciation of his life and labors among us. In these years of his ministry he has commended himself to us as a brother beloved. In his service as pastor, he has won in a rare degree the love of the people among whom he has served; as a minister of the New Testament, he has shown himself a workman that needeth that be ashamed; as a Presbyter he has the confidence and love of every man who has wrought with him.

"We commend him, without reservation, as a man, pastor, preacher and Presbyter, and pray that his ministry among the people to whom he goes may be blessed to the glory of God in the upbuilding of the church and the salvation of the lost."

The retiring Stated Clerk was instructed to inform some other member of the committees of which he has been chairman of his dismission to another Presbytery that the report of such committee may be prepared for the Fall meeting.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved, and the session of Presbytery was adjourned after prayer and the benediction by Rev. Chas. C. Carson, D. D.

GEO. F. ROBERTSON,
Moderator.

R. D. CARSON, D. D.,
Clerk pro tem.

MINUTES OF STATED FALL MEETING

Holston Valley, Tennnessee, October 16, 1923

Holston Presbytery met in stated Fall session in the Cold Spring Presbyterian church on Tuesday, October 16, 1923, at 7:30 P. M., and was opened with prayer by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., following a sermon by him on the text, Genesis 22:1-18.

The following members were present during the meeting of Presbytery:

Ministers: Chas. B. Boyles, Chas. C. Carson, R. D. Carson, T. W. Clapp, S. H. Hay, T. J. Hutchison, W. K. Keys, Robt. King, D. W. McIver,, C. G. McKaraher, D. B. McLaughlin, J. L. MacMillan, John Martin, Tilden Scherer, Geo. F. Robertson, John Young, W. C. Young and Robert Yost.

Elders: Bristol First, O. R. Post; Weaver, C. B. Booher; Papervlle, S. W. Ryburn; Micaville, H. A. McBath; Morristown, H. E. Harris; Kingsport, Geo. E. Stone; Rogersville, A. B. Rogan; Johnson City, J. E. Brading; Windsor Avenue, W. R. Thomas; Banner Elk, F. H. Stinson; Cold Spring, Nat Thomas; Blountville, C. M. Delaney; Arcadia, S. M. Newland; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. S. H. Hay was elected Moderator; Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Stated Clerk, and Rev. W. C. Young, Temporary Clerk.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

The report of the Devotional Committee was adopted, and is:

The Devotional Committee begs leave to submit the following report:

1. That the hours for the sessions of Presbytery be as follows: From 9:30 to 12:30, morning session; 12:30 to 2:00, dinner; 2:00 to 4:30, afternoon session; 7:30 to 9:30, evening session.

2. That the Communion of the Lord's Supper be celebrated following the Presbyterial sermon by Dr. Yost Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. This will also be considered the regular Fall Communion Service of the church.

3. That Wednesday afternoon be given over entirely to the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, and a special rally in the interest of this work.

4. That the Presbytery hear a sermon by Rev. Robert King at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening.

5. That the Presbytery hear Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., preach at 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

W. K. KEYS, Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures—Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., and Elder A. B. Rogan.
2. Devotional—Rev. W. K. Keys and Elder Nat Thomas.
3. Leave of Absence—Rev. T. W. Clapp and Elder C. B. Booher.
4. Judicial—Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., and Rev. C. G. McKaraher.
5. Minutes of the Assembly—Rev. John Young and Elder F. H. Stinson.
6. Nominations—Rev. Robert King, D. D., and Rev. D. W. McIver.
7. Resolution of Thanks—Rev. Chas. C. Carson, D. D., and Elder Geo. E. Stone.
8. Examination of Sessional Records (Special)—Rev. C. B. Boyles and Elder O. R. Post.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from Elder F. R. DeVault, touching his attendance upon and deligence at the meeting of the General Assembly, was receieved as his report on this matter.

A communication from the Christian Observer publishers, touching Church Paper Week, was referred to the Permanent Committee on Church Societies.

A communication from the Assembly's Committee on Men's Work was received and referred to Presbytery's Committee on Men's Work.

A communication from the Assembly's Home Missions Committee was received and referred to Presbytery's Committee on Assembly's Home Missions.

A communication from the Assembly's Stewardship Committee was received and referred to Presbytery's Committee on Stewardship.

A communication from Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, embodying directions for the guidance of clerks of sessions, was received and the State Clerk was directed to publish these directions and distribute them to the sessions, and pay the expense from the general funds of Presbytery.

CANDIDATE FOR MINISTRY RECEIVED

Mr. William Whitlock, Holston Valley, Tenn., a member of the Cold Spring church, offered himself as a candidate for the ministry, and after the usual examination of candidates, was received under the care of Presbytery, and Presbytery was led in prayer by the Moderator, in his behalf.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was adopted, and is:

We are glad to be able to report that the receipts of our Assembly's Committee of Foreign Missions are $400,000 more for the first four months of this church year than for the corresponding time last year. The thirty odd missionaries who were on a waiting list have sailed, or are about to sale, for their fields of labor.

We recommend:

1. That mission study classes be organized in all our churches that do not now have them, and that they use the committee's text book, "The White Fields of Japan," by Mrs. S. M. Erickson.

2. That the seven-year plan of missionary education, which this year centers upon Brazil, be commended to our Sunday Schools.

3. That the booklet, "Our Prayer Week," be commended to our Sunday Schools, and the superintendents be urged to use it.

4. That all our churches be urged to observe February 3-10 as the week of prayer and self-denial for Foreign Missions.

5. That we commend to our Christian Endeavor Societies the six missionary programs prepared for them by our Assembly's Committee of Foreign Missions.

6. That we urge our churches, Sunday Schools and individual members, so far as possible, to assume definite parts of the support of foreign missionaries, in shares of $300 or more, as provided by the committee.

7. That, in view of the urgent need, we request all our churches to make an offering in December for the Equipment Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. YOUNG, Chairman.

Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., president of King College, addressed the Presbytery in the interest of the college.

At 11 o'clock, Presbytery heard a sermon by the Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., from the text, Luke 5:27, after which the Lord's Supper was celebrated, Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., and Rev. D. W. McIver, conducting the service.

Presbytery took recess until until two o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery met at two o'clock.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION AND SABBATH SCHOOLS

The report of the Executive Committee on Publication and Sabbath Schools was read, and pending its adoption, Presbytery engaged in a popular meeting in the interest of this cause, with Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., presiding. Addresses were made as follows: Elder O. R. Post spoke on Worship; Rev. S. H. Hay, on Organization; Elder

H. H. Brownell, on the Teacher; Elder J. L. Gray, on Week Day Activities; Elder J. Fred Johnson, on America and the Sunday School.

At the conclusion of these addresses the following resolution was adopted: Presbytery has heard, with great pleasure and profit, the addresses of the several brethren in carrying out this program of the Committee on Publication and Sabbath Schools, and hereby expresses its thanks to the speakers.

The report of the committee was then adopted, and is:

Your committee would respectfully report that the only data available to us is the report this Presbytery made to the last General Assembly at Montreat in May of this year. Then a comparison suggested by Synod's secretary of this work, Rev. J. J. Fix, D. D. This report is as follows:

Number of Sabbath Schools	39
Officers and teachers	367
Number of pupils	4139
Cradle Roll	315
Home Department	209
Total in Sabbath School	5021

Contributions

Given to Foreign Missions	$ 715
Assembly's Home Missions	220
Synod's Home Missions	337
Presbytery's Home Missions	525
Congregational Home Missions	548
Christian Education and Min. Relief	428
S. S. Extension and Publication	336
Educational Institutions	332
Bible Cause	81
Orphans' Home	444
Current expenses	3315
Miscellaneous	862
Total	$8143

According to figures suggested by Dr. Fix, ten churches gained	636
Five churches lost	133
Net gain	503

The Sunday Schools not given as liberally to the several causes as they might if they had been properly directed and urged. If not true of every school, it is true of most of them that their contributions could be materially increased, and would be if the progeny of Alexander, the coppersmith who had done Paul much harm, were not so numerous. To illustrate: The all-important Bible Cause received only $81 last year. Had each one of our 5,021 enrolled pupils given five cents for this cause it would be $211.05. If each one had given ten cents for the great work of Sunday School extension, instead of $336 it would be $502.10. If every school were to divide Sundays fifty-fifty between its own needs and the benevolent causes of the church, there would be far more money given, and the children would become educated in the work of the church at large, a thing to be desired.

1. We recommend that teachers' training classes be organized as generally as possible in our schools, and that Dr. J. J. Fix, Synod's Secretary of Sunday School Work, be asked to hold Schools of Methods in as many churches and communities as can secure his valuable services.

2. We further recommend that in schools having a man's class or a woman's class or a class of men and women, the lesson be taught a week in advance of the regular lesson. This will provide substitute or emergency teachers who cannot plead the time-worn and thread-bare excuse of not being prepared.

3. We further recommend and urge that all superintendents and Sunday School teachers prepare the lessons so thoroughly as to render unnecessary the presence of any lesson helps in opening and closing the school, and in teaching the classes. This will insure the respect and attention of the pupils in a way not secured by unpreparedness. It will also result in a most desirable end, and that is the presence of more Bibles in our church Bible school.

4. We further recommend and urge that the teachers as well as the superintendent should be at their several posts of duty thirty minutes ahead of time, rather than ten seconds late. The late Mr. Blank, as well as the Miss or Mrs. Blank, should have not place in the Sunday School as a teacher.

5. We recommend that all our church members take the work of the Sunday School seriously, remembering that here not only the children, youth and older members of our families may learn much that is very well worth while, but that the Sunday School is the only place in which many of the children may learn anything of the Bible, its God and its Christ.

6. We recommend that the expenses of our Sabbath Schools be provided for as one item in the church budget, and that the offerings made in the Sabbath Schools be devoted to the authorized benevolences of the church, on the same percentage basis as obtains in the church organization.

GEO. F. ROBERTSON, D. D.
CHAS. B. BOYLES,
Committee.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOME

The report of the Permanent Committee on Orphans' Home was adopted, and is:

There are fifty-three children in Grandfather Orphanage, and the Baby Cottage is almost ready for use. This cottage will take care of twenty-two babies.

The receipts last year from all sources were about $8,000.

Mr. Holcomb, Superintendent of the Home, has some seventy applications on hand now, and they are coming in at the rate of about eight a week.

Recommendation

We recommend that each Sunday School be urged to send some offering each month to the Grandfather Orphans' Home, J. W. Holcomb, Banner Elk, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,
T. W. CLAPP, for Committee.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS

The report of the Permanent Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was adopted, and is:

As we have read the records of the achievements of our workers during the past year, our hearts have alternated between gratitude and disappointment. Our hearts deplore first of all and most of all, the loss by death of some of our most useful workers, among whom was our own beloved Edgar Tufts. It is a matter of distress, too, that last year, for the first time in its history, our work was compelled to report a financial deficit. This came about because our church contributed some $270,000 less than it promised. On the other hand, we rejoice that last year our Home Mission workers reported some 12,000 additions to the churches, approximately 10,000 of whom came by profession. This is an increase of 100 per cent over the number received by profession five years ago. The Gospel

is preached by our 936 missionaries to peoples of twelve languages, and some 50,000 people are instructed every Sabbath. Also forty-seven mission schools with some 40,000 pupils, are maintained.

Recommendations

1. That we endorse and commend the observance of Home Mission Week during the second week in November.

(a) That this Presbytery urge upon all its pastors the imperative duty of making a profound study of the perils facing the church and the nation.

(b) That this knowledge be crystalized into such definite action as may arouse our whole church to the high claims of Home Missions as the essential basis of permanence and progress of our beloved church.

2. That the annual report of the Executive Committee be studied carefully by all pastors and that they be requested to inform their congregations of the work being done, and that this report be recommended to our missionary societies and auxiliaries as a supplemental study.

3. The receipts for the Assembly's Home Missions are not adequate for the growing demands of the work. The percentage assigned this fundamental cause in its Assembly's Benevolence Budget is relatively less than that assigned Home Missions by the great denominations. The tragedy is that even this small Home Mission percentage is habitually cut by many Synods, Presbyteries and sessions in favor of other causes. In view of the unequalled opportunities for new organizations in growing centers, and in view of the inadequate resources for meeting these opportunities, your committee recommends:

(a) That the Presbytery stress the distinctive claim of the Assembly's Home Missions in the growth of the church and the imperative necessity of this cause receiving its full and just share of the churches' benevolent contributions.

(b) That when reductions or changes in the percentages are necessary, that the same be equally distributed over all causes.

4. That Presbytery set aside, by standing rule, a definite time at either the Spring or Fall meeting, for adequate presentation of the cause.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT KING, Chairman.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The Permanent Committee on Educational Institutions made the following report, which was adopted:

We have in our hands complete reports from most of our educational institutions, and are glad to note the progress of these splendid enterprises. While there are problems and difficulties inseparable from the purposes and ideals of our educational work, we have every reason to thank God for the splendid realization of our plans, to take courage and press forward.

Recommendations

We would submit the following recommendations:

1. We recommend all these institutions to the prayers and loyal support of our people.

2. We endorse the resolution of our Montreat Assembly on the Montreat Normal School, i. e., "the Assembly rejoice in the great work which si being done by the Montreat Normal School; that the Assembly commend the Montreat Normal School to the controlling Synods and Synodicals for their support."

3. We appreciate the great work being done under the auspices of the Montreat Association, and commend to all our people the advantages of instruction and inspiration offered by the summer conferences.

4. We rejoice in the admirable work of Union Seminary of Richmond, Va., and of Kentucky Theological Seminary and commend them to our constituency. We assure them that we will be glad to have their representatives in our pulpits to speak of their claim on our loyalty and support. We recommend that on the Sabbath preceding the opening of the Seminaries that special prayer be offered for their work, and that pastors urge the importance fo the Gospel ministry upon the young men.

5. We urge upon our people the necessity of their doing their best in every way for our two Synodical colleges, King and Stonewall Jackson. We thank God for these splendid colleges and declare our purpose to make them all that they ought to be in the plan of God, and i nthe hearts of the people.

6. We recommend that all the churches of the Presbytery adopt and make effective the apportionment of 12 per cent of their total benevolence funds to Synodical institutions.

7. We wish to express to our beloved co-worker, Mr. E. W.

King, our deep appreciation of the great service he has rendered as Treasurer of the campaign for our Educational Institutions, and to assure him of our love and confidence and of our prayers for his early and complete recovery of health and strength.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. C. CARSON, Chairman.

OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT OF THE PLUMTREE SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Rev. T. W. Clapp, principal of the Plumtree School for Boys, Plumtree, N. C., addressed the Presbytery in behalf of the school, and a committee consisting of Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., and Elder A. B. Rogan was appointed to take suitable action upon this address. This committee later presented the following paper, which was adopted:

The Presbytery of Holston in session at Cold Spring church, October 16-18, 1923, hereby declares its appreciation of the great work that is being done in the Plumtree School for Boys, Plumtree, N. C., under the official guidance of Rev. T. W. Clapp.

We express our confidence in the character and ability of Mr. Clapp and commend him and his work to the prayers and support of all who are interested in Christian education, and especially in view of the challenge presented by the opportunity in these mountains where the need is so urgent and the promise of success so alluring.

J. L. MacMILLAN, D. D.,
C. C. CARSON, D. D.,
A. B. ROGAN.

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

Presbytery met at 7:30 o'clock.

Presbytery heard a sermon by Rev. Robert King, D. D., upon the text, Mark 11:22.

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES CAMPAIGN FUND

Presbytery endorsed the following recommendations regarding the collecting of balance due on subscriptions to

the Schools and Colleges Campaign Fund:

1. That Presbytery ask that a complete list of subscriptions be given the pastor of each church, or to the superintendent of Home Missions if the church is without a pastor, showing amount pledged, paid to date, payments due in future, and amounts past due.

2. That each church be asked to take in hand the matter of collecting these subscriptions that are delinquent and, if possible, make up the deficit on the amount subscribed from that church, either by collection, or by additional subscription.

3. In exceptional cases where, by reason of changed and extreme circumstances, adjustments in individual subscriptions should be made, the Central Campaign Committee is to be asked to permit the pastor and session to make the adjustments, keeping in mind that the individual church's gift should not be cut down.

CHAS. B. BOYLES,
J. L. MacMILLAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMITY

The Permanent Committee on Comity reported that no business had come before it.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE

Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, chairman of the Permanent Committee on Bible Cause, made a brief verbal report, which was received as information.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION

The report of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion was adopted, and is:

Your committee would call special attention to the report of the General Assembly's Standing Committee, on page 33 of the Minutes of the General Assembly for 1923, and in harmony with the recommendations therein contained, we would respectfully recommend:

1. Recognizing the Sabbath and the home as fundamental to religion and civilization, that the Presbytery fo Holston urge that ist pupilts and Sabbath School class rooms, as occasion arises, sound an insistent note on the sanctity of the Sabbath and the purity of the home in their ministry and teaching of the Word.

2. Deploring the tendencies in our day that are seeking to undermine, and the evidences of the insidiuous work of the enemies of the Sabbath who, moved by greed and avarice, are seeking to destroy the sanctity of our Lord's Day, that this Presbytery expresses its sympathy with the aims of the Lord's Day Alliance, and commends its good work for the preservation of the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship for man.

3. Believing that the mother's knee is still the holy of holies of childhood, and that our children get their first and finest impressions of that love which passeth through the love-light that glows in a mother's eyes, that this Presbytery express to the Woman's Auxiliary its appreciation of the splendid work it is doing in establishing the altar of God in the homes of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HARRIS, Acting Chairman.

ELECTION PRESBYTERIAL SECRETARY OF STEWARDSHIP

Presbytery re-elected Rev. T. J. Hutchison to the office of Presbyterial Secretary of Stewardship.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Presbytery received the reports by Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. John Young Elders E. B. Comerford and F. R. DeVault of their attendance upon the meeting of the General Assembly, and of their duties there, and commended them for their diligence.

APPOINTMENT FOR PRESBYTERIAL SERMON

Presbytery appointed Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., to preach the Presbyterial sermon, upon a text of his own choosing, at the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the church at Newland, N. C., for holding the Spring, meeting the time of the meeting to be left in the hands of the Stated Clerk and the Newland pastor.

REPORT OF JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee on Judicial Business stated that no business had come into its hands, and the committee was discharged.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

The Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures stated that no business had come into its hands, and the committee was discharged.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Rev. S. H. Hay, chairman of the Permanent Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, made a brief verbal report, which was received as information.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF PRESBYTERIAL HOME MISSIONS

The report of the Executive Committee of Presbyterial Home Missions was adopted, and is:

Since the Spring meeting of Presbytery we have added three new workres to our Home Mission forces: Mr. Harvey A. McBath, an elder of the Johnson City church who has taken Sunday School and general church work in the churches of Micaville, Paint Gap, Estatoa and Newdale; Rev. C. Rees Jenkins, a graduate this year of Columbia Seminary, who is located now at Plumtree, and in charge of the Plumtree group of churches, succeeding Rev. T. W. Clapp, who felt that he must give more of his time to the school work at Plumtree, and Rev. E. C. Bailey, of Latta, S. C., who has taken charge of the Meadow Creek and Rheatown churches, Greene County, Tennessee.

During the summer we were privileged to have the services of five active young candidates for the ministry, to-wit: Mr. B. S. Hodges, who worked in the churches of Cove Creek and Buladean; Mr. F. V. Long, who preached at Banner Elk and Blowing Rock; Mr. G. M. Morrow, who labored in the church at Plumtree and Buck Hill; Dr. N. L. Dennis, one of our own candidates, who preached at Black's and Ebenzezer chapels, Cocke County, Tennessee, and Mr. W. T. McCloy, who represented our work in Hawkins County, Tennessee.

In our mission day schools this summer we were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Olivia Funderburk for the school at Green Mountain, N. C., and of Miss Valinda Hamilton for the school at Brumetts, N. C., and of Miss Mary Armstrong, of Rogersville, for the school at Buladean, N. C., and in addition to the above, of having the Kingsport church found a mission day school at Paint Gap, N. C., and support the two teachers, Miss Emma Milburn and Miss Daisy Thrift, in this work.

In the matter of buildings, two rooms have been added to the cottage at Cove Creek; additional work has been done on the Hughes chapel, Buladean field, and a church has been built at Smoky, Newland field.

Petitions for the organization of two new churches have come to us from the communities of Black's school, Cocke County, Tennessee, and of Mt. Sterling, Heywood County, North Carolina. These missions are in the work of Rev. J. Allen Messer, and are a part of the original work of Dr. E. O. Guerrant.

More evangelistic meetings have been held in our Home Mission fields this summer than during any summer previous, at least in recent years, and the good work is still going on. Full reports have not been secured from them as yet, but will be given in the Spring. We wish to make mentiton here, however, of the vallent service in this particular work of Rev. J. McD. Lacy, who held most helpful meetings at Spruce Pine, Plumtree, Linville, Leesburg, Mooresburg and Newland. Mr. Lacy was loaned to us by the Assembly's Committee on Home Missions and we feel deeply grateful both to him and to the committee for his good work in our midst.

J. L. MacMILLAN, Chairman.

A RESOLUTION TOUCHING PRINTING AND FILING OF THE MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY

Presbytery adopted the following resolution:

In order to keep on file a handy and uniform record of all the proceeding of Presbytery, the Stated Clerk is hereby authorized to print the minutes of Presbytery twice annually, including the minutes of every meeting, and to keep copies of these on file; and, making these copies the official record of Presbytery, the Stated Clerk is to discontinue the practice of writing or typing the minutes in a separate minute book.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, to meet tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 9:30 o'clock and engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. John Martin.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

COMMUNICATION

A communication from the Stated Clerk of Asheville Presbytery, touching a petition for church organization in Heywood County, North Carolina, was received and referred to the Committee of Presbyterial Home Missions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The report of the Permanent Committee on Evangelism was adopted, and is:

The past summer has been a time of unusual effort in the work of winning souls. Our pastors have given themselves to this work and their efforts have been greatly blessed. Rev. J. McD. Lacy has held six meetings in our bounds, which have enriched the spiritual life of our weaker churches and added a large number of new members. There are yet a number of meetings to be held, a full report of which will be given at the Spring meeting. We recommend that each minister hold one or more meetings out of the bounds of his own work during the year.

R. D. CARSON, Chairman.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON SESSIONAL RECORDS

The report of the special committee for the examination of sessional records was adopted, and is:

The sessional records brought before us at this time are from the churches of Estatoa, Micaville, Blountville, Paint Gap and Newdale. We recommend their approval as follwos:

1. Estatoa Records: Approved, with the exception that the term "delegate" to Presbytery used instead of "representative" to Presbytery.

2. Micaville Records: Approved.

3. Blountville Records: Approved.

4. Paint Gap Records: Approved, and Elder H. T. Penland, the only elder of the church, is to be commended for his diligence

and for his informatiotn that the General Assembly has interpreted the Book of the Church Order as giving authority where there is only one elder and no pastor, for that elder to perform the functions of the session, except in cases of judicial nature.

5. Newdale Records: Approved, with the following exceptions:

(a) That the terms of "delegate" and "commissioner" to Presbytery are used instead of "representative" to Presbytery.

(b) That the second record on page 24 shows no date.

(c) That the book has not been before Presbytery for review scine April 14, 1909.

CHAS. B. BOYLES, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

The report of the Permanent Committee on Stewardship was adopted, and is:

This committee would call the attention of the Presbytery Home Missions Committee to the rule of Presbytery that apportionments to Home Mission churches be made contingent upon such churches making an Every Member Convass for current expenses and benevolences. We recommend:

1. That the Secretary of Stewardship be instructed to make a special effort to put over an Every Member Canvass in those churches not now having one.

2. That churches be urged to make a study of the Progressive Program, with a view to organizing their work along the five-fold line suggested therein, so far as possible, adopting at least as much as is applicable to local conditions.

3. That in accordance with changed schedule of activities, October be used for Presbyterial Home Missions rather than January, as formerly.

4. That the percentages for distribution for the year be as follows:

Foreign Missions	24%
Assembly's Home Missions	10%
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	6%
Publication and Sabbath School Extension	2%
Bible Cause ... one half of	1%
Assembly's Training School ... one half of	1%
Presbyterial Home Missions and Schools	34%
Synodical Educational Institutions	12%
Orphans' Homes	4%
Synod's Home Missions	7%

5. That the four weeks prior to the Every Member Canvass in March be designated as Christian Stewardship Period and that sessions be urged to give diligent thought and attention to preparation of heart and mind in the principles of Christian Stewardship, and that an effort be made in each church to enlist proportionate giving (with one-tenth of income as a minimum).

6. That the quotas for benevolences be practically the same as for last year.

7. That the Secretary of Stewardship, in making apportionments to churches, take up with each church the question of an adequate salary for its pastor.

8. That the first Sunday in December be observed as Equipment Fund Day, and that all churches be urged to take a cash offering, or subscription payable in ninety days, at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. McIVER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Rev. John Young, chairman of the Standing Committee on Review of the Assembly's Minutes, made a brief verbal report, which was received as information.

Presbytery answered with an emphatic "no" the proproposed amendment to the Book of Church Order touching the incorporation of churches as sent down by the Montreat Assembly.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

The report of the Standing Committee on Nominations was adopted. (See Organization.)

Presbytery engaged in a popular meeting in the interest of Presbyterial Home Missions, with Rev. T. J. Hutchison, superintendent, presiding, and addresses on this work were made by Rev. C. G. McKaraher, president of Boone Fork Institute; Rev. W. K. Keys, pastor of the Cold Spring church, and Elder Harvey McBath, Sunday School worker in Yancey County, North Carolina.

Presbytery then heard a sermon by Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., from the text, John 18:37.

Presbytery took recess until 1:45 P. M.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery met at 1:4 o'clock.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The report of the Standing Committee on Leave of Absence was adopted, and is:

Your committee recommends that for good and sufficient reasons the following brethren be excused from attendance upon this session of Presbytery: Rev. J. A. Harris, Rev. McCoy Franklin, Rev. J. P. Hall, Rev. J. Allen Messer, and that Elder J. E. Brading, Elder H. A. McBath, Rev. John Young and Rev. D. B. McLaughlin be excused from attendance after noon Thursday.

T. W. CLAPP, Chairman.

INCORPORATION OF EDGAR TUFTS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Presbytery voted to give to the trustees of the Lees-MsRae Institute, Banner Elk, N. C., the authority to incorporate their property and work at Banner Elk under the name of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association and Presbytery entered into a plan of joint ownership and control in this corporation with the Presbytery of Concord. The certificate of incorporation was ordered printed in the minutes and is to be found in the Appendix.

NOMINATION OF COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Presbytery nominated the following commissioners to the General Assembly, to meet in San Antonio, Texas, on May 15, 1924: Rev. D. W. McIver, with Rev. R. D. Carson as his alternate; Rev. W. K. Keys, with Rev. J. L. MacMillan as his alternate; Elder H. E. Harris, with Elder H. A. McBath as his alternate; Elder J. L. Gray, with Elder O. R. Post as his alternate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SOCIETIES

The report of the Permanent Committee on Church Societies was adopted, and is:

We report an increase of two auxiliaries during the time since the last stated meeting of Presbytery, with an increase of 243 members and a gratifying progress made in all departments of the auxiliaries' work. We recommend:

1. The observance of Church Paper Week November 4-11, 1923, by all our societies.

2. The use of the text book, "The White Fields of Japan," by Mrs. S. M. Erickson, in the mission study classes.

3. The use of the six mission study programs prepared by our Foreign Mission Committee, by the Christian Endeavor Societies.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. YOUNG, Chairman.

Presbytery granted the request of Rev. Robert King, D. D., for a dissolution of the pastoral relation with the Kingsport church, and granted him a letter of transfer to Cherokee Presbytery.

Presbytery was then led in prayer for Dr. King and the church at Kingsport.

A committee, consisting of the Moderator and Rev. R D. Carson, D. D., was appointed to draw up resolutions of commendation of Dr. King and his work and forward same to Cherokee Presbytery.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

The report of the Standing Committee on Resolutions of Thanks was adopted, and is:

The Presbytery of Holston records, with unusual pleasure, its appreciation of the sessions held in the Cold Spring church, October 16-18, 1923.

1. We congratulate the people of this community on the splendid country in which thye are privileged to live.

2. We rejoice in the remarkable history of this church which has furnished such a large number of prominent ministers of the Gospel, and we are pleased to note the spirit of harmony and progress which marks the beautiful relation now existing between the pastor and people.

3. We thank the pastor, Rev. W. K. Keys, for his untiring and successful efforts in making this Presbytery one of the most enjoyable and profitable sessions in our history.

4. We thank the members of this church and congregation for their gracious and generous hospitality and express ourselves desirous of being with them again at any time we may be sufficiently urged.

5. We record our gratitude to the brethren who have brought to us superior sermons and stirring addresses and great comfort and inspiration in the work of the Kingdom.

6. We thank our Moderator and Clerks for their tact, skill and splendid efficiency.

7. We pray God's blessing upon each and all, and when these earthly courts of the church have been dissolved, we resolve to meet in the "General Assembly and Church of the first born which are written in Heaven" on the sumits of glory of which htese gorgeous hills of Holston are so enrapturingly prophetic.

8. We request that a copy of these resolutions be read from the pulpit of this church and a copy published in The Bristol Herald Courier.

CHAS. C. CARSON,
GEO. E. STONE.

ADJOURNMENT

The business of the Presbytery being completed, the minutes were read and approved.

After singing a fellowship hymn, Presbytery adjourned and was dismissed with prayer by the Moderator, to meet in the church of Newland, N. C., on Tuesday April 29, 1924, at 7:30 P. M.

S. H. HAY, Moderator.

T. J. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

W. C. YOUNG, Temporary Clerk.

Certificate of Incorporation of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, Inc.

This is to certify that the subscribers hereto associate themselves into a corporation under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 22, Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, and to that end set forth:

1. The name of this corporation is "Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, Incorporated."

2. The location of the principal office of the said corporation is Banner Elk, Avery County, North Carolina.

3. The objects for which this corporation is formed are as follows:

(a) Particularly to acquire the rights, property and franchises of Lees-McRae Institute, organized under the provisions of Chapter 178 Private Laws of North Carolina, Session 1907, as amended, and to perpetuate the institutional work now being conducted thereby and thereunder; provided, such acquisition be authorized by the proper authorities of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and consistent with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

(b) To establish other colleges, schools, orphanages, hospitals, charitable and eleemosynary institutions, or asylums, appoint visitors,, agents, managers and officers thereof and control and manage the same.

(c) To acquire the property and rights of any other corporation formed under the laws of the State of North Carolina or other State, having a similar object or purpose, and assume the powers, duties and liabilities thereof.

4. This corporation being formed for charitable, educational and religious purposes and not for profit, there shall be no capital stock therein and the members thereof shall be the incorporators hereinafter named and their successors chosen in the manner hereinafter set forth. Any other conditions of membership shall be stated in the by-laws of the said corporation.

5. The names and addresses of the incorporators are as follows: Fraser Hood, Davidson, N. C.; E. D. Brown, China Grove, N. C.; J.H . Beall, Lenoir, N. C.; A. A. McLean, Lenoir, N. C.; George W. Hall, Hickory, N. C.; J. L. MacMillan, Johnson City,

Tenn.; Robert King, Kingsport, Tenn.; F. H. Stinson, Banner Elk, N. C.; W. C. Tate, Banner Elk, N. C.; J. A. Summers, Johnson City, Tenn.

6. The period of existence of this corporation is unlimited.

7. The control of said corporation shall devolve upon ten trustees, five of whom shall be chosen by Concord Presbytery, North Carolina Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and the remaining five shall be chosen by Holston Presbytery, Appalachia Synod of said church. The said Board of Trustees shall have entire control and oversight of the affairs of the said corporation. Until such Board of Trustees shall be chosen, by the authority aforesaid, the incorporators above named shall act as trustees of said corporation. The successors of said trustees shall be chosen by the Presbytery appointing them or in which they reside. Vacancies in the said board shall be filled by the remaining trustees of the said two Presbyteries; provided, that by consent of the said two Presbyteries any other Presbytery or Presbyteries of the said church may be admitted in full participation in the ownership, government and control of the said corporation without amendment to this charter; and the Presbyteries in control at the same time of the admission of any other Presbytery may enlarge or dimniish the number of trustees and may, by resolution, prescribe the number to be elected by each governing Presbytery and the terms of the office of such trustees. The term of office of said trustees shall be five years, but when necessary same shall be elected for a shorter term, so that the terms of one-fifth of the entire membership of the Board of Trustees shall end at each Spring meeting of the governing Presbyteries.

8. The said trustees shall have power to make rules, regulations and by-laws not incompatible with the intent of the other provisions of this certificate, and not inconsistent with the laws and constitutions of the State of North Carolina and of the United States. The said Board of Trustees shall fix the time and place of holding their annual and other meetings and shall elect the president and the teachers for the institution controlled thereby, and shall annually elect, from the members of the Board of Trustees, and Executive Committee consisting of not less than five nor more than seven members, which committee shall have the same powers and shall perform the same duties as the Board of Trustees when the said board is not in session. Said committee shall keep full and accurate minutes of its proceedings, which shall be submitted to the next meeting of the board.

9. Five trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any of the regular or called meetings of the Board of Trustees, and it shall be the duty of the said board or of the Executive Committee, as shall be determined, to fix the salaries of all employees and make all contracts and agreements necessary to the business management of the said corporation.

10. The faculty and trustees of any college established by said corporation shall have power to confer such degrees and marks of honor as are conferred by colleges generally.

11. The trustees shall not be individually liable for the debts of the corporation.

12. The corporation shall have unlimited succession and the right and power without limit to acquire by purchase, gift, or otherwise, property, both real and personal in any State, territory or colony of the United States or in any foreign country, or place, and dispose of the same as it may deem best, subject always to the local law.

13. For the purpose of attaining or furthering any of its objects said corporatoin may do any and all other acts and things, and exercise any and all other powers which a natural person could do and exercise, and which are now or hereafter may be authorized by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this the fourth day of September, 1923.

FRAZIER HOOD [Seal]
E. D. BROWN [Seal]
J. H. BEALL [Seal]
A. A. McLEAN [Seal]
GEO. W. HALL [Seal]
J. A. MacMILLAN [Seal]
ROBERT KING [Seal]
J. A. SUMMERS [Seal]
W. C. TATE [Seal]
F. H. STINSON [Seal]

Signed and sealed in the
presence of Edgar H. Tufts.

North Carolina,
Caldwell County:

Personally appeared before me, Mark Squires, a Notary Public ai and for the State and county aforesaid, Fraser Hood, E. D. Brown, J. H. Beall, A. A. McLean, George W. Hall, J. L. MacMillan, Robert King, F. H. Stinson, W. C. Tate and J. A. Summers, all of the incorporators of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, Incorporated, who acknowledged that they signed the foregoing certificate of in-

corporation for the intents and purposes therein set forth.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and notarial seal, this the 4th day of September, 1923.

MARK SQUIRES, Notary Public.

My commission expires Aug. 11, 1924.
[Notarial Seal]

State of North Carolina,
Department of State:

W. N. Everett, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, does hereby certify the foregoing and attached five sheets to be a true copy of the certificate of incorporation of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, Incorporated, and the probates thereon, as the same is taken from and compared with the original filed in this office on the 6th day of September, A. D., 1923.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal. Done in office at Raleigh, this 6th day of September, in the year of our Lord 1923.

W. N. EVERETT,
Secretary of State.

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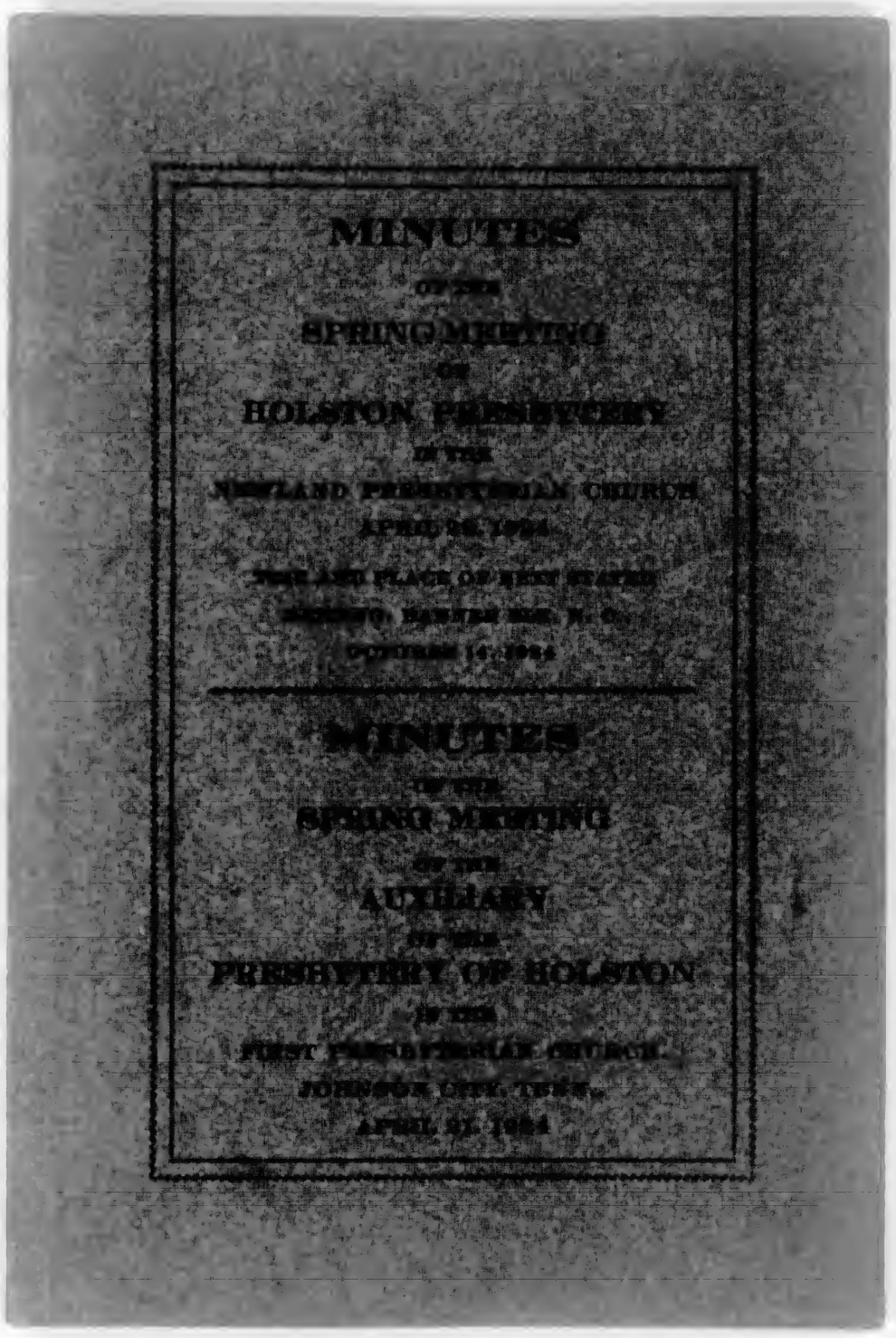

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IN THE

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OF THE

AUXILIARY

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF HOLSTON

IN THE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

JOHNSON CITY, TENN.,

APRIL 21, 1934

MINUTES

OF THE

SPRING MEETING

OF

HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

IN THE

NEWLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 29. 1924

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT STATED

MEETING: BANNER ELK. N. C..

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Johnson City, Tenn.

ORGANIZATION

Moderator—Elder J. D. Faucette, Bristol, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Johnson City, Tenn.

Temporary Clerk—Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

1. Foreign Missions—Revs. W. C. Young, C. G. McKaraher, John Young; Elder R. E. Armstrong.

2. Presbyterial Home Missions—Revs. J L. MacMillan, D. D., S. H. Hay, Chas. C. Carson, D. D., R. D. Carson, D. D., D. W. McIver, T. W. Clapp, D. B. McLaughlin; Elders F. T. Nance, Frank Taylor, J. H. Newman, J. D. Faucette and Sam R. Sells.

3. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Revs. S. H. Hay, R. D. Carson, D. D., Tilden Scherer, D. D.; Elder J. N. Fisher.

4. Publication and Sabbath Schools—Revs. John Martin, T. J. Hutchison; Elder Frank Taylor.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. Assembly's Home Missions—Revs. John Martin, Chas. C. Carson, D. D.; Elders E. W. King and J. R. Forgey.

2. Church Societies—Revs. W. C. Young. Chas. B. Boyles; Elders E. H. Moore and J. A. Waddell.

3. Educational Institutions—Revs. Chas. C. Carson, D. D., R. D. Carson. D. D.; Elders J. D. Faucette, E. H. Sloop, Chas. Masengill.

4. Evangelism—Revs. R. D. Carson, D. D., Walter Keys, McCoy Franklin; Elder J. D. Hasson.

5. Orphans Home—Revs. S. H. Hay, T. W. Clapp, John Young; Elders E. H. Tufts, J. H. Slonaker.

6. Bible Cause—Revs. D. B. McLaughlin, C. G. McKaraher; Elders S. M. Newland, Frank Briscoe.

7. Stewardship—Rev. D. W. McIver; Elder Arthur King, and the chairman of each Executive and Permanent committee.

8. Comity—Revs. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., Chas C. Carson, D. D., Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., Elders J. E. Brading, and J. D. Loveth.

9. Sabbath and Family Religion—Revs. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., J. A. Harris; Elders S. F. Peavler, S. S. McCormick.

10. Men's Work—Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.; Elders J. Fred Johnson, R. P. Barnett, Henry E. Harris, Arthur W. King, F. H. Stinson.

11. Book of Church Order—Revs. S. H. Hay, Chas. B. Boyles, R. D. Carson, D. D.

Examining Committees

1. Experimental Religion—Revs. D. W. McIver, John Martin, J. P. Doggett.

2. Theology—Revs. Chas. C. Carson, D. D., R. D. Carson, D. D., J. L. MacMillan, D. D.

3. Church History—Revs. S. H. Hay, W. C. Young, J. A. Harris.

4. Church Government and Sacraments—Revs. Walter Keys, Chas. B. Boyles, McCoy Franklin.

5. Philosophy, Logic and Ethics—Revs. Tilden Scherer, D. D., Robt. Yost, D. D.

6. Natural Science and Secular Subjects—Revs. W. K. Keys, T. W Clapp.

7. Latin, Greek and Hebrew—Revs. Chas. B. Boyles, V. P. Merrill.

TRUSTEES

1. Edgar Tufts Memorial Association—J. Fred Johnson, 1925; E. W. King, 1926; Jas. A. Summers, 1927; J. L. MacMillan, 1928; F. H. Stinson, 1929.

2. Plumtree School for Boys—E. H. Tufts, T. B. Vance, W. B. Burleson, 1925; J. D. Faucette, Sam R. Sells, Frank Taylor, 1926; J. L. MacMillan, Chas. C. Carson, S. H. Hay, 1927.

3. Boone Fork Institute—Sam R. Sells, C. G. McKaraher, 1925; W. S. Whiting, A. B. Rogan, 1926; ~~Judge MacMillan, 1927.~~ Rufus Gwyn
R. D. Carson

Central Treasurer of Benevolent Gifts of Presbytery—Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Box 548, Bristol, Tennessee.

Minutes of Spring Meeting
of
Holston Presbytery

CALLED MEETING

Johnson City, Tenn., Feb. 26, 1924.

The Presbytery of Holston met in the church of Johnson City on Tuesday, February 26, 1924, at 1 p. m., and was led in prayer by the Moderator, Rev. S. H. Hay.

Members Present

Ministers—Rev. S. H. Hay, R. D. Carson, D. D., J. L. MacMillan, D. D., T. W. Clapp, D. W. McIver, John Martin, C. G. McKaraher, T. J. Hutchison.

Elders—J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; J. D. Faucette, Bristol, First; J. E. Brading, Johnson City.

The Call

The following call was read and found in order:—

The Constitutional requirements having been met I hereby call Holston Presbytery to meet in the First church, Johnson City, at 1 p. m., Central Time, on Tuesday, February 26, 1924, to transact the following business, if the way be clear:—

1. To attend to all matters that may arise in connection with the reception of Rev. V. P. Merrill, his call from the Mossy Creek church and his installation therein.

2. To grant Candidate N. L. Dennis a letter of dismissal to East Hanover Presbytery.

3. To transact any further business arising from the above.

(Signed) REV. S. H. HAY, Moderator.

The Business

The first item of business was taken up and Rev. V. P. Merrill brought a letter of dismissal from the Presbytery of Muhlenburg, and he was received by Presbytery after the usual examination of a minister. The call for Mr. Merri l from the Mossy Creek church was presented, found in order and ordered placed in his hands. Mr. Merrill signified his acceptance of the call. The arrangements for his installation in the Mossy Creek church were made as follows:—Commission to consist of Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., who shall preside and preach; Rev. S. H. Hay, who shall charge the pastor; Rev. D. W. McIver, who shall charge the people; and Elder F. T. Nance, to complete the commission; with Rev. T. J. Hutchison, alternate to Rev. D. W. McIver, or Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D. The date of the installation service to be the third Sunday of May and the time, 11 a. m.

The second item of business was taken up and the clerk presented a letter from Candidate N. L. Dennis asking for letter of dismissal to East Hanover Presbytery. Presbytery granted this request of Dr. Dennis and instructed the clerk to forward him this letter of dismissal.

Business concluded, the Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

REV. S. H. HAY, Moderator
REV. T. J. HUTCHISON,
Stated Clerk.

STATED MEETING

Newland, N. C., April 29, 1924.

The one hundred and second stated meeting of Holston Presbytery was held in the church of Newland, N. C., beginning Tuesday, April 29, 1924, at 7:30 p. m. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. S. H. Hay, from 2 Corinthians 12:15 and Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer.

Enrollment

The following were present:—

Ministers—Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., Rev. T. W. Clapp (2), Rev. McCoy Franklin, Rev. Joseph Hall (2), Rev. J. A. Harris, Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Rev. W. K. Keys, Rev. D. W. McIver, Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, Rev. V. P. Merrill, Rev. J. A. Messer, Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D. (2), Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., Rev. W. C. Young.

Elders—Bristol First, J. D. Faucette; Vians Valley, John Stewart; Crossnore, E. N. Sloop; Micaville, H. A. McBath; Morristown, Henry E. Harris; Rogersville, A. B. Rogan; Shulls Mills, John Yelton; Newland, A. W. Ray; Johnson City, J. R. Whisman; Meadow Creek, J. A. Waddell; Banner Elk, F. H. Stinson (2); Newport, H. G. Anderson; Arcadia, S. A. Newland; Cove Creek, Stephen Streit.

Election of Officers

Elder J. D. Faucette, of the First church of Bristol, was elected Moderator, and Rev. W. C. Young was elected Temporary Clerk.

Report of the Devotional Committee

The report of the Devotional Committee, which was adopted, is as follows:

That Presbytery observe the following hours: 8:30 a. m. to 12 m.; 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. to adjourn at will. That the Presbyterial sermon be preached at 11 a. m. Wednesday morning, followed by the Lords Supper, with Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., and Rev.

D. W. McIver, in charge. That a popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions be held Wednesday evening. That devotional exercises Wednesday morning be held by Rev. J. A. Messer and on Thursday morning by Elder H. A. McBath.

D. B. McLAUGHLIN.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 8:30 a. m., and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. W. K. Keys.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved. The minutes of the Called Meeting of February 26, were read and approved.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced appointment of standing committees as follows:—

1. Bills and Overtures—Rev. S. H. Hay, Elders S. A. Newland and Stephen Streit.
2. Devotional—Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, Elder A. W. Ray.
3. Leave of Absence—Rev. J. A. Harris, Rev. J. A. Messer, Elder John Stewart.
4. Finance—Elders A. B. Rogan, H. A. McBath.
5. Judicial—Rev. G. F. Robertson, D. D., Elders E. H. Sloop, H. E. Harris.
6. Minutes of Synod—Rev. D. W. McIver, Elder H. G. Anderson.
7. Sessional Records—Rev. W. K. Keys, Elders John Zirkle, H. A. McBath, J. A. Waddell, J. R. Whisman, John Yelton.
8. Statistics—Revs. McCoy Franklin, Chas. B. Boyles, and Elder H. E. Harris.
9. Narrative to Assembly—Revs. V. P. Merrill, Chas. B. Boyles.
10. Nominations—Revs. R. D. Carson, D. D., D. W. McIver, and Elder E. H. Sloop.
11. Resolutions of Thanks—Rev. T. J. Hutchison.
12. Memorials—Rev. O. G. Klinger.

Invitation

A cordial invitation was extended the Presbytery by Mr. Edgar Tufts to visit the Banner Elk schools which Presbytery was only too glad to accept, should the condition of the roads there be suitable for travel.

Communication

A communication from Mr. R. E. Magill, touching the Near East Relief, was received and referred to the Permanent Committee on Stewardship.

Reports of Permanent Committees

The committees on the Book of Church Order, on Comity, and on Educational Institutions reported that nothing had come into their hands.

Report of Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Extension.

The Executive Committee of Sunday Schools and Publications reported as follows, which was adopted:—

Your committee on Publication and Sabbath School Extension begs leave to submit the following report:—

The Assemblys committee of Publication and Sabbath School Extension reports another excellent years work for the church year just closed. And that while the financial receipts were lower than last year, the committee was able to apply profits from the sales and printing department to the current expenses thus avoiding an indebtedness and beginning the year with a clear slate. The total gifts from the churches, individuals, and societies amounted to $81,725.46 while the current expenses ran up to $96,683.80. The proportionate part of our Presbytery for this total is just $920. and we are glad to report that Presbytery meets this part and more. And we should be only too glad to meet it because this committee furnishes us with a trained Sunday School worker in the person of Mr. J. L. Gray of Cove Creek field and pays him a salary of $900 annually.

In this department of the church's work, our Synod, with the help of the Assembly's committee, offers to our churches most valuable assistance through the work of Rev. John J. Fix, D. D., of Bristol, Tennessee, Secretary of Sunday School and Young Peoples work. Dr. Fix is at the call of our Sunday schools at all times and is able and ready to give counsel, advice and help of all kinds; to hold schools of methods; organize teacher training classes, etc. Let us not neglect to make full use of this most valuable aid for this most important phase of our church work.

And now as to facts concerning our schools locally, we have on the roll of Presbytery at present 54 organized churches and these are conducting a total of 69 regular Sunday schools and participating in 5 other union schools. One church conducts 4 Sunday schools, and three churches conduct three Sunday schools and nine churches conduct two Sunday schools. The record for total membership is held by the church of Johnson City with three schools and a total membership of 1314 and the record for proportionate membership is held by the Micaville church with two Sunday schools having a church membership of 24 and a school membership of 170.

During the year one Sunday school was organized (Bowditch) and four reorganized. Two short term special Sunday schools were conducted.

Recommendation—That Presbytery urge each Sunday school to devote at least one offering a month as a gift to the support of the Grandfather Orphans Home at Banner Elk, N. C., Mr. J. W. Holcomb, superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HUTCHISON, Chairman.

Assembly's Home Missions

The report of the Executive Committee of Assembly's Home Missions was adopted and is:—

Your committee on Assembly's Home Missions reports a year of splendid advance, both in financial returns and in spiritual results. The total receipts from all sources for the maintenance of the work were $584,253.00, a gain of $60,852 over the preceding year. However, it should be noted that from strictly Progressive Program sources the receipts were $508,743, which is $251,257 less than the Assembly's apportionment for this cause.

Reports from the fields show that 10,258 were added to the church upon profession, and 4,067 upon certificate, making a total of 14,325 that were brought into the church by the workers supported in whole or in part by the Assembly's committee.

During the year the committee was able, from its meager resources to assist by donation or loan, in the erection of 20 churches and manses, while worthy appeals, totaling more than $200,000 were declined from lack of funds.

Your committee would again direct the attention of the Presbytery to the many exceptional opportunities for new and promising church enterprises. Our whole task at home and abroad awaits upon the enlargement of the home base. An adequate fund for church extension continues to be one of the pressing demands of the committee.

The total receipts from the Special Equipment Campaign were $104,147. This amount includes the birthday gift of the Auxiliaries for the Mexican Girls' School, the payment of a special pledge made in 1922, together with the pledges of 1923. The committee is genuinely grateful for this assistance in meeting the distressing equipment needs, but would direct attention to the fact that in the equipment offerings for the two years there is a shortage of almost $300,000, in the amount authorized by the Assembly for this purpose.

There is one discouraging feature in the promotion of Home Mission education, which your committee would ask the Presbytery to give special consideration. The records show that only a small number of Sunday Schools observe the Annual Home Mission Day in November, or make any offering for this cause. The Executive Committee believes that an important field for Home Mission education is being neglected, and most earnestly solicits the help of pastors, sessions and Sunday School superintendents in securing the observance of this day in every Sunday School in the Presbytery. This is necessary if the future leaders of the church are to know the great Home Mission facts, and be taught to aid this great department of the church's work.

The following recommendations are offered:

1. That the churches be urged to observe the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, November 16-23, and that this occasion be used for advancing the interest of this fundamental cause.

2. In view of the failure of so many Sunday Schools to observe the annual Home Mission Day in November, or to make an offering for Assembly's Home Missions, that the Presbytery urge upon all Sunday schools, if possible, to arrange for the observance of this day this year.

3. In view of the need of many Missions for larger and better buildings, and the exceptional opportunities for new churches in growing centers, that pastors and sessions be urged to see that Assembly's Home Missions receive its just and proportionate share in the special equipment offering.

4. That all pastors be urged during the year to preach on this fundamental cause, emphasizing its place in our denominational growth.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MARTIN, Chairman.

Report of Permanent Committee on Evangelism

Your committee on Evangelism would respectfully report that the past year has been one of signal blessing in our churches. In the

Home Mission field of our Presbytery, thirty-four meetings have been held resulting in 296 professions of faith and 230 added to our rolls on profession and 17 by letter.

Rev. J. McD. A. Lacy, the Assembly's evangelist, held six meetings in our bounds, resulting in 74 professions of faith, 60 received into the communion of the church on profession of faith and 9 by letter. In addition to his work our own pastors and visiting brethren have exercised a fruitful ministry among our weaker churches. Practically every Home Mission church in the Presbytery has had a series of evangelistic services during the past twelve months. Rogersville, Morristown and Johnson City have also enjoyed out-pourings of God's spirit in the salvation of the lost.

Recommendations:—

1. That at this meeting, ministers be appointed to hold evangelistic meetings in each of our home mission churches, under the direction of the Superintendent of Home Missions, during the coming year.

2. That these meetings shall be of at least ten days duration.

3. That expenses of the visiting ministers be met as far as possible by the churches visited, and that in cases where the funds contributed shall exceed the expense the visiting minister be encouraged to turn this balance into a common fund for defraying expense of meetings not completely provided for; and that the Home Missions committee shall insure visiting ministers against personal financial loss in this work.

The appointments as adopted by Presbytery are:—

Minister	Field
Chas. B. Boyles	Meadow Creek
Chas. C. Carson, D. D.	Banner Elk
R. D. Carson, D. D.	Cove Creek
T. W. Clapp	Micaville
McCoy Franklin	Newland
J. P. Hall	Cove Creek
J. A. Harris	Micaville
S. H. Hay	Cocke County
T. J. Hutchison	Jacks Creek
Tilden Scherer, D. D.	Blountville
Robt. Yost, D. D.	Shulls Mills
John Young	Micaville
W. K. Keys	Cove Creek
O. G. Klinger	Cocke County
D. W. McIver	Meadow Creek
C. G. McKaraher	Blountville

D. B. McLaughlin	Slippery Hill
J. L. MacMillan, D. D.	Blountville
V. P. Merrell	White Pine
J. A. Messer	Newland
John Martin	Micaville
G. F. Robertson	Crossnore
W. C. Young	Spruce Pine

R. D. CARSON,
W. K. KEYS,
McCOY FRANKLIN,
Committee.

The above report on Evangelism was adopted.

Report of Treasurer of Presbytery

The following report of Treasurer of Presbytery, was adopted:—

Your treasurer of Presbytery begs leave to submit the following semi-annual report:—

Receipts and Disbursements

Receipts

1. Balance from former treasurer	$193.14	
2. Collection of taxes from the churches	730.80	
Total		$923.94

Disbursements

Oct. 16, to W. C. Young, expenses to Synod	$ 3.80
Oct. 18, to D. W. McIver, expenses to Synod	5.20
Oct. 18, to S. H. Hay, expenses to Synod	4.40
Oct. 18, to J. L. MacMillan, expenses to Synod	5.00
Oct. 18, to T. J. Hutchison, expenses to Synod	1.20
Oct. 19, to Laurence Rolfe, expenses to Synod	7.05
Oct. 19, to J. R. Forgey, expenses to Synod	6.40
Nov. 8, to Muse-Whitlock Co., for printing	9.85
Nov 20, to T. J. Hutchison, on salary clerk	37.50
Dec. 5, to Southwest Va. Enterprise, Minutes	155.13
Dec. 7, to T. J. Hutchison, mailing minutes expense	3.64
Feb. 6, Presbyterian Com. of Publication, report	7.95
Mar. 11, to J. D. Leslie, Gen. Assembly Assessment	414.64
Mar. 13, to Muse-Whitlock, printing	12.85

Mar. 15, to T. J. Hutchison, for stationery	5.25	
Apl. 7, to Southwest, Va. Enterprise, Caldwells address	34.00	
Apl. 7, to Presbyterian Com. Publication, additional report blanks	2.00	
Apl. 18, to T. J. Hutchison, Treasurer of Synod, Synods Assessment	129.96	
Total		$845.82
Balance on hand		$ 78.12

Statement

Our present tax rate is 28 cents per member, on the basis of total membership. The total amount of taxes due last fall, including the taxes back to 1920 (which most of the churches are still due) was $1,597.45. Of these, $730.80 was collected and serious effort will be made to secure all the back taxes. By means of this, the tax rate can be lowered.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the tax rate for this church year be fixed at 20 cents per member, basis total membership, of which 10 cents will constitute the Presbyterial Tax and 10 cents the Synodical Tax.

2. That the 20 cents tax rate shall cover all expenses of Presbytery, including the traveling expenses of ministers and elders to Synod from churches paying both present and back taxes.

3. And that the churches be notified through their pastors and sessions that it is the desire of Presbytery to reduce this tax even more, and which can be done if only the churches will pay up these taxes fully and promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HUTCHISON, Treasurer.

Report of Committee on Bible Cause

The following report from the permanent committee on Bible Cause was adopted:—

Your committee on the Bible Cause would respectfully submit the following report:—

There is an increasingly great demand for religious literature, and especially for Bibles. The conflict between Modernism and Fundamentalism has caused more people to purchase and read the Bible

than was ever known in the history of the world. The Bible is still the worlds best seller. Sales of the Bible for the first nine months of 1923 were larger than for the entire previous year. In New York State, sales doubled in a year. The American Bible Society published 595 religious books in 1921; 738 in 1922 and a still greater number in 1923.

Recommendations:—

That the churches be urged to remember this great and needy cause. That the pastors be urged to place this cause on the hearts of their people and give them full opportunity to contribute to it.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. McLAUGHLIN, Chairman.

Report of the Permanent Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion

The report upon this cause, which was adopted is:—

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report:—

After many years of observation along the lines of such a report as this, it is the deliberate conclusion of the committee that such a report is little less than a formal statement of sad facts as to the conditions that prevail, its chief virtue being a "testimony against them."

By a strange satanic delusion many have come to regard the Sabbath merely as a day of physical rest for some. For others it is a day of pleasure, visiting, joy-rides, business trips, saving time in business by taking the Lord's day for one's own convenience, profit or pleasure. The automobile, one of the greatest inventions of the day, while promoting to a wonderful degree the commercial interests of the country, making itself felt as a real necessity, yet is doing more to break down the Lord's day and hinder religious services than all other agencies combined. And the numberless cars parked on the roadside near to the woods and thickets, witness to the fact that the house of shame is now on wheels and that many men, ashamed to visit such places in towns and cities, are not ashamed of the auto ride and the friendly woods. Such people do not argue for their course. They are so bent on sin that they "draw it as with a cart rope," and, like the adulterous woman of Proverbs, "They eat, wipe their mouths, and say, 'We have done no wrong.'" Others in a pretense of argument, say "the Sabbath is a Mosaic institution, and therefore not binding on us." They forget, if they ever knew, several facts: 1. That the Sabbath law is an integral part of the Ten Commandments. 2. That the 4th Commandment is vitally connected

with all the preceding law, with the first, in that it calls for the enthronement of God, the Lord of the covenant in our hearts; with the second, in that it calls for the spiritual worship of this covenant God; with the third, that the name by which He is revealed and which is to be used in worship, must be honored—not borne in vain—and that the fourth commandment gives man the proper division of his time—how much for work and how much for worship. 3. That the one day's rest in seven is absolutely necessary for man, beast and machinery, the many broken down men and machines being in abundant evidence. The unsolicited testimony of infidels has been freely given in multitudes of instances, that one day's rest in seven is absolutely necessary to the best results in all departments of labor. 4. That the Sabbath is a sign between God and His people. See Ezek. 20:12, etc., The Lord required, too, that even the land should keep Sabbath by resting, one day in seven, one year in seven and one additional year in fifty. Every farmer knows that to rest his land is to treat it well and kindly—that it pays financially to do so. 5. That its observance brings a blessing; that its violation brings a curse. The Jew is an exile from his land today because he did not keep God's Sabbath. With the going of the Sabbath goes the hope of any country's stability and integrity. You need only to read history for proof of this.

When a man breaks a law once, it is easier to break it the second time, and disregard for some laws will soon lead to disregard for all law. Many a man has broken the fourth commandment before he ever got his consent to break the eighth or any other. Many a mail agent has gone to some national prison for robbery who has been living in such constant violation of the fourth commandment that he found it easy to break the eighth. You cannot despise one righteous law without endangering your respect for other laws, and for all law. We are a nation of Sabbath breakers, and statistics show that this country is the most lawless country upon the face of the earth today.

The two things Satan seems to seek most zealously to destroy are the only two things that survived the fall, and have come down to us, full of purpose and meaning, yet made both purposeless and meaningless by the lawless disregard of divine authority. Reference is had to the Sabbath, just discussed, and the marriage relation out of which the family grows.

The family is God's ideal of human happiness and efficiency. With a family ordered on divine lines, and encouraged and protected from the cares, rubbish and turmoil of life, with one whole day in seven safeguarded for worship and religious service by the right observance

of this one whole day in seven, the serious problems of vice and crime are solved in advance. A heavenly atmosphere would blow softly over the earth now blossoming as the rose, and life would be eminently worth while, and every home would be a small heaven.

The homeless nation is a nation of tents and cavalcades, but a nation once possessed of homes whose sweetness, sanctity and authority are lot, the ties broken that once, and for a long while, held the children to the home, is a nation rebellious-unmindful, to a dangerous degree of its highest and holiest obligations, and a nation that will sooner or later pay the severest penalties of shame and sorrow. The family destroyed, all is gone.

You can see the trend, if not the sad and awful end. Not many years ago the clothing well protected the bodies of our women and girls as something sacred. Then came the period of shortening the garments at top and bottom along with diaphanous skirts. In the years gone by there was the "stately minuet," with scarce more than the slightest contact of the gloved hand. The old cotillion was about on a par. Then the round dance came, then the German, and on to the disgraceful, indescribable orgies of the ball rooms of today that should be squelched by law. Now after a brief schooling with suggestive bywords, it is the regular "cuss words," the cigarettes, appearing even on the streets, the cane, the male apparel in direct opposition to Deut. 22:5. Certainly some families are seriously at fault, and if all the rest of the families do not protest against such dangerous encroachments on decency, they, too, are guilty. The man who saw a thief and did not try to prevent theft or apprehend the thief, is partner to his crime.

In God's eyes the home is the church. Both baptism and the Lord's supper began in the home as family observances, as circumcision and passover. In several cases in the New Testament reference is had to "the church which is in thy house." In numberless instances parents are charged with the solemn responsibility of the proper rearing of the children, and children are warned against the disastrous effects of disobedience and irreverence. Rebellion was visited with a physical death penalty then; it is no less a spiritual death penalty now.

So important is the child life in God's eyes that He put a most solemn warning in the second commandment against the failure to worship Jehovah, who the first commandment said, should be enthroned in the heart—"visiting the iniquities of the fathers unto the children of the third and fourth generation of them that hate Him."

One entire commandment, the fifth, is addressed to the children, but of course through the parents, for the children know nothing except

as it is taught them. It is a crime not less than murder of body and soul, for one to bring a child into the world, a child that could be saved by proper precept and example, and then by careless neglect, let go to the devil.

The family altar now sadly neglected, is the family's safeguard, the nation's sure foundation. For it is from the prayerless, Sundayless homes that the criminals of our jails and street gangs go. Easily nine out of ten of our criminals never heard the voice of prayer in the home, and knew nothing of the sanctity of the Lord's holy day.

The child of today is the man of tomorrow, but he is what today's training for good or evil makes him. The call to fidelity to the highest and best interests of the child is as loud as the thunders of Sinai. And not less thunderous is the Sabbath trumpet. God seems in the fourth commandment to appeal to the commonsense, experience and observation of men as to the unqualified benefits of the observance of one day in seven. So He began that law, not with a "thou shalt," but "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The same commonsense, experience, and observation ought to appeal to us, but the church has to be exhorted, preachers have to be reminded and appealed to, to keep them in sight of the dangers and the needs herein referred to. We are not doing much grieving over the affliction of Joseph.

Your committee would make no recommendation to the ministers and ruling elders of this Presbytery, but fidelity to God, His word, this holy day, and the families under their charge that they may be able to render account unto God without abashment or confusion.

Respectfully, your committee on Sabbath Observance and Family Religion.

GEORGE F. ROBERTSON, Chairman.
J. A. HARRIS.

Following the adoption of this report, Presbytery ordered the Stated Clerk to write the pastors to read this report in their churches upon receipt of the printed minutes of Presbytery.

Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly

The commissioners to the General Assembly, as nominated at the Fall Meeting, were elected to-wit:—

Principals	Alternates
Rev. D. W. McIver	Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.
Rev. W. K. Keys	Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D.
Elder H. E. Harris	Elder H. A. McBath
Elder J. L. Gray	Elder O. R. Post

Presbyterial Sermon

The Order of the Day having arrived, Presbytery heard the Presbyterial sermon by Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., on the text Isaiah 43:25.

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial Communion service was then held, conducted by Revs. R. D. Carson, D. D., and D. W. McIver, and assisted by elders from the various churches.

Memorial of Rev. A. C. Snoddy

The Moderator then read the following memorial of Rev. A. C. Snoddy, a memorial prepared by Rev. O. G. Klinger:—

Alexander Cary Snoddy was born near Morristown, Tenn., February 6, 1846, was consecrated to God in baptism in infancy by godly parents who also in their hearts dedicated him to the ministry, if God should so call him. The baptismal faith of his parents in God's promises "to you and unto your children" and the careful keeping of the vows then taken, were rewarded in his conversion at the age of nine. In early manhood he also felt and acknowledged the call of God to the ministry; was received under the care of Holston Presbytery; studied three years at Union Theological College, also attending some classes at Hampden-Sydney College; was licensed by Holston Presbytery, July 20, 1871, ordained in 1873. The record of Brother Snoddy's work is:—Pisgah church, 1872-72; Concord, 1873-78; Dandridge 1873-76; Mt. Horeb 1876-77; Evangelistic work 1875-78; Lebanon church 1879-81; Coal Creek, 1879-82; in July, 1880, serious eye trouble began, threatening the loss of his sight, so that all study had to be given up for several years and his general health became much impaired until 1886; Greeneville group, 1887; Oliver Springs, 1888-90; Coal Creek, 1888-91; Newport and Russellville, 1892-94; retired, infirm, at Newport, Tenn., 1895-1923. He passed from earth to heaven July 28, 1923, in his seventyeighth year. His body was laid to rest until the resurrection beside that of his dear wife, Elenor, in Union Cemetery, Newport, Tenn. From childhood he was frail in body and very much of his life work had to be done in the face of that handicap, often very great. During the periods of infirmity which made regular work as a minister impossible, his first thought was always for any possible opportunity to do personal work, often going far beynd his strength, helping in evangelistic meetings, at which more than once, hundreds were converted; preaching now and then at some neglected

place; filling an appointment which some brother minister was unable to fill; holding a neighborhood prayer meeting; visiting those sick in body or soul; doing things which a busy pastor might not have had time to do; until he said just a few days before his death that he was not sure but that God had made his last years of infirmity the richest and most fruitful of his life in winning souls, and in life and service for the Kingdom; and that this gave him great joy, comfort and gratitude to God.

O. G. KLINGER.

After prayer, Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery met at 2 p. m.

Report of the Standing Committee on Finance

The following report of the Finance committee was adopted:—

Your committee reports that it has examined and verified the report of the Treasurer of Presbytery, checking vouchers for disbursements with amounts charged in the report, and find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. ROGAN,
H. A. McBATH,

Report of Committee on Men's Work

The following report from the permanent committee on Men's Work was adopted:—

Your committee on Men's Work reports that the information coming into our hands has been very meager. Very few of our churches have any distinctively organized work among the men with the following out-standing exceptions:

Bristol First, Morristown First, Johnson City First, and Windsor Avenue.

This branch of the church's work has made itself felt in the churches where Men's Work has been organized as well as in out-lying communities in which their labors have been expended.

We recommend:

1. That all churches seek to enlist the men of the church in organized effort for the extension of the Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. CARSON.

Report of the Organization of Churches

Presbytery adopted the following report on the organization of churches:—

Acting under the direction of the Presbyterial Committee of Home Missions, and by the authority of the Presbytery, I have organized the following churches since the Fall Meeting of Presbytery:—

The Mt. Sterling church of Mt. Sterling, N. C., with 26 members; one elder was elected, ordained and installed. Date, December 11.

The Bethel church of Hartford, Tenn., with 17 members; one elder was elected. Date, December 12.

The Ebenezer church of Del Rio, Tenn., with 24 members; two elders and one deacon were elected, ordained, and installed. Date, Jan. 6.

All of these churches are in the Cocke county field, Rev. J. Allen Messer, pastor, and with the exception of Mt. Sterling, are the result of 18 years mission work, dating back to the days of Dr. E. O. Guerrant.

Respectfully submitted

T. J. HUTCHISON, Supt. Home Missions.

Time and Place of Next Stated Meeting

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the church of Banner Elk, N. C., to hold its next stated session, the date being the second Tuesday of October.

Report of the Permanent Committee on Orphans Homes

The report of the committee on Orphans' Homes was read, adopted, and is as follows:—

The effort of the Presbytery in behalf of orphaned children is invested in a Home at Banner Elk, N. C. This home is one of the units of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, which consists at present of the Lees-McRae Institute which is a high school with some grammar grades attached, the Grace Hospital, and Grandfather Orphanage.

The Association is under the joint control of Holston and Concord Presbyteries which appoint a board of trustees to govern the entire work. This is a wise and salutary plan. The subordinate executive head of each unit should feel himself advocate in a special sense of his own unit, and should press its interests without excessive fear of prejudicing the interests of other units. He can do this under the plan, and can rely on the board or its servant to review all of the units and maintain balance and proportion. Thus is obtained a harmony and effectiveness of effort.

The chairman of your committee had the pleasure during the past year of a personal visit to the orphanage where he spent the larger part of a day with the competent and devoted Superintendent, Mr. J. W. Holcomb (address Banner Elk, N. C.,) and his invaluable coworker, Mrs. Holcomb, along with the other members of his official family. No observing person can visit the institution without being impressed with the excellencies of the work.

The orphanage is located about a mile from the Lees-McRae Institute and Grace Hospital, within half a mile of an important State highway, extending between Boone and Elk Park.

The various houses large and small that compose the orphanage make a neat little village in the midst of rolling fields encircled by the highest ridges of the Appalachian system. It is a beautiful spot, adapted to the service to which God has assigned it and man dedicated it. Surrounded here by growing gardens, neighing teams, the lowing of cattle, waving hillside grainfields, and other wholesome factors of rural life, the orphaned children of the region are nurtured and educated. At present there are 54 children in the family. Each Sabbath they all gather in the Banner Elk church to worship God and give thanks for all that He is doing for them through His servants.

Surely here is one of the most beneficent works that has challenged or can challenge the love and liberality of the churches of the Presbytery. In the presence of childhood unprotected and unprovided for all other claims than that of the child immediately before us must for the moment stand aside. The wise plan of the Synod is for an orphanage in each Presbytery rather than for one large Synodical home. Grandfather Orphanage is as yet far from the point at which expansion should cease. Some of the buildings are unsafe from fire and largely unprovided with comforts beyond electric lights and running water. Running expense is always precarious and near to shortage. The funds currently received are mainly from sources other than Holston Presbytery. Yet each year the necessity of depending on Holston Presbytery becomes more obvious, while the duty and privilege of the Presbytery grow in proportion.

The committee would recommend:

1. That the Presbytery ask the churches to give larger consideration to the orphanage in making future annual budgets, in order that the Presbytery may carry its rightful part of the burden.

2. That the churches that gather in their own houses of worship on Thanksgiving Day be asked to adopt the plan by which on that holiday each person shall give for the orphans the equivalent in money of one day's income or wage; that all churches which are prohibited from applying on Thanksgiving Day this plan by reason of union services with other denominations or because of total failure to assemble on Thanksgiving Day, be asked to inaugurate the plan of giving through their Sunday Schools on the Sunday before Thanksgiving the one-day-wage to God for this cause; and that this be done not to replace but in addition to whatever other arrangement churches and Sunday Schools may have for contributing to the orphans' home.

That a memorandum be sent by the Presbytery to the Assemblys Stewardship committee, calling attention to the proximity of dates for Equipment Fund and the customary Thanksgiving offerings for the orphanages of the church, with request that, if possible, some change of date of the offering for the Equipment Fund be recommended by them to the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted by the committee.

S. H. HAY, Chairman.

Official Report of Grandfather Orphanage

The following report from the management of Grandfather Orphanage was adopted:—

We beg to submit the following report of Grandfather Orphans' Home, to Holston Presbytery for the church year ending March 31, 1924:—

We have cared for 54 children, we have taught 9 grades, seven of this number being in High School. Our school runs eight and one-half months.

We have seven buildings, value $22,000, three hundred acres of land, value $10,000. Equipment and other property $6,000. Total $38,000.

Receipts During Past Year.

From Holston Presbytery, its churches and societies	$2,951.47
From Concord Presbytery	713.62
From Others	4,048.49
Total	$7,713.58

Blowing Rock collection in August	2,000.00	
Income from Conditional Endowment	2,254.14	
Grand Total		$11,967.72

Disbursements

Salaries, Superintendent, matrons and teachers	$3,250.00	
For improvements and equipment	860.00	
For other current expenses	5,732.25	
Total		$ 9,842.25
Balance		$ 2,125.47

(Signed) J. W. HOLCOMB, Supt.

Report of Executive Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made a verbal report in review of the work of this department in the Assembly and in our own Presbytery, offering in conclusion the following recommendations, which were adopted:—

1. That the Presbytery take note of the completion of twenty years of service by the Executive Secretary, Rev. H. H. Sweets, by uniting in a special prayer of thanksgiving for results accomplished in these two decades and in prayer for God's continued blessing upon the work of this department and the Secretary; and that the chairman of the Presbyterial committee be instructed to write the Secretary a letter of congratulation upon the fine achievements of the deparment during these historic twenty years of his incumbency.

2. That the churches of our Presbytery be urged to stress in every right way the recruiting of ministers of the gospel to meet the growing demands of our pulpits; and that the ministers be requested to take special note of this and lay the matter upon the heart of the congregations by solemn authority of the Presbytery at the earliest suitable hour, exhorting all to prayer, parents to dedication of their children to this work, and young persons to the offering of themselves for the ministry and other mission service.

Candidates under our care are listed here for the information of the churches: Joe E. Knight, of Jonesboro, Tenn., now at King College; Johnson E. McKinley, of Quentin, Miss., now at King College; J. D. Rowe, of Shulls Mills, N. C., now in school at Boone Fork Institute; William Whitlock, of Fish Dam, Tenn., now at King College; and Troy Young, of Micaville, N. C.; H. A. McBath, Micaville, N. C.

3. That appropriations from the funds for Ministerial Relief be applied for in accordance with the following, allowing for revision at the discretion of the committee in the event of changing needs on the part of beneficiaries: Mrs. M. W. Byers, $100; Mrs. E. D. Converse, $150; Mrs. Julia T. King, $200; Mrs. Lottie McFerrin, $200; Mrs. Sue T. Wallace, $200. No fresh application is required in the case of the infirm ministers of our Presbytery who have rendered thirty or more years of service in our church and who are therefore on the "Honor Roll" of the ministry.

Respectfully submitted by the committee,

S. H. HAY, Chairman.

Presbytery then engaged in a season of prayer in behalf of this cause, placing special emphasis on the claims of the Gospel Ministry upon the young men of the church.

Report of the Standing Committee on Presbyterial Sermon

The report of the committee on Presbyterial Sermon was adopted, and is:—

To preach the Presbyterial sermon at the next stated meeting, principal, Rev. V. P. Merrell, alternate, Rev. W. K. Keys; subject, "The Menace of Modernism."

R. D. CARSON,
D. W. McIVER,
Committee.

Reception of Candidate for the Ministry

Upon receipt of proper testimonials from his session, and after the usual examination for a candidate for the ministry, Elder Harvey A. McBath, of the Micaville, N. C. church, was received under the care of Presbytery and special prayer was offered by Rev. S. H. Hay for him.

Address by Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D.

Presbytery was favored by an address, characterized by force and optimism upon the work and fortunes of King College by its present, Dr. Tilden Scherer.

Recommendations of the Trustees of the Plumtree School for Boys

Following addresses by Rev. T. W. Clapp, Principal of the Plumtree School for Boys, and by Hon. S. R. Sells of the Board of Trustees of the school, these recommendations were adopted:—

Holston Presbytery hears with pleasure of the general progress of the Plumtree school for Boys, and approves fully of the plan of the trustees and management of the school to buy a farm in order to produce larger supplies of food. We therefore recommend:—

That the newly purchased farm be made a memorial to Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., the church's former gifted and useful Superintendent of Sunday Schools and Young Peoples Work.

And that this cause be commended to the liberality of the Sunday School pupils and young people of Holston Presbytery, with the desire that as far as possible, this farm should be the gift of the young people of the church, as well as a lasting memorial to the work of love of Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. SELLS, For the Trustees.

Annual Report of the Boone Fork Institute

The following report of the Boone Fork Institute, was adopted:—

The Board of Trustees of the Boone Fork Institute, located at Shull's Mills, N. C., submit the following report to Holston Presbytery. Date, April 1, 1924.

Name of principal, C. G. McKaraher.

Names of teachers: John S. Yelton, Miss Aurilla M. Brown, Mrs. McKaraher, Miss Ursula Murphy, Mrs. Eva Ruffin.

Number of grades taught, 12; length of school session, 9 months.

Total number of pupils enrolled, 109; total in high school, 20.

Number of buildings, 5; value of same	$20,000.00
Amount of land owned by school, 89 acres; value of same	3,045.00
Value of equipment and other property	2,000.00
Grand total	$25,045.00

Receipts During Past Year

1. From Home Missions committee	$ 2,250.00	
2. From individuals	2,592.50	
3. From tuition, etc.	270.00	
Total Receipts		$ 5,112.50

Disbursements During Past Year

1. For salaries of principal and teachers	$ 1,600.00	
2. For other current expenses	1,012.00	
3. For other expenses (new building)	2,500.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 5,112.50

We recommend that Presbytery increase its financial support of the school, and that Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., and Mr. A. B. Rogan be reappointed as trustees to serve for three years.

(Signed) W. S. WHITING, Chrmn. Board of Trustees.

Annual Report to Holston Presbytery from Lees-McRae Institute Located at Banner Elk, N. C.

Date, April 1, 1924.

Name of principal, Edgar H. Tufts.

Names of teachers: Mrs. H. S. Hermann, Miss Helen Hermann, Miss Doris Willis, Miss Clyde White, Mrs. M. S. Spaulding, Miss Sallie M. McAlpine, Mrs. D. O. Byers, Miss Bessie Cowan, Miss Louise Cole, Miss Winona Page, Miss Phoebe Wakefield, Miss Martha Colzey.

Number of grades taught, 11; length of school session, 8 months.

Total number of pupils enrolled in 1923 session, 123.

Number of buildings, 4; value of same	$40,000.00
Land owned by school, 200 acres; value of land, equipment and other property	15,000.00
Total value of school plant	$55,000.00

Receipts During Past Year

From Home Mission Committee	$ 407.00	
From tuition, etc	4,638.12	
From other sources	10,104.69	
Total Receipts		$15,149.81

Disbursements During Past Year

For current expenses, table supplies, upkeep, labor, salaries, etc	$11,027.61
For purchase of property, equipment	2,914.09
For other expenses	7,265.23
Total Disbursements	$13,941.70
Plus bills payable April 1	535.10
	$14,476.80
Balance	$ 673.01

Recommendations:—

1. That the following changes in the charter of the Edgar Tufts Memorial association, (changes asked and adopted by Concord Presbytery), be adopted; to wit:—

   1. That page 2, paragraph 7, be changed as follows: "Vacancies in the said Board occurring between meetings of Presbyteries, may be temporarily filled by the remaining trustees, etc."

   2. That page 3, paragraph 3, (near end), be changed so as to read as follows: "which committee (Executive) may be entrusted by the Board with the same power and perform the same duties as the Board of Trustees, etc."

   3. That page 3, paragraph 9, be changed as follows: "Five trustees shall constitute a quorum * * * * provided all of said members shall not be of the same Presbytery."

2. And with reference to the method of electing trustees and fixing their terms of service,

   That, Presbytery, in accordance with the new charter, elect the five trustees, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years.

3. That Mr. J. Fred Johnson be elected Trustee for one year, Mr. E. W. King for two years, Mr. Jas. A. Summers for three years, Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., for four years, and Mr. Frank Stinson for five years.

E. H. TUFTS, Principal for the Trustees.

Courtesy

Rev. E. C. Murray, Jr., of Orange Presbytery, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Mr. Bridges, of the Baptist church of Newland, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Report of Committee on Narrative

The following report of the committee on the Narrative of Christian Life and Work was adopted:—

1. Reports from the churches show that the religious needs of the communities are met very well in most fields, while in some not so well.

2. The average number and percentage of membership attending all services per week, throughout the year is, (a) morning, 75-90%; (b) evening, 40-50%; prayer meeting, 30-50%.

3. Total additions to church for year: on profession 419; by letter 221.

4. Additions to church from Sabbath schools, 259.

5. Evangelistic services held during the year 37; effect, churches greatly benefited spiritually.

6. Number of families holding family worship, 210 reported; number reported in Family Altar League, 75.

7. Communion services reported during year, 70; per cent of members attending, 85%.

8. The members observe the Lord's day very well.

9. Members are not as faithful as they should be in presenting their children for baptism.

10. The catechisms are not as a rule taught the children by their parents.

11. The Sabbath Schools report that they teach the catechisms.

12. Pupils memorize the scriptures, generally, but not so with the hymns.

13. Pastors are faithful in teaching the Stewardship of Life and Possessions.

14. Reports indicate that we have 400 tithers.

15. Practically all the churches made an Every Member Canvass.

16. Seventeen churches reported that they had paid in full their apportionment to the Benevolences.

17. Pastors salaries were fully and promptly paid. Three churches report increases in pastors salaries during the year.

18. Worldly conformity does not exist in the churches to any alarming extent.

19. Nineteen churches report that they had evangelistic services outside of their bounds.

20. Pastors and sessions report efforts made to secure recruits to the Gospel Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

V. P. MERRILL, Chairman.

Following Prayer, Presbytery took recess until 7:30 p. m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 p. m.

Report of Committee on Sessional Records

The following report of the committee on Sessional Records, was adopted:—

The following churches did not have sessional record books at this meeting of Presbytery:—

Windsor Ave., Morristown, Blountville, Pleasant Grove, Shulls Mills, Forbes, Brummetts, New Providence, New Bethel, Plumtree, Powder Mill, Hughes, Paint Gap, Jacks Creek, Meadow Creek, Kingsport, Pineola, Jonesboro, Rheatown, Blowing Rock, Salem, Straw Plains, White Pine, Cove Creek, Buck Hill, Buladean.

We recommend that the sessional records of the following churches be approved:—

Smoky Mt., Johnson City First, Bristol First, Estatoa, Leesburg, Grassy Creek, Russellville, Rogersville, Crossnore, Micaville, Weaver, Paperville, Cold Spring, Ebenezer, Bethel, and Mt. Sterling.

And that the sessional records of the following churches be approved with exceptions as stated below:—

Newport; word "Delegate" used instead of "Representative," see rule No. 11.

Jefferson City: Several meetings not opened with prayer.

Rutledge: Record of only one meeting; minutes not approved; see rules No. 5, No. 11, No. 14.

Arcadia: Book not at last meeting of Presbytery; only one meeting during year; absence of pastor notable; see rules.

Spruce Pine: Records of meetings of July 29 and August 5, 1923, not signed. See rule No. 11.

Newdale: Record of meeting on page 31 shows no date; only one meeting of session reported; see all rules.

Banner Elk: Not shown that meeting of April 24, 1924, was closed with prayer.

Newland: Only one meeting during year; elders present not named or numbered. Minutes of September 23, 1923 meeting not signed. See all rules.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. KEYS, Chairman.

Report of the Plumtree School for Boys

The following report of the Plumtree School for Boys, was adopted:—

The Board of Trustees of the Plumtree School, located at Plumtree, N. C., submit the following report to Holston Presbytery.

Date, April 1, 1924.

Name of principal, T. W. Clapp.

Names of teachers: W. F. Schaffner, L. S. Poston, Miss Lula Ward, Miss Lelia Kestler.

Number of grades taught, 12, length of school session 9 months.

Total number of pupils enrolled, 84.

Number of buildings, 2, value of same	$10,000.00
Amount of land owned by school, 800 acres; value of same	10,000.00
Value of equipment and other property	1,000.00
Grand Total	$21,000.00

Receipts During Past Year.

1. From churches, societies, etc.	$ 83.00	
	125.00	
2. From Home Missions committee	1,025.00	
3. From individuals	883.00	
4. From school property	7,105.00	
5. From tuition, etc.	859.00	
6. From other sources	600.00	
Total Receipts		$10,680.00

Disbursements During Past Year

1. For salaries of principal and teachers	4,355.00
2. For other current expenses	3,406.00
3. For purchase of property, equipment, etc.	500.00
4. For payment on debts, etc.	2,000.00
5. For other expenses	625.00
Total Disbursements	$10,680.00

(Signed) T. W. CLAPP, Principal.

Report of the Permanent Committee on Stewardship

The following report of the Stewardship committee, was adopted:—

Your committee notes with gratitude to God, the closing of the best year's work in the history of our church in regard to gifts received and results accomplished, due to the earnest consideration of an increasing number of God's people of the scriptural principles of the Stewardship of life and possessions.

We offer the following recommendations:—

1. That Presbytery strongly urge the churches, auxiliaries and Sabbath schools to adopt Presbytery's percentages of distribution for benevolent causes; which are as follows:

Foreign Missions	24%
Assemblys Home Missions	10%
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	6%
Publication and Sabbath School Extension	2%
Bible Cause	one half of 1%
Assemblys Training School	one half of 1%
Presbyterial Home Missions and Schools	34%
Synodical Educational Institutions	12%
Orphans Homes	4%
Synods Home Missions	7%

2. That Presbytery adopt the following resolution:—

"The work done by our pastors, Sunday school superintendents and others who are helping to save the children of the Near East and to train them for future leadership, has the approval of Holston Presbytery. We urge the generous support of our people for this work in order that it may be carried on until the younger children now in the orphanages reach the age of self support. We consider the work one of practical missionary endeavor and urge the continued co-

operation of our people with the representatives of Near East Relief in community efforts for this cause. We respectfully overture the General Assembly, meeting in San Antonio, Texas, May 15, 1924, to fix a date when an appeal shall be made to the churches, Sunday schools and Young Peoples organizations for this worthy cause.

3. That Presbytery overture the General Assembly meeting in San Antonio, Texas, May 15, 1924, to change the church year to correspond with the calendar year.

4. That a central treasurer be elected, bonded at $5,000., and on a salary of $25. per month, and that all churches be requested to send their regular benevolences, monthly, to this treasurer, each church being given the assurance that its own schedule of benevolences will be followed, if requested.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. McIVER, Chairman.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The report of the standing committee on Nominations, was adopted. (See Organization.)

The standing committee on the Examination of the Minutes of Synod stated that it had no report to make, and was discharged.

The standing committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no business had come before it, and it was discharged.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions

The report of the executive committee on Foreign Missions was received and pending its adoption Presbytery heard an address upon our Mexican missions by Rev. E. C. Murray, at the close of which, Presbytery gave Mr. Murray a rising vote of thanks for his interesting and instructive address, and expressed its gratitude to the Assemblys committee of Foreign Missions, for sending Mr. Murray to our Presbytery.

The report follows:—

We rejoice in the fact that God has greatly blessed the Foreign Mission work of our church during the past year.

Financial receipts have been the largest in the history of the church. All current expenses were fully met and the accumulated deficit was

reduced by $100,000. The receipts from native sources in the mission stations advanced 250% over the previous year. Six missionaries were lost by death, but thirty-seven new missionaries were sent out, bringing the net roll up to 504. The list of native workers increased during the year to 3,600, an increase of 2,217. There were added to the rolls of the church 5,397 being 1,041 more than were received the previous year. In the medical work, 56 doctors performed 4,200 major operations, an average of about 75 to each doctor; 202 physicians and nurses rendered 375,000 treatments, an average of about 1,361 to each doctor and nurse. Our Industrial schools are doing a great work, the Agricultural school of Lavras, Brazil, ranking among the leading missionary agricultural schools of the world.

Recommendations:—

1. That May 4, be observed in our churches and Sunday schools as a day of thanksgiving for God's great blessing upon our foreign mission work.

2. That churches, societies, Sunday schools and individuals be urged to assume definite shares in the support of the foreign mission work. (Shares of $50. may now be had.)

3. That mission study classes be organized in all our churches and Women's Auxiliaries to study the text book on China, as recommended by the Educational department of our Foreign Missions committee.

4. That all our Sunday schools follow the seven year plan of Mission study, the study for this year being our Congo Mission; that the schools subscribe for the shares to be had in the mission work, and use the Prayer Booklet "Our Prayer Each Week."

5. That our Christian Endeavor Societies make use of the special missionary programs prepared by our Assembly's committee for the societies.

6. That the churches be urged to hold schools of missions, according to the plan of the Educational Department of the Assembly's Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. YOUNG, Chairman.

Report of the Committee of Presbyterial Home Missions

The following report of the executive committee of Presbyterial Home Missions was adopted:

Your committee of Presbyterial Home Missions begs leave to submit the following annual report:—

We have now 32 organized churches and 19 out stations on the roll of the Home Missions committee; these are served by 9 pastors, and 3 lay workers. During the year, three churches were organized; Mt. Sterling, Bethel and Ebenezer, all of the Cocke county field, Rev. J. Allen Messer, pastor. Two groups, composed of the following churches have assumed self support: White Pine, Rutledge, Strawberry Plains and Concord in one group and Blountville, Arcadia, Pleasant Grove and New Bethel in the other; the former has called Rev. W. B. Doyle and the latter has called Rev. C. F. Newland. These men expect to be on the field soon. With these filled, our vacant groups are but two; Banner Elk group and Meadow Creek group. During the year two churches were built; Max Chapel, near Newland, and Cove Creek church, of the Cove Creek field, and one church, Micaville was bought, completed and furnished.

In evangelism, our fields have held 34 meetings, securing 290 professions of faith and adding 230 members to the churches.

Our mission day schools, Cove Creek, Buladean, Blevins Creek, Smoky, Green Mountain and Relief have reported as follows: total number of regular teachers, 8, with extra summer helpers numbering 7, total number of pupils 304, number of grades taught, 4 had seven, 2 had eight, length of school term, two had 5 months, 2 had 8 months, and two had nine months; total receipts for all purposes $2,674. Total value of their property and equipment $2,790. Total number of visits made by teachers in the homes, 1084. Number of pupils reciting the catechisms 53.

In addition to these schools, the church and community work at Paint Gap done by two teachers who entered on their work last fall, is now becoming mission day school work.

The high schools, Lees-McRae Institute, Plumtree School for Boys, and Boone Fork Institute make separate reports to Presbytery, which reports are to be found appended to this report.

An outstanding feature of the year's work has been the development of the work at Micaville, N. C.; the locating of Mr. H. A. McBath there, securing a church and manse; reorganizing and stimulating the churches of Micaville, Paint Gap, Estatoa and Newdale. Mr. McBath has taken up this work with energy and vision and is already securing results of the most satisfactory kind.

Another outstanding feature of the year's work has been the $10,000.00 Campaign for Equipment and Support for some of the mountain mission work; a campaign planned at first for equipment and later changed to equipment and support, due to a large and urgent deficit in our treasury. This campaign, with Elders J. L. Gray and H. A. McBath as the active agents, has been prosecuted in the fol-

lowing churches to date: Bristol First, Windsor Avenue, Weavers, Cold Spring, Banner Elk, Meadow Creek, Rheatown, Kingsport, Plumtree and Johnson City, and of the $10,000 goal, over $6,000 has been secured. It is hoped that this campaign can soon be prosecuted in the remaining churches of Presbytery and the entire amount secured.

The committee would like to call the attention of the churches asking aid from it that by order of Presbytery, the committee is required to withhold appropriation from any church or group until said church or group takes an every member canvass and sends itemized results of this canvass to the superintendent.

The committee would also stress the monthly reports from pastors; that they be made both fuller and more accurately; that they always include a counted or carefully estimated number of persons in attendance on preaching services, Sunday schools, and the like.

Recommendation:

That all matters brought before the committee at this session of Presbytery be referred back to the committee with power to act.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MAC MILLAN, Chairman.

Licensure of Candidate H. A. McBath

Mr. McBath preached a sermon before Presbytery from the text Mathew 5:1-6, which was sustained as a satisfactory part of his examination for licensure. Then followed his examination in Theology, which being approved, Mr. McBath was licensed as a probationer for the Gospel Ministry under the extraordinary clause. Special prayer was offered by the moderator for him and for his work.

Report of the Committee on Statistics

The following report of the standing committee on Statistics was adopted:—

Your committee on Statistics begs leave to submit the following report:

Elders	195
Deacons	170
Added on examination	419
Added on certificate	221
Resident communicants	4862

Non Resident Communicants	745
Whole number of Communicants	5215
Baptisms, adult	245
Baptisms, infant	60
Total Sabbath school enrollment	6619

Benevolences

Foreign Missions	$12,433	
Assemblys Home Missions	3,918	
Synods Home Missions	3,160	
Presbyterys Home Missions	12,616	
Congregational Home Missions	6,657	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	2,289	
Sunday School Extension and Publication	1,670	
Educational Institutions	20,430	
Bible Cause	295	
Orphans Homes	4,949	
Total Benevolences		$68,417

Other Funds

Current Expenses and Presbyterial Tax	$30,238	
Pastors Salaries	27,956	
Miscellaneous	11,829	
Total Other Funds		$70,023
Grand Total, all gifts		$136,440
Number of ministers on the roll		26
Number of churches		51
Number of Licentiates		1
Number of Candidates		10
Number of pastoral dissolutions		2
Number of churches organized		3

Respectfully submitted,

MC COY FRANKLIN, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence

The following report of the standing committee on Leave of Absence was adopted:—

Your committee on Leave of Absence begs leave to submit the following report:—

That for good and sufficient reasons the following brethren be excused from attendance at this session of Presbytery: Rev. Robt.

Yost, D. D., C. C. Carson, D. D., Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., Rev. C. G. McKaraher, Rev. O. G. Klinger, Rev. John Young. That Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., be excused for tardiness at this session of Presbytery. That Elder J. W. Zirkle and Elder F. H. Stinson be excused from attendance on Presbytery after noon Wednesday.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HARRIS, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Church Societies

The following report of the standing committee on Church Societies was adopted:—

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report:—

Number of Societies Reported

Women's Societies, 24; membership, 917.
Men's Societies, 2; membership 100.
Total Christian Endeavor Societies 21; membership 711.
Boys' Societies, 2; membership, 27.
Girls' Societies, 2, membership, 30.
Total Societies other than C. E., 4; membership 57.
Total C. E. and Y. P. societies, 29; membership, 768.

Benevolent Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 2,633
Assemblys Home Missions	749
Synods Home Missions	270
Presbyterys Home Missions	1,359
Congregational Home Missions	382
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	355
Sunday School Extension and Publication	170
Educational Institutions	474
Bible Cause	79
Orphans Homes	1,000
Current Expenses and Contingent Fees	3,096
Miscellaneous Contributions	2,535
Total Contributions	$13,311

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. B. BOYLES, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Resolution of Thanks

The following report of the standing committee on Resolution of Thanks, was adopted by a rising vote:—

The Presbytery of Holston in session in the church of Newland, N. C., wishes to take this opportunity of expressing its appreciation of the hospitality of the pastor and people of the church of Newland, together with the people of Crossnore, Pineola, and Linville, and to thank them most cordially for their good efforts in making our stay among them so pleasant and profitable.

We wish to thank the people of Banner Elk for their gracious invitation to visit the Lees-McRae Institute, and to express our sincere regret that the inclemency of the weather prevented our visiting this wonderful institution.

We ask that a copy of these resolutions be read from the pulpits of the churches of Newland, Crossnore, Pineola, Linville and Banner Elk, and that a copy be sent to the Johnson City Chronicle with request for early publication.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HUTCHISON, Chairman.

Adjournment

The minutes were read and approved. After the singing of a hymn, and prayer by the Moderator, Presbytery adjourned to meet in stated session in the church of Banner Elk, N. C., on the second Tuesday of October; and to meet in adjourned session in Rev. R. D. Carson's office, Bristol, Tenn., on Tuesday, June 10, at 1:30 p. m.

J. D. FAUCETTE,
Moderator.

W. C. YOUNG,
Temporary Clerk.

T. J. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

MINUTES

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of

Holston Presbytery Auxiliary

The twentieth annual meeting of Holston Presbyterial Auxiliary was held with First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., April 21, 22, and 23, 1924.

The delegates were met at the station by the Reception Committee, and taken directly to the church, where they registered and were assigned to their homes.

MONDAY

The Executive Committee met at 1:30 p. m., opening with prayer by Mrs. Gale Armstrong. Six members were present. A motion to adopt the budget plan in regard to contingent fee was made and carried, and a committee to assess each local auxiliary according to giving strength was appointed. The committee is as follows: Mrs. Gale Armstrong, Mrs. Fannie B. Rogers, Mrs. Henry Miller and Mrs. R. H. Evans.

Other questions of minor importance were discussed followed by adjournment.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2:30 O'CLOCK

Regular meeting called to order by the President. The Devotional was led by Miss Williams, of the Chicago Bible School—her subject "The Gift," or "Giving and Receiving Gifts," taken from the book of John—after which the address of welcome was given by Mrs. Sam R. Sells, and the

response by Mrs. Irene King Newman. The Registration Committee reported 30 delegates enrolled, and 5 visitors.

The churches represented as follows:

Johnson City, Tenn., Mrs. O. D. Hutchens, Mrs. A. Jay Sheldon.

Kingsport, Tenn., Mrs. A. H. Owen, Mrs. J. Fred Johnson, Mrs. Jas. C. White, Mrs. P. V. Hogan.

Newport, Tenn., Miss Kate Huff, Mrs. Carl Mims.

Bristol (First Church), Miss Ada Lynn, Mrs. Lacy Wilson, Mrs. Irene K. Newman.

Bristol (Windsor Ave.), Mrs. W. R. Thomas, Mrs. J. R. Lowry, Mrs. A. T. Kensinger.

Rogersville, Tenn., Mrs. C. Morrison, Mrs. Gale Armstrong, Mrs. McIver.

Morristown, Tenn., Mrs. Geo. S. Hale, Mrs. Jno. M. Wooten, Mrs. W. A. Foard, Mrs. Jas. Tyler.

Russellville, Tenn., Mrs. L. P. Miller.

Stony Point, Tenn., Miss Louise Tipton, Mrs. Sam Miller.

Jefferson City, Tenn., Mrs. V. P. Merrill.

Crossnore, N. C., Mrs. C. P. Herndon, Mrs. A. F. McKinney, Mrs. W. L. Lyon.

Banner Elk, N. C., Mrs. W. C. Tate, Mrs. H. F. Ingle, Miss Estelle Cooke.

Buladean, N. C., Miss Bessie West, Mrs. Van Devere.

Blountville, Tenn., Mrs. W. E. Carter, Mrs. Joe Earheart.

Whitesburg, Tenn., Mrs. A. M. Remine.

Holston Valley, Va., Mrs. Arthur Fleenor.

Officers Present, Eight:

Mrs. Henry Miller, President, Bristol.
Mrs. J. R. Allen, Secretary, Bristol.
Mrs. Fannie B. Rogers, Treasurer, Jefferson City, Tenn.
Mrs. J. Fred Johnson, A. H. M. Secretary, Kingsport, Tenn.
Mrs. Geo. S. Hale, Foreign Missions, Morristown, Tenn.
Mrs. Victor Kent, C. E. and M. R., Johnson City, Tenn.

Miss Louise Tipton, Secy. S. S. & Y. P. Work, Stony Point, Tenn.

Mrs. W. C. Tate, Sec'y. S. P. C. H. M., Banner Elk, N. C.

3:20 p. m., Appointment of committees, followed by a splendid message by Mrs. J. L. Calloway, from the Knoxville Presbyterial; after which Rev. J. J. Fix made an earnest plea for the work of our Young People, giving many helpful suggestions for dealing with the many problems that come up in their work. He announced the Young Peoples' conference at "Stonewall Jackson" early in June, at which time he hopes to have delegates in attendance from all Sunday schools and Auxiliaries. After a song by two of the girls from Calvary Mission, the session closed with the "Bible Hour" in charge of Mrs. C. C. English, subject: "The Three Gardens of Scripture," showing how, through disobedience, we are not permitted to enjoy to the fullest extent the great blessings that God intended we should have.

MONDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK

Meeting opened with prayer and reading of scripture by Rev. J. L. MacMillan, after which the choir of the hostess church sang, in a beautiful and impressive manner "He is Risen." Following the song, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, of the Belgian Congo, talked on "Our Missions in Africa," bringing to us a splendid and most appealing message, and showing us something of the lives of our missionaries out there, and pointing out the great sacrifices that some have made —mentioning especially Mrs. Edna B. Kellersberger, whose life of such great usefulness ended in such a tragic manner only a few months ago, and urging us to take initiative steps to provide a fund for sending someone to take her place, in order that the work she began may continue.

After an offering, and hymn, the meeting closed with prayer by Dr. Bedinger.

Immediately after the meeting, a social half hour was enjoyed, and the women of the church served refreshments.

TUESDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order by the President.

Devotional was led by Miss Williams, a Bible teacher from Chicago, using several scripture references, and showing how necessary it is for us to read and meditate on God's Word in order to give the best service to our Lord and Master.

The minutes were read and approved. In the absence of Secretary of Literature, Mrs. Geo. S. Hale and Mrs. Thos. W. Simpson presented the literature, pointing out the fact that much valuable reading matter was available, and asking the women to take home leaflets and books for distribution; especially mentioning our new Home Mission Study Book, "The Romance of Home Missions," and our Foreign Mission Book, "The City of Morning Light," and the Young Peoples' Book, "Chinese Lanterns."

The President talked on plans for raising funds to send a Missionary to Africa to take Mrs. Kellersburger's place. General discussion in regard to this followed; representatives of ten churches in favor of plan, suggestion that the auxiliaries of Holston pledge "over and above" yearly gifts of $2.25 to $2.50 per capita. No action taken. Carried on to Executive Meeting.

Reports of officers and delegates followed in order:

Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Allen, Bristol, Tenn.

Treasurer, Mrs. Fannie B. Rogers, Jefferson City, Tenn.

Sec. S. P. C. Missions, Mrs. W. C. Tate, Banner Elk, N. C.

Sec. C. E. & M. Relief, Mrs. Victor Kent, Johnson City, Tenn.

Sec. Dev. Spir. Life, Mrs. J. O. Phillips, Rogersville, Tenn. (Read by Recording Secretary.)

Sec. Literature, Mrs. E. H. Moore, Russellville, Tenn. (By Secretary.)

Sec. Y. P. Work, Miss Louise Tipton, Stony Point, Tenn.

Sec. Assn. Home Miss., Mrs. J. Fred Johnson, Kingsport, Tenn.

Sec. Foreign Missions, Mrs. Geo. S. Hale, Morristown, Tenn.

Reports approved.

Hymn 254 was sung, after which the President gave her report.

No Secretary Christian Community Service report given, due to failure to appoint Secretary for the Cause, previously. The few reports sent in to be given to new Secretary of Christian Community Service.

Reports of delegates from auxiliaries read. Reports as follows:

Johnson City,	Bristol (First Church),
Kingsport,	Bristol, (Windsor Avenue.),
Newport,	Rogersville,
Morristown,	Russellville,
Stony Point,	Jefferson City,
Crossnore,	Banner Elk,
Whitesburg,	Plumtree.

Mrs. Geo. S. Hale presented the "White Cross Work," giving descriptions of work and needs of various hospitals. Appalachian Synodical has been assigned equipment, or hospital supplies, for Bulape, Africa, and Holston Presbyterial has its part to perform. Only a small amount asked from each local auxiliary.

Mrs. Gale Armstrong, (in the absence of our Synodical President, Mrs. W. K. Armstrong), brought us a message from our Synodical, showing cause for real gratification in the year's record, but plenty of room for further improvement. She reported three Gold Circles, two of them from Holston Presbyterial, Banner Elk and Crossnore, Banner Presbyterial, Abingdon.

Request through Miss Kate Hunt for financial assistance in the education of Miss Henderlite and Miss Mitchell of Stonewall Jackson College was discussed, but no action taken.

Prayer by Mrs. J. L. Calloway.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30, and the women were invited to a bountiful luncheon in the dining room.

(Executive Meeting at 1:30 p. m., six members present.) Time was given to discussing of plans for raising fund to send a missionary to the Congo, in the place of Mrs. Kellerburger.

Session resumed at 1:45 p. m.

"Building the Auxiliary," by Mrs. Thos. W. Simpson, gave us an excellent idea of the governing bodies of the auxiliary, and the foundation and structure of our great Organization.

"Group Conferences," by Mrs. J. R. Lowry, Mrs. Geo. S. Hale and Mrs. J. H. Von Cannon, gave an account of Conferences held during the year at Bristol (Windsor Avenue), Banner Elk, N. C., and Morristown, Tenn.

An informal conference on work of Circle Chairmen and Cause Secretaries followed, in which many of the women took part. The conference revealed the fact that the women are "hungering and thirsting" for knowledge that will make them more efficient and help them to get better results in their own fields of labor. They all recognize the importance of keeping a strict account of everything done during the year, in order that it may be included in annual reports, and in that way, benefit others.

After the discussion, an impressive song by a quartette (composed of the women of the hostess church), was rendered.

Registration Committee reported 40 delegates and 29 visitors.

Mrs. Gale Armstrong gave a brief but interesting presentation of the book "Pioneer Women," by Mrs. R. Tate Irvine, showing that a real treat, as well as most valuable information, is in store for all who read it.

The "Grandfather Orphanage," and the various departments of the work presented by Miss Minnie Brundidge, Matron of the Baby cottage, reported 56 children (28 boys and 28 girls) being cared for. Teachers are refined, cultured women and graduates of High School and Assembly's Training school, has 8 paid workers at $25.00 per month. Both Lees-McRae and Grandfather Orphanage free from debt, made possible through special holiday and other offerings. A few girls and boys have help from their homes. $10.00 per month supports boy or girl.

After a song "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling," the Bible Hour was conducted by Mrs. C. C. English, her subject "Sowing and Reaping," and pointing out the fact that the Christian is called the World's Bible and that often we fail to live in such a way as to impress the unsaved with the genuineness of our religion, and lack intensity of thought, purpose and action in our zeal for our Lord and Master.

Rev. R. D. Carson next talked on the Home Mission Work of the Appalachian Synod, giving figures showing an appreciable growth and increase in some ways, but need of greater activity along many lines if we hope to make our Home Mission work what it should be. He urged auxiliaries to follow the scale asked for by Presbytery in our giving, and sounded a note of warning when he spoke of the type of religion that is being brought into some of our mountain sections where Mormonism and other religions prevail to a great extent, showing that we should use greater effort to send them teachers and leaders who will tell "the old, old story" in all its sincerity and truth and win them for Christ.

Report of Committee on nominations was made by Mrs. J. D. Faucette, and it was voted that the President instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the following group of officers for a term of two years:

Vice President, Mrs. O. G. Klinger, Newport, Tenn.

Treasurer, Mrs. R. H. Evans, Johnson City, Tenn.

Sec. Assemb. Home Miss., Mrs. J. M. Morton, Kingsport, Tenn.

Sec. Young Peoples Work, Miss Louise Tipton, Stony Point, Tenn.

Sec. Literature, Mrs. J. H. Von Cannon, Banner Elk, N. C.

Sec. Christian Com. Ser., Miss Kate Hunt, Bristol, Tenn.

Historian, Mrs. W. L. Lyons, Crossnore, N. C.

The prayer of Consecration was offered by Mrs. Gale Armstrong, followed by adjournment.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK

Meeting opened with cornet solo by Miss Ruth Culver, followed by prayer and Devotional led by Rev. MacMillan. A double trio by Mrs. Fred Hoss, Mrs. J. S. Powers, Mrs. Victor Kent, Mrs. Ben Taylor, Mrs. Eunice Culver, and Mrs. W. J. Barton, rendered a beautiful song; which was followed by a pageant "The Assembly's Training School Home-Coming Party," by the Young People of the First Church, directed by Mrs. John Barton. Those who took part showed careful training and brought before us the wonderful opportunities that await the women of our own Southern Presbyterian Church in helping to equip and train leaders for all phases of Christian service.

An offering was then taken, and Miss Margaret Hutchens sang a sweet and impressive solo, after which Hon. Sam R. Sells, member of the Home Mission Committee, spoke on "Our Church's Opportunity."

Hymn "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," was next sung, and the meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. J. L. MacMillan.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8:30 O'CLOCK

The Devotional hour was in charge of Rev. Jno. Martin, lesson on "Faith," followed by prayer by Mrs. Sam Sells. "Mountain Mission Messages," from Buladean, N. C., by Miss West and Mrs. Alice Van Devere.

"Banner Elk," by Mrs. Stinson and Mrs. W. C. Tate.

"Green Mountain, N. C.," by Miss Newton.

"Crossnore, N. C.," by Mrs. W. L. Lyon.

The following committees reported:

Auditing, by Miss Ada Lynn.

Courtesy, by Mrs. Lacy Wilson.

Recommendations, by Mrs. W. L. Lyon.

Invitation by Mrs. V. P. Merrill to meet in Jefferson City, Tenn., in 1925, was accepted.

Invitation was extended to the Synodical to meet in Morristown in the fall.

Unfinished business taken up and disposed of.

Closing prayer was offered by Mrs. W. L. Lyon of Crossnore, N. C., and meeting was adjourned to meet in Jefferson City, April, 1925.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. R. ALLEN,
Recording Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Last July was the first time a conference of Presbyterial presidents has been called at Montreat. As a new officer, I felt that I was especially fortunate in being able to attend this conference, which was held the day before the opening of the School of Missions. In a session that lasted from nine in the morning until six in the evening, with the exception of the noon recess, we heard discussed such subjects as "How Can We Best Develop Co-operation Between Presbyterials and Local Auxiliaries," "The Program of the Presbyterial," "The Budgets of Local Auxiliaries, Presbyterial and Synodical," "Group Conferences," "Standard of Excellence," "How Can We Best Develop the Spiritual Side of the Work," and last "How to Conduct the Annual Meeting," by Mrs. Shawhan.

During the "School of Missions," we women attend meetings "in season and out of season," as one of our ministers expressed it. There are so many wonderful things to hear that we felt that we can not miss any of them. Our mission study books "The Child and America's Future," and "The White Fields of Japan," were presented each day in such an attractive and interesting way that we felt that we must try harder than ever to urge more of our local women to

study missions. If we heard nothing else at Montreat, but the delightful messages that our missionaries bring us each evening at the vesper services on the porch of the Winsborough Building, we would feel repaid for having gone to the "School of Missions."

In August, I began to plan for "Group Conferences." The planning of an all day conference on Auxiliary work that would be interesting, instructive and of some real benefit to our local auxiliaries seemed to me, as a new officer, quite a task and responsibility. We held our first conference in the Windsor Avenue Church of Bristol. Our women gave their numbers on the program so willingly and efficiently, attended in goodly numbers, so that at the close of the day, we felt that we had not only had a delightful time, but that it had been a day well spent.

The second "Group Conference" was held at Banner Elk, N. C. It was my first opportunity to visit this interesting community. After a delightful lunch we gathered together for a conference, that I wish all of you had had the privilege of attending. In the evening, we visited the buildings of the Lees-McRae Institute, the new hospital, and Grandfather Orphans Home. I was so glad to know more of the wonderful work of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association. The attractive Baby Cottage with its well lighted rooms, gave me a mingled feeling of sadness and joy—sadness because the thought of a motherless babe always brings sadness, and joy because there was delightful haven for these little children, in which we may have a part in providing.

The third Group Conference was held at Morristown. The program was similar to the other programs, and I hope, proved beneficial to the Auxiliaries represented. The Morristown Auxiliary acted as hostess and gave a very cordial welcome to all present. A very instructive and enlightening talk on "Christian Education and Ministerial Relief" by Miss Charlotte Jackson, one of our Life-Service Secretaries, was one of the important features of this program.

With what suggestions I could give by mail, we are indebted to our Presbyterial officers, Mrs. Tate of Banner Elk, and to Mrs. Bettis and Mrs. Hale of Morristown, for arranging the details of the last two conferences.

Our Synodical meeting, which was held in October at Sweetwater, Tenn., was a season of many helpful and inspiring messages. Dr. J. Poter Smith gave one of his impressive and illuminating addresses on Brazil. The Synodical voted to give $300 to the support of a young minister and his wife who had volunteered to go to Brazil, and were only waiting for the means to be provided. Your president gave a thirty minute review of the Home Mission book, "The Child

and America's Future," and a brief report from Holston Presbyterial at this meeting. It will be the pleasure of the Holston Presbyterial to entertain the Synodical this fall.

It was my privilege to attend the fall meeting of Holston Presbytery for one day, and to hear interesting addresses from some of our Home Mission workers.

In January, when we were beginning to plan for the spring program, we had a new opportunity of service presented the Presbyterial in that of the White Cross Work, which was responded to so promptly by our ladies.

One of the bright spots in my work on the program was a delightful day in February, spent in Johnson City, making plans.

We extend a hearty welcome to several new auxiliaries into the Presbyterial: Cold Spring, Mooresburg, Whitesburg, White Pine, Plumtree, Shull's Mills, and Blountville.

Our birthday offering for the Texas-Mexico school last year was $374.53. Our gift to the Baby Cottage at Banner Elk was $263.

We are looking forward now to a new year in the work. Each day let us strive to remember the theme of this meeting "Consecration," and work "not with eye-service as men pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HENRY A. MILLER, President.
Woman's Auxiliary of Holston Presbytery.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

Early in January I was asked by our President, Mrs. Miller, to serve as Secretary, the unexpired term of Mrs. A. Jay Sheldon.

February second, I sent out letters to every local Auxiliary president (fifteen of them at that time) asking them to get together their officers and secretaries of causes and plan for the close of the year's work.

February fifteenth I received report blanks and forwarded to every Auxiliary president copies for their reports asking them to elect delegates to Presbyterial at their February meeting and urging them to arrange for their annual meeting not later than March 20, closing the year's work at that time and sending their reports as soon after as possible.

I am glad to say that these officers co-operated with me in every way and, with only one or two exceptions, the "combined reports came in on time."

I answered promptly all letters requesting information.

When the "combined reports" came back, I compiled my reports

from them and sent mine on to the Synodical Secretary. I also detached the cause secretary coupons from the local auxiliary reports and forwarded them together with report blanks and instructions to the Presbyterial cause secretaries. I copied the "Summary Figures" and sent them to Rev. W. C. Young, (Russellville, Tenn.) chairman of Women's Work.

Unfortunately, I received from Mr. Young the report of membership and contributions in the Whitesburg and Mooresburg Auxiliaries too late for my Educational and Statistical Report to Synodical, but I suppose this was sent in through the usual channel.

We are glad to announce seven new auxiliaries: Cold Spring, Whitesburg, Mooresburg, White Pine, Plum Tree, Shull's Mill and Blountville.

These came in too late to receive the usual report blanks but we will see that they are supplied next year.

We welcome them as members of the Holston Presbyterial family.

Buladean and Newport failed to send in church membership in time to be reported.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. R. ALLEN, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Receipts

Contingent Fees, 1923—1924:		
Bristol, First church	$ 83.00	
Bristol, Windsor Avenue	28.00	
Jonesboro	1.50	
Russelville	4.50	
Church Hill	10.00	
Morristown	50.00	
Kingsport	30.00	
Newport	10.00	
Banner Elk	10.00	
Crossnore	15.00	
Meadow Creek	4.50	
Jefferson City	11.00	
Rogersville	65.00	
Johnson City	60.00	
Total Contingent Fee		$ 382.50
Baby Cottage:		
Bristol, Windsor Avenue	$ 25.00	
Bristol, First church	25.00	

Kingsport	25.00	
Morristown	36.50	
Meadow Creek	5.00	
Rogersville	25.00	
Church Hill	10.00	
Bristol, Cradle Roll of Windsor Avenue	1.50	
Banner Elk	25.00	
Russellville	5.00	
Jonesboro	5.00	
Johnson City	25.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Yost	50.00	
Jefferson City	14.65	
Total Baby Cottage		$ 277.65
Mexican Girls' School:		
Banner Elk	$ 23.00	
Rogersville	61.50	
Jefferson City	28.50	
Morristown	71.67	
Kingsport	45.00	
Johnson City	15.00	
Bristol, Windsor Avenue	25.00	
Bristol, First church	45.61	
Crossnore	20.25	
Russellville	6.00	
Newport	18.00	
Church Hill	10.00	
White Pine	5.00	
Total Mexican Girls' School		$ 374.53

Recapitulation

Total Contingent Fee	$ 382.50
Total Baby Cottage	277.65
Total Mexican Girls' School	374.53
Balance from 1922-1923	205.61
Check	1.34
Total Receipts	$1,226.98

Disbursements

To King Printing Co.	$ 54.00
For Mexican Girls' School	374.53
To Mrs. Miller, Montreat Expenses	33.50
To Mrs. Miller, Banner Elk Expenses	7.00

To Mrs. Miller Synodical and Group Conference Expense	14.00	
To Mr. Holcomb, Baby Cottage	263.00	
To Mrs. Armstrong for Printing Program	10.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 756.03
Balance on hand		$ 470.95

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs.) FANNIE BLOW ROGERS,
Treasurer Holston Presbyterial.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

The report of Mrs. Fannie Blow Rogers, treasurer, has been audited and approved by the auditing committee.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. A. JAY SHELDON,
MISS ADA LYNN,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that every woman who receives a copy of the minutes of any organization of the women be requested to give a careful reading to the same for her own information.

2. That the local Auxiliary preparing to entertain the Synodical or Presbyterial Auxiliary request the pastor of the church to read a copy of the program sent him at the morning service on the Sunday preceding the meeting.

3. Again we recommend that every officer send a prompt reply to every letter she receives in her official capacity.

4. That every woman elected to any office, if she accepts the office make it a matter of earnest prayer, that she may realize her responsibility, and fulfill her obligation.

5. That all Auxiliaries observe the season of prayer designated by the Assembly, by at least one prayer service, more if possible.

6. That faithful Bible study be stressed in every Auxiliary.

7. That all Presbyterials make a special effort to send Secretary of Young People's work to the conference at Montreat next year (1924). Since this seems to be the psychological period in the development of Young People's Work.

MRS. WALTER McCOY,
MRS. R. T. STEPHENSON,
MRS. GALE ARMSTRONG.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Your committee respectfully offers the following recommendations:

1. That we stress the Family Altar. God first put religion in the home, and there the child should receive its first religious impressions.

2. That we stress Life Service. The joy of service to our King is the greatest earth can offer, so let us offer our young people life's best.

3. That we stress the general use of the Prayer Calendar. Believing intercession for others is a benefit to them and a means of grace to ourselves, have we as Christians a right to deprive our Missionaries of our earnest, faithful, systematic prayers for them?

4. That we make every possible effort to secure in this Presbyterial the funds to support in Africa some one to take up the work laid down by Mrs. Kellersberger.

Dare we disregard the challenge of Mr. Bedinger's message, with our knowledge of the sacrificial lives of our Missionaries to Africa?

5. That each local auxiliary will study and follow carefully, the plans outlined by the W. A. C., thus enabling us to make our reports more uniform and accurate.

6. That we exercise great care in the distribution of our gifts, keeping in mind the claims of the various causes, and being careful to send all gifts through the proper channels, remembering that most "specials" should go through the Presbyterial Treasurer's hands.

MRS. W. L. LYONS,
MRS. SAM MILLER,
MRS. A. T. KENSINGER,
MRS. P. V. HOGAN.

COMMITTEES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1924

Mrs. J. D. Faucette, Bristol; Mrs. M. V. McCown, Johnson City; Mrs. A. H. Owen, Kingsport; Mrs. F. W. Stinson, Banner Elk, N. C.; Mrs. L. S. Allen, Newport, Tenn.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1925

Mrs. Irene King Newman, (Chairman), Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. James Tyler, Morristown, Tenn.; Mrs. Fannie B. Rogers, Jefferson City, Tenn.; Mrs. O. D. Hutchens, Johnson City, Tenn.; Mrs. Carl Mims, Newport, Tenn.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mrs. Gale Armstrong, (Chairman), Rogersville, Tenn.; Mrs. Fannie B. Rogers, Jefferson City, Tenn.; Mrs. Henry Miller, Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. R. H. Evans, Johnson City, Tenn.

COMMITTEE ON COURTESY

Mrs. Lacy Wilson, Chairman; Mrs. H. C. Ruble, Newport, Tenn.; Mrs. Carrie P. Herndon, Cressmore, N. C.

COMMITTEE ON INVITATION

Mrs. W. A. Peard, Chairman, Morristown, Tenn.; Mrs. V. P. Merrill, Jefferson City, Tenn.; Mrs. McIver, Rogersville, Tenn.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Mrs. A. Jay Shelden, Johnson City, Tenn.; Miss Ada Lynn, Bristol, Tenn.

COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Mrs. W. L. Lyons, Chairman, Cressmore, N. C.; Mrs. A. T. Kensinger, Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. P. V. Hogan, Kingsport, Tenn.; Mrs. Sam Miller, New Providence

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NARRATIVE REPORT SECRETARY DEVELOPMENT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

As secretary of the Development of Spiritual Life, I have felt somewhat gratified as the statistical reports of this department have been received and compared with those of last year. These reports show some increase numerically along all lines—a few more members of the prayer bands, a few more in the Bible study classes, more family altars, more tithers, and a few more additions to the church on profession of faith than during the preceding year. But there has been no great gain reported, and as we come to this milestone in our church life it may be well to pause and ask ourselves if we have taken our work as seriously as we should, if as Presbyterial and local secretaries of this cause we have done our best. We must realize that this is the most vital, the absolutely essential part of our growth and development.

In February I sent a letter to each local Spiritual Life secretary. To most of these I received replies, and in the assurance of a number of them that the spiritual life of the church has been deepened this year—that the women are realizing more and more the importance of Bible study and prayer—must we find our greatest encouragement.

May I add my plea to that of our Synodical Secretary of Spiritual Life for a more faithful use of the prayer calendar and of the prayer

page in the Survey, the latter being especially helpful in the Circle meeting. In my own local Auxiliary we combine Bible with Survey study, prolonging the hour of meeting rather than attempting a multiplicated and often poorly attended meetings. Each Circle also constitutes a prayer band, choosing its own definite objects of prayer, and also observing those times designated by the Assembly for special prayer.

We report:

Prayer Band Members	406
Bible Class Members	502
Family Altars	224
Tithers	285
Additions on Profession of Faith	224
Members Stewardship Classes	79

One Auxiliary reports not one single family altar enrolled, and one much smaller Auxiliary reports 100% in attendance and nine new family altars added during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. O. PHILLIPS,
Secretary Development of Spiritual Life.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF LITERATURE

The Secretary of Literature submits the following report:

From 12 Auxiliaries in Holston Presbyterial reporting, we have 36 Home Mission Study Classes with a membership of 466; and 31 Foreign Mission Study Classes with 420 members. 434 subscribers to Survey, 429 to Church Paper. 212 Prayer Calendars in use. Ten Auxiliaries are using the Year Book of Programs, 7 Auxiliaries reported the use of the Literature Table. This is a splendid improvement over last year. It is the result of more diffusion of knowledge concerning our work and our own personal duties towards the work.

"Know and you will feel,
Know and you will pray,
Know and you will give."

"Facts are the fingers of God. To know the facts of modern missions is the necessary condition of intelligent interest."—Pierson.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. H. MOORE,
Secretary of Literature.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL, PRESBYTERIAL AND CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSION SECRETARY

Banner Elk, N. C., April 21, 1924.

Ladies of the Holston Presbyterial:

We deem it a great pleasure to have this opportunity to report the great interest shown in the various Auxiliaries of the S. P. and C. Home Mission Work. I have written eleven of the fourteen Auxiliaries which are enrolled and have received a written report from twelve Auxiliaries on the regular blanks, and in addition have received four letters telling more fully about their work.

1. BRISTOL, FIRST—Gave to schools and colleges, assisted Missionary's daughter, Grandfather Orphans' Home, Foster Falls School, clothing to five Mission points, support a Home Mission worker, one slum worker and four teachers in local Home Mission schools and contribute regularly to these causes.

2. BRISTOL, WINDSOR AVE.—Work presented by Mr. Gray of Roan Mountain, Tenn., and Miss West of Buladean, also contributes to Mission Pastor's salary and contributes regularly to these causes.

3. MORRISTOWN—The entire field was presented by worker, Mrs. Catherine Miller, contributes regularly to these causes.

4. ROGERSVILLE—Contributed to Hughes Chapel, Lynn Home Mission, Grandfather Orphans' Home, Mr. Gray, Plumtree School for Boys, Buladean, and Mrs. McBath, Micaville, N. C. Also local charity and jail work.

5. JEFFERSON CITY—Mossy Creek Church—Has given a report but does not contribute regularly to these causes.

6. KINGSPORT—Has given a report and assist Paint Gap and Grundy School and Grandfathers Orphans' Home and a few out stations and contributes regularly to these causes.

7. NEWPORT—Contributes regularly to these causes.

8. JOHNSON CITY—Support two boys and one girl at Grandfather Orphans' Home. Sent colored delegate to Atlanta. Two members for life service work in the Mountains. Two volunteers for life service. Contributed to the equipment of Grace Hospital; also to Synodical Home Missions.

9. CROSSNORE—Contributes regularly to these causes.

10. STONY POINT—Contributes regularly to these causes.

11. RUSSELLVILLE—No active report.

12. GREENEVILLE—No report.

13. JONESBORO—No report.

14. BANNER ELK—Work at Roan Mountain presented, contributed to Arbor Dale Church building fund. Support a boy and girl at Grandfather Orphans' Home.

SUMMARY—No report from two Auxiliaries; inactive from one; ten continued regularly.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. C. TATE,
S. P. and C. H. M. Presbyterial Secretary.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAL SECRETARY, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF

As Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, I present the following report:

At the time of making this report—April 12, I have received reports from secretaries as follows:

Banner Elk, N. C., Buladean, N. C., Crossnore, N. C., Stony Point, Russellville, Bristol First, Bristol Windsor Avenue, First Church of Jefferson City, Morristown, Rogersville, Kingsport, Newport, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Number of Auxiliaries in Presbytery, 14.
Number of reports received 12.
Number not reporting, 2.
Number of candidates for ministry, 1.
Number of volunteers for life service, 18.
Number of Auxiliaries contributing regularly to the cause, 11.
Number of Auxiliaries observing day of pray for colleges, 9.

I came across this statement in one of our church papers recently, "The Secretaries of causes have never meant much to the church." This rebuke should arouse us from our lethargy. It should awaken us to the realization of the great privilege of presenting the cause we represent in an interesting and enthusiastic manner; that others may catch the spirit, and co-operate more heartily with the church in her efforts to awaken a desire in our youth for a well rounded Chrhistian Education.

May the words of the Great Teacher, spoken two thousand years ago, be an inspiration to us and lead us to the light and liberty, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

"If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. VICTOR E. KENT, Secretary.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Ladies of the Holston Presbyterial:

I am glad to bring to you a report of the Young People's work for the past year. I have written to thirteen churches and had answer from twelve.

JEFFERSON CITY, TENN.—Mossy Creek church reports an Intermediate Endeavor with thirty-two members. One enlisted for life service, seven tithers. Most all members conducts meeting and leads in prayer. One delegate attended the Young Peoples Conference. The effect upon the Young Peoples activities in the church was noticable. I had no report from this church last year, so it is encouraging to have such a good one this year.

RUSSELLVILLE, TENN.—Russellville church reports a small Junior Christian Endeavor. The children are so scattered, all ages, and grades that it is hard to organize. They find it effective to use the little ones to dress them to represent the different Bible characters in the Sunday school lessons and in this way gives them a part to perform.

NEWPORT, TENN.—All I have from this church is that they have disbanded their Endeavor, owing to so many of the young people being away at school.

MORRISTOWN, TENN.—Morristown church reports the Intermediate and Junior Endeavors. Boys league Circle No. 6 and Kings Daughters. They studied both Home and Foreign mission books. All members of the Endeavor will conduct meeting and 20% lead in prayer. All causes of the church are represented in the Young Peoples organizations. Four delegates were sent to Abingdon, six to District Conference. This church has a "Workers Conference" that meets once a month and plans the work for all the organizations. The effect upon the Young Peoples work is very noticeable.

ROGERSVILLE, TENN.—The Rogersville church has a Senior Endeavor and High School Girls Circle. This Circle gave at Christmas to poor families in town, and sent hand-made gifts to school at Buladean, North Carolina. The women of the Bible were studied by this Circle. All members of the Endeavor will conduct meetings and lead in prayer. Missions are presented semi-annually. All causes of the church are presented in the Younng People's organization, four delegates attended the Conference in Abingdon.

STONY POINT, TENN.—New Providence church reports an Intermediate Endeavor. The Missionary programs are used in their organ-

izations. Scrap books were made to be sent to the children in Japan to be used in the schools. They gave a ton of stone for the Banner Elk Junior College, and $5.00 to the Dixie Endeavor. All the members conduct meetings. Bible questions were studied.

KINGSPORT, TENN.—Southern Presbyterian church has an Intermediate and Junior Endeavor. They contribute to most all the causes. They gave $10.00 to the Dixie Endeavor. All conduct meetings and lead in prayer. Six delegates attended the Conference. They also have the organized Sunday school classes. They gave $2.70 per capita. The second highest amount given in the Presbyterial.

BRISTOL, TENN.—First Presbyterian church reports a Senior and Intermediate Endeavor, Young Peoples Bible class and Young Woman's Circle in the Auxiliary. The Intermediate Endeavor has a circulating library of Missionary books, of which they have read four. They have taken special interest in the study of missions. At the close of the study of the White Fields of Japan the Young People gave a pageant on Japan. A box was sent to Plantree School. The Intermediate Endeavor by special request held two services at the Old Ladies Home. All conduct meetings and most all lead in prayer. Twelve delegates attended the Conference, and a decided interest created in the lives of those who attended the Conference, and a special record made by each while at the conference. They have three for life enlistment.

BRISTOL, TENN.—Windsor Avenue church has a Mission Band of Girls, Senior, Intermediate and Junior Christian Endeavor, Boy Scout and Girl Scout. They had both Home and Foreign mission study classes, with one hundred percent intermediates and ninety percent Seniors. There are ten tithers in the Senior Endeavor. Five are enlisted for life service. Four delegates attended the conference. The Mission Band supports an eight year old girl at Banner Elk to whom they sent a valuable box of clothing. All will conduct meetings and a great percent will lead in prayer. All causes of the church are represented in the Young Peoples Council. This is the only church reporting a Young Peoples Council. It meets once a month, using circle literature also the program given in the survey and contribute to all causes.

BANNER ELK, N. C.—The only report I have from Banner Elk is a Town Girls Circle. Their funds and report goes through the Auxiliary. They studied A New America, have three tithers, and one for life enlistment. Most all conduct meetings and 50 percent lead in prayer.

JOHNSON CITY, TENN.—First Presbyterian church reports a Senior and Junior Endeavor Circle No. 7 and Circle No. 9. They have a Home Mission Study Class with 90 per cent membership. The Missionary programs are used every three months. One delegate attended the conference. The Senior Endeavor gave per capita $4.66. This being the largest amount per capita given in the Presbyterial.

CROSSNORE, N. C.—Crossnore Church reports a Junior Endeavor, Senior Endeavor, Small Girls Circle and Large Girls Circle. They report both Foreign and Home Mission study classes with 85 percent in the classes. One prayer band with fourteen members. Six tithers and ten volunteers for life enlistment. All conduct meetings and all lead in prayer. All causes of the church are represented in the Young People's organizations. Five delegates attended the Conference. The Young People's Work is especially stressed, as the Pastor has a gift for gripping the Young People, therefore the results are wonderful. The Small Girls Circle gave $1.50 per capita, this being the third largest amount per capita given in the Presbyterial. I am greatly pleased with Crossnore report and will mention that this church is the only one reporting a prayer band, and a much larger number for life service. So let me ask each of you to carry back to your Auxiliary a plan for prayer and gifts for this school during the coming year.

All the reports are better than last year. The work seems to be growing. Of course it is very necessary to teach the Young People to give, but it is not through this that their work is valued. Service and prayer are the first to develop. Last year there were 322 Young People in the work and gave total to all causes $145.94. This year there are 476 Young People in the work and gave total to all causes $334.00.

In closing let me ask each delegate when she goes back to her Auxiliary to please line up with the Secretary of Young People in her Auxiliary and see in what way the Young People can be helped.

They are always eager to accomplish new things, so won't you give them your support?

Respectfully submitted,

MISS LOUISE TIPTON, Sec. Y. P. W.
Church Hill, Tennessee.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

As Presbyterial Secretary of Foreign Missions in Holston Presbyterial, I hereby submit the following report. It is with pleasure and thanks-giving that I give this report with regard to Foreign Missions.

As the weeks of prayer and the study classes increase, we notice that

Group I.
President
Recording Secretary
Secretary Foreign Missions
Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief
Secretary for Development of Spiritual Life
Secretary S. P. C. Home Missions.

Group II.
Vice-President
Treasurer
Historian
Secretary Assembly's Home Missions
Secretary Y. P. Work and S. S. Extension
Secretary Literature

ARTICLE III

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Presbyterial Auxiliary and Executive Committee; call special meetings of Executive Committee; fill vacancies occurring in office; appoint Standing and Special Committees; and at the annual meeting, present a narrative report to the Presbyterial Auxiliary together with recommendations for the coming year. She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the general conduct of the work of the Presbyterial Auxiliary, and shall in the absence of the President perform all the duties of the President.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep in permanent form the minutes of the annual meeting and of the Executive Committee. She shall keep a record of the officers of the Presbyterial Auxiliary, and of the officers of local Auxiliaries, sending copies of the same to the Auxiliary office in St. Louis; she shall also keep that office informed as to changes occurring in officers. She shall prepare the statistical report by April 5th of each year, sending copies of same at once to the Secretary of the Synodical; she shall make a brief narrative report at the annual meeting, a copy of which, together with the summary of the year's work, she shall send to the Chairman of Woman's Work in the Presbytery.

She shall attend to the general correspondence of the organization and co-operate with the Publicity committee; send notices of the time and place of annual meeting to the Auxiliaries one month previous to the meeting, and give notice of special meetings upon order of

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

The regular annual meeting of the Presbyterial Auxiliary shall be held in the Spring.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-third's vote of those present and voting, providing notice of the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the local Auxiliaries three months previous to the annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Representation

Section 1. The Presbyterial Auxiliary Officers, District Chairman, Presidents of local Auxiliaries and duly accredited representatives, or their alternates, shall constitute the personnel of voters at the annual meeting.

Section 2. The Local Woman's Auxiliary shall be entitled to two representatives besides the President for the first 100 members or less, and one other delegate for each additional 50 or major fraction thereof.

ARTICLE II

Nomination, Election and Term of Office

Section 1. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting. The term of office shall be for two years and no member shall be eligible to the same office for more than two terms consecutively. No woman shall hold more than one office in the Presbyterial Auxiliary at the same time.

Section 2. A nominating committee consisting of five members representing five different local Auxiliaries shall be appointed by the President at each annual meeting to present names of suitable officers to the Presbyterial Auxiliary at the following meeting; and after nominations from the floor (if any) the election shall proceed by ballot and a majority of the votes cast shall constitute an election.

Section 3. The officers shall be divided into the following groups: One group to be elected each year for a term of two years:

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Of Holston Presbytery, Synod of Appalachia Presbyterian Church, U. S.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

Name

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Auxiliary of Holston Presbytery, Synod of Appalachia, Presbytreian Church in U. S.

ARTICLE II

Object

The object of the Presbyterial Auxiliary shall be to organize and strengthen the Woman's Auxiliaries in the churches of the Presbytery, to promote the spiritual, social and financial welfare of the churches, and to increase intelligent interest in world-wide missions.

ARTICLE III

Membership

The local Auxiliaries of all the churches of Holston Presbytery shall constitute the membership of the Woman's Auxiliary of Holston Presbytery.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Their Election

The officers of the Presbyterial Auxiliary shall consist of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and there shall be the following Secretaries of Church Causes: Foreign Missions, Assembly's Home Missions, Sunday School Extension and Young People's Work, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, S. P. C. Home Missions, Spiritual Life and Literature. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the session previous to the closing session. A majority of the votes cast shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE V

Government

The Presbyterial Auxiliary shall conform to the General Assembly's plan of organization and control.

May those who live here, and those who return to their homes, be determined to do more for Christ by serving others—telling our women, as best we can, of this meeting, especially the appeal from Rev. Bedinger—the Home Mission work by Dr. Dabney Carson—the Young People's Work by Dr. J. J. Fix,—the Grandfather Orphans' Home, by Miss Brundidge, the twenty little children, who need our help. We can help these dear people to bear their burdens by our gifts and prayers. In Matthew 5:41 we read: "If thy brother ask thee to go a mile, go with thy brother twain." Have you tried the "joy of the Second Mile"?

MRS. LACY WILSON,
MRS. RUBLE,
MRS. C. P. HERNDON.

SYNODICAL OFFICERS

President, Mrs. W. K. Armstrong, Rogersville, Tenn.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frank Hale, Rogersville, Tenn.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. W. Simpson, Bristol, Tenn.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Lincoln, Marion, Virginia.
Historian, Mrs. Gale Armstrong, Rogersville, Tenn.
Sec. Dev. Spiritual Life, Mrs. Walter McCoy, Knoxville, Tenn.
Sec. Foreign Missions, Miss Lena Rollins, Pineville, Ky.
Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. Henry Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.
Secy. S. P. C. H. M., Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Montreat, N. C.
C. E. and M. R., Mrs. Broaddus Estes, Hendersonville, N. C.
Y. P. and S. S. Extension, Mrs. R. T. Stephenson, Abingdon, Va.
Secy. Literature, Mrs. F. B. Kegley, Wytheville, Virginia.

NAMES OF OFFICERS, HOLSTON PRESBYTERIAL

President, Mrs. Henry A. Miller, Bristol, Tenn.
Vice-President, Mrs. E. T. Bettis, Morristown, Tenn.
Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Allen, Bristol, Tenn.
Treasurer, Mrs. Fannie B. Rogers, Jefferson City, Tenn.
Sec. of F. M., Mrs. Geo. Hale, Morristown, Tenn.
Sec. of A. H. M., Mrs. J. Fred Johnson, Kingsport, Tenn.
Sec. Chr. Ed. and M. R., Mrs. Victor Kent, Johnson City, Tenn.
Sec. S. S. and Y. P. W., Miss Louise Tipton, Church Hill, Tenn.
Sec. Dev. of Spiritual Life, Mrs. J. O. Phillips, Rogersville, Tenn.
Sec. Literature, Mrs. E. H. Moore, Russellville, Tenn.
Sec. S. P. C. H. M., Mrs. W. C. Tate, Banner Elk, N. C.

"And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12.

PERCENTAGES OF DISTRIBUTION FOR BENEVOLENCES

Presbytery has asked that we divide our benevolent gifts for this year, among the causes, on the following scale of percentages:

Foreign Missions	24.0
Assembly's Home Missions	10.0
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	6.0
Publication and Sabbath School Extension	2.0
Bible Cause	0.5
Assembly's Training School	0.5
Presbyterial Home Missions and Schools	34.0
Synodical Educational Institutions	12.0
Orphans' Homes	4.0
Synods Home Missions	7.0

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Total to all benevolent causes	$11,825.00
Contingent fund paid for Synodical and Presbyterial	475.00
Grand Total	$12,300.00
Amount per capita	$ 12.00
Total increase compared with last year	$ 2,380.00

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE REPORT

Blue Circle 6, Silver Circle 4, Gold Circle 2.

The following recommendations are offered for adoption:

1. That November, as the time-honored Home Mission month, be recognized, and that this occasion be used for advancing the interests of this fundamental cause by,

(a) Each Auxiliary observing the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, November 16-23;

(b) Each Auxiliary having a Home Mission Study Class, beginning in October and culminating, if possible, with the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

2. In view of the failure of so many Sunday schools to observe the Annual Home Mission Day in November, that the Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions in the local Auxiliary be requested to endeavor, in co-operation with the Secretary of Y. P. and S. S. Work and the Superintendent of the Sunday school, to secure the observance of this day.

MRS. J. FRED JOHNSON.

COMMITTEE ON COURTESY

I was asked by the Chairman of this Committee to thank the ladies of Johnson City for the welcome they have given us into their city, their homes and their church.

In one of our Public schools, a teacher asked the children to write a composition. She said, "Now, children, do not attempt any flights of fancy, but just write what is in you." A little boy wrote the following: "My teacher says to not attempt any flights of fancy, but to write what is in me. There is in me my heart, my liver, my stomach, my breakfast, one apple, two cookies and a drink of water."

Now, I am not going to attempt any flights of fancy, but simply tell you what is in us. There is in each of us a heart, and it is full of appreciation and thanks to these ladies of Johnson City. We love you all, and we feel in this Presbyterial we are just one big family. These meetings teach us so many things we are eager and anxious to learn, and I am sure we all feel nearer to God, and dearer to each other, as we part this day.

The only way we can be great is to serve others, and the ladies of this church are certainly great. This has been a wonderful program, and we thank you for giving us so many good things.

We would speak of the social meeting on Monday evening, and the bountiful luncheon served yesterday. This was hard work, and these ladies are never able to be present at the meetings. May God bless all these dear women. Then the Pageant, and address by Hon. Sam Sells last evening.

with good thoughts and helpful suggestions. Although full reports are not yet available there are indications that there has been large ingatherings unto the church through the efforts of our faithful Home Mission workers, and that the year just closed has been one of distinct advance in every department.

It is a pleasure to report that the proposed school for Mexican Girls will be opened in a modest way in October of this year. The $25,000 promised by the Auxiliaries as their Home Mission "Special" in 1923 has been fully paid. The $25,000 promised by the Texas Synodical was pledged to be paid by April 1, 1924. The Synod of Texas has appointed a Board of Trustees, three of whom are women nominated by the Synodical. The school will be located in Taft, Texas, within the bounds of West Texas Presbytery. It will be both academic and vocational in character, and will be operated on the self-support plan employed by the Texas-Mexican Industrial Institute for Boys, whereby the time of the student is divided between the class-room and the workshop. The Bible and the catechism of the church will be taught in every grade.

The Educational Department of the Executive Committee is under the direction of Miss Nancy F. White and Miss Sue B. Haley, 101 Marietta Street, Atlanta, Ga. They are always glad to furnish Auxiliaries and Presbyterials with suitable literature. Stereopticon slides, illustrating various phases of the committee's activities, are available, and their wide use is urgently recommended.

There is a discouraging feature in the promotion of Mome Mission Education, in which the Executive Committee earnestly seeks the aid of the Presbyterial. The records show that only a small number of Sunday schools observe the annual Home Mission Day in November or make any offering for Assemblys Home Missions. In response to 4,000 letters sent to Sunday school superintendents last fall 246 schools ordered literature for this occasion. So it would seem this important field for Home Mission Development is being neglected, and it is most earnestly desired that the Auxiliary help in securing the observance of this day in every Sunday school in the Assembly. This is necessary if the future leaders of the church are to know the great Home Mission facts and are taught to aid this great department of the church's work.

The Home Mission text-book for 1924 will be "The Romance of Home Missions," by Dr. S. L. Morris, Executive Secretary. This is a thrilling story of adventure and heroism, and is a recital of what has been accomplished by some who, in the mission fields of our own land, endured hardnesses as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

regular giving and definite pledges increased accordingly. We cannot pray and study about a definite cause without doing our part toward answering of our prayers and helping to bring about the needed results so vividly set forth in our Mission Study Classes.

From the 15 Auxiliaries in our Presbyterial, 12 sent reports. Jonesboro, with church closed, carries on work with just three ladies. Greeneville sent no report.

420 women studied the Mission Study book in 31 classes. From last year's report, I find 20 classes reported with 286 members. So you can see an increase of 11 classes and 134 members.

Ten Auxiliaries studied "The White Fields of Japan," two "Sunrise in Aztec Land." We feel encouraged that some of the men studied "The White Fields of Japan."

Four Auxiliaries observed the entire week of Prayer: Windsor Ave., Bristol; Rogersville, Morristown and Crossnore. Five observed the day.

I received letters from most all of the secretaries, and some gave me their plans for the classes. Mrs. Erickson's pageant was given in several classes.

Five Auxiliaries have assumed a definite object in Foreign Missions —seven have not.

Our Presbytery has recommended that individuals and churches be urged to assume definite parts of the Foreign Mission work.

I would like to urge that we buy Mission Study books several months in advance, so that they can be read by each member before the book is presented.

Also strive for thoroughness in the study of the book.

Foreign Mission Secretaries visit the circles and present their cause and literature.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEO. HALE, Secretary.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
HOLSTON'S SECRETARY OF ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS

It is with gratification that we report a growing interest in the fundamental and far-reaching importance of Assembly's Home Missions. This increased interest is manifested in the number of Auxiliaries in Holston Presbyterial having Home Mission study classes. The number of classes has more than doubled and the class enrollment is 25 percent greater than the previous year, more definite work has been done, more systematic and enlarged contributions have been made. We only lacked one church of being unanimous in the study of "The Child and America's Future," a book packed full and running over

the President; notify new officers of their election, and committees of their appointment. She shall be a resident of the same locality as the President.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive the Contingent Fund and all amounts pledged to the Presbyterial Auxiliary, offerings made at annual meetings, and any other funds which shall have received the endorsement of the Executive Committee. She shall disburse funds at the direction of the President and shall close the books on March 31 of each year. She shall present a full financial report previously audited, to the annual meeting of the Presbyterial Auxiliary. The Treasurer shall stress the grace of Christian Stewardship in the local Auxiliaries and secure co-operation in having all funds remitted promptly.

Section 5. The Historian shall file a copy of the program with the minutes of each annual meeting; she shall compile a complete history of the life and growth of the Woman's Auxiliary of Holston Presbytery; prepare for publication articles of special historical interest whenever the occasion arises; and make a brief narrative report at the annual meeting.

Section 6. The Secretaries of the Causes shall perform such duties as are outlined by the office of the Woman's Auxiliary, Presbyterian Church, U. S., and they shall make a narrative report at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Presbyterial Auxiliary. It shall transact all business in the interim of Presbyterial meetings.

ARTICLE V

Finances

Section 1. The Presbyterial Auxiliary shall be supported by a contingent fund.

Section 2. The local Auxiliary shall pay 50c per member annually into the contingent fund of the Presbyterial.

Section 3. The expenses of the President shall be paid to the annual meeting of the Appalachian Synodical Auxiliary and to a Summer School of Missions.

Section 4. The expenses of the visits of the President to the churches of the Presbytery in the interests of the work shall be paid by the Presbyterial Auxiliary.

Section 5. The traveling expenses of the Presbyterial officers (the number to be determined by the Executive Committee) shall be paid to the annual meeting of the Presbyterial Auxiliary.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section 1. The Presbyterial Auxiliary shall meet annually; place to be determined by a majority vote of the members at the preceding meeting, and on the dates designated by the Synodical Auxiliary.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall hold a meeting immediately preceding the annual meeting, and hold interim meetings at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE VII

Quorum

Section 1. A quorum of the Presbyterial Auxiliary shall consist of an officer of the Presbyterial Auxiliary, together with representatives from one-fourth of the Auxiliaries in the Presbytery.

Section 2. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. A majority shall constitute a quorum of Standing and Special Committees.

ARTICLE VIII

Parliamentary Authority

"Roberts Rules of Order" shall be the parliamentary authority for the Presbyterial Auxiliary.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to local Auxiliaries thirty days prior to annual meeting.

MINUTES

— of the —

FALL MEETING

— of —

Holston Presbytery

At the

Banner Elk Presbyterian Church

Charlotte, N.C. 1861

Together with minutes of the adjourned meeting of June 19th, 1861

and

Minutes of the called meeting of Sept. 22nd, 1861

Time and Place of next annual meeting

NEWPORT, TENNESSEE

April 14th, 1925

MINUTES

— of the —

FALL MEETING

— of —

Holston Presbytery

In the

Banner Elk Presbyterian Church

October 14th, 1924

Together with minutes of the adjourned meeting
of June 10th, 1924.
and
Minutes of the called meeting of Sept. 23rd, 1924

Time and Place of next stated meeting

NEWPORT, TENNESSEE

April 14th, 1925

ORGANIZATION

Moderator—Rev. McCoy Franklin, Crossnore, N. C.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Rev. T. J. Hutchison, Johnson City, Tenn.

Temporary Clerk—Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

1. Foreign Missions—Revs. W. C. Young, C. G. McKaraher, John Young: Elder, R. E. Armstrong.

2. Presbyterial Home Missions—Revs. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., S. H. Hay, Chas. C. Carson, D. D., V. P. Merrell, T. D. Johnston, T. W. Clapp, D. B. McLaughlin; Elders F. T. Nance, Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Sam R. Sells and O. D. Hutchins.

3. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Revs. S. H. Hay, R. D. Carson, D. D., Tilden Scherer, D. D.; Elder, J. N. Fisher.

4. Publication and Sabbath Schools—Revs. John Martin, T. J. Hutchison; Elder, Frank Taylor.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. Assembly's Home Missions—Revs. John Martin, Chas. C. Carson, D. D.; Elders, E. W. King, J. R. Forgery.

2. Church Societies—Rev. W. C. Young, Chas. B. Boyles; Elders, E. H. Moore, J. A. Waddell.

3. Educational Institutions—Revs. Chas. C. Carson, D. D., R. D. Carson, D. D.; Elders J. D. Faucette, E. H. Sloop, Chas. Massengill

4. Evangelism—Revs. R. D. Carson, D. D., W. K. Keys, McCoy Franklin; Elder, J. D. Hasson.

5. Orphans Home—Revs. S. H. Hay, T. W. Clapp, John Young; Elders, E. H. Tufts, J. H. Slonaker.

6. Bible Cause—Revs. D. B. McLaughlin, C. G. McKaraher; Elders, S. M. Newland, Frank Briscoe.

7. Stewardship—Rev. T. D. Johnston; Elder Arthur King and the chairman of each executive and permanent committee.

8. Comity—Revs. J. L. MacMillan, D. D.; Chas. C. Carson, D. D.; Geo F. Robertson, D. D.; Elders, J. E. Brading, J. D. Loveth.

9. Sabbath and Family Religion—Revs. G. F. Robertson, D. D., J. A. Harris; Elders, S. F. Peavler, S. S. McCormick.
10. Men's Work—Rev. C. F. Newland; Elders, J. Fred Johnson, R. P. Barnett, Henry E. Harris, Arthur King, F. H. Stinson.
11. Book of Church Order—Revs. S. H. Hay, Chas. B. Boyles, R. D. Carson, D. D.

CENTRAL TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES

Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tenn.

PRESBYTERIAL SECRETARY OF STEWARDSHIP

Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1. Experimental Religion—Revs. W. C. Young, John Martin, J. P. Doggett.
2. Theology—Revs. Chas. C. Carson, D. D., R. D. Carson, D. D., J. L. MacMillan, D. D.
3. Church Government and Sacraments—Revs. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., Chas. B. Boyles, McCoy Franklin.
4. Church History—Revs. S. H. Hay, W. C. Young, J. A. Harris.
5. Philosophy, Logic and Ethics—Revs. Tilden Scherer, D. D., Robt. Yost, D. D.
6. Natural Science and Secular Subjects—Revs. W. K. Keys, T. W. Clapp.
7. Latin, Greek and Hebrew—Revs. T. P. Johnston, V. P. Merrell.

TRUSTEES

1. Edgar Tufts Memorial Association—J. Fred Johnson, 1925; E. W. King, 1926; Jas. A. Summers, 1927; J. L. MacMillan, 1928; F. H. Stinson, 1929.
2. Plumtree School for Boys—E. H. Tufts, T. B. Vance, W. B. Burleson, 1925; J. D. Faucette, Sam R. Sells, Frank Taylor, 1926; J. L. MacMillan, Chas. C. Carson, T. P. Johnston, 1927.
3. Boone Fork Institute—Sam R. Sells, C. G. McKaraher, 1925; W. S. Whiting, A. B. Rogan, 1926; J. L. MacMillan, 1927.

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING

BRISTOL, TENN., JUNE 10th, 1924

Holston Presbytery met in adjourned session in Rev. R. D. Carson's office in Bristol, Tenn., on June 10th at 2 p. m., and was led in prayer by Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D.

Ministers present—Chas. B. Boyles, R. D. Carson, D. D., W. K. Keys, J. L. MacMillan, D. D., S. H. Hay, Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., and T. J. Hutchison

Elders present—J D. Faucette and Chas. Massengill.

RECEPTION OF REV. W. B. DOYLE

Mr. Doyle presented a letter of dismission from East Alabama Presbytery, and after the usual examination of a minister, was received by Presbytery and enrolled.

RECEPTION OF CANDIDATE C. F. NEWLAND

Mr. Newland presented a letter of dismissal from the care of East Lexington Presbytery, was received under care of Presbytery, and after the usual examination for licensure to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry. The call from the Blountville church for the pastoral services of Mr. Newland was presented and examined in Presbytery, and approved; and the following commission, consisting of Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., Rev. T. J. Hutchison, with Rev. Chas. B. Boyles alternate, and Elder J. D. Faucette with Chas. H. Massengill, alternate, was appointed to ordain Mr. Newland and to place in his hands the call from the church and install him, all contingent upon "if the way be clear."

Permission was granted Mr. Newland to labor in the churches of Arcadia, Pleasant Grove and New Bethel, as Stated Supply, in accordance with arrangements with the Home Missions committee.

SALARY OF CENTRAL TREASURER OF PRESBYTERY

With respect to the source of the salary of Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Central Treasurer of Presbytery, and of the office expenses and bonding fee, it was decided that his salary and these expenses be paid from th regular benevolent funds of Presbytery.

After the reading and approval of the minutes, Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

J. D. FAUCETTE, Moderator.

T. J. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 1924

Johnson City, Tenn.

Holston Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator in the First Church of Johnson City, Tenn., on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd at 1 p. m., and was opened with prayer by Elder J. D. Faucette.

The following representatives were present—Elder J. D. Faucette, Moderator; Revs. R. D. Carson, D. D., D. W. McIver, John Martin, D. B. McLaughlin, J. L. MacMillan, D. D., C. F. Newland, T. J. Hutchison, Elders—A. B. Rogan, F. T. Nance, Frank Taylor.

A quorum being present, the call for this meeting was read and found in order. The call was as follows:

"The constitutional requirements having been met I hereby call Holston Presbytery to meet in the First church of Johnson City, Tenn., on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd at 1 p. m. central time, to transact the following business if the way be clear:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. D. W. McIver, and the Rogersville church.

2. To grant Rev. D. W. McIver a letter of dismission to Knoxville Presbytery.

3. To transfer Clairborne county to Knoxville Presbytery.

4. To transact any business growing out of the above.

(Signed) J. D. FAUCETTE, Moderator.

The first item of business was taken up and Rev. D. W. McIver presented his resignation as pastor of the Rogersville church, together with his call to the pastorate of the Missionary Ridge church of Chattanooga, Tenn., and requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between Mr. McIver and the church of Rogersville.

Presbytery granted Mr. McIver a letter of dismission to Knoxville Presbytery.

Presbytery was then led in prayer by Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., in behalf of Bro. McIver, his work at Rogersville and the new work he is entering at Chattanooga.

The Moderator and Rev. R. D. Carson were appointed a committee to draft a letter descriptive of our high regard for Bro. McIver

and his work, and commanding him to the grace and favor of the brethren of Knoxville Presbytery.

Presbytery appointed Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., to visit the Rogersville church on the earliest possible Sabbath, preach and declare the pulpit vacant.

Presbytery voted to transfer Claibourne county to Knoxville Presbytery, subject to the action of Synod, and to notify the superintendent of Home Missions of Knoxville Presbytery of this, and to overture Synod to make this transfer.

Rev. John Martin was asked to act as chairman of Presbytery's committee of Stewardship until his successor is appointed.

Presbytery heard as information the speech of Rev. C. F. Newland of the Blountville group touching the need and possibility of building a church at Bluff City, Tenn.

Business concluded, Presbytery adjourned after reading and adopting the minutes and was closed with prayer by Rev. John Martin.

J. D. FAUCETTE, Moderator.

T. J. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE FALL MEETING

BANNER ELK, N. C., OCTOBER 14, 1924

The one hundred and third stated meeting of Holston Presbytery held in the church of Banner Elk, N. C., beginning Tuesday, October 14th, 1924, at 7:30 p. m. At the request of the retiring Moderator, Elder J. D. Faucette, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. Chas. C. Carson, D. D., from the text Galatians 6:10. Presbytery was then called to order and opened with prayer.

ENROLLMENT

The following were present:

Ministers—Chas. B. Boyles, Chas. C. Carson, D. D., R. D. Carson, D. D., T. W. Clapp, McCoy Franklin, S. H. Hay, T. J. Hutchison, W. K. Keys, G. G. McKaraher, D. B. McLaughlin (2), J. L. MacMillan, D. D., J. A. Messer, John Martin, C. F. Newland, Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., W. C. Young, John Young.

Churches Represented—Bristol, First, J. D. Faucette; Paperville, R. P. Carmack, Pleasant Grove, W. H. Dettor; Plumtree, F. L. Burleson; Micaville, Troy Young; Morristown, F. T. Nance; Kingsport, Geo. E. Stone; Rogersville, Lawrence Rolfe; Banner Elk, F. H. Stinson; Spruce Pine, W. W. Bailey (2); Arcadia, J. M. Newland; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. McCoy Franklin, pastor of the church of Crossnore, N. C., was elected Moderator, and Rev. W. C. Young, pastor of the Russellville group, was elected Temporary Clerk.

REPORT OF THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

The following report of the Devotional committee was adopted:

That Presbytery observe the following hours: 8:30 a. m. to 12 m. 1:00 p. m. to 3:30 p. m., and 7:30 p. m., to adjourn at will.

F. H. STINSON

COURTESY

The following brethren were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as corresponding members: Rev. T. P. Johnston of Montgomery Presbytery, and Rev. J. D. Gardner of Tuscaloosa Presbytery.

RECEPTION OF REV. T. P. JOHNSTON

Rev. T. P. Johnston presented his letter of dismission from Montgomery Presbytery, and after the usual examination of a minister, was received and enrolled a member of Presbytery.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

It was madet he first order of the day tomorrow to conduct the examination of Candidate T. H. Spense for licensure.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 8:30 a. m., and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D. In the absence of the Moderator, Elder J. D. Faucette, presided.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator announced appointment of standing committees as follows:

1. Bills and Overtures—J. D. Faucette, John Martin, R. P. Carmack.
2. Devotional—F. H. Stinson.
3. Leave of Absence—John Young, C. G. McKaraher.
4. Finance—F. T. Nance, Geo. E. Stone.
5. Judicial—G. F. Robertson, J. L. Gray, Lawrence Rolfe.
6. Minutes of Synod—R. D. Carson, W. K. Keys, J. A. Messer.
7. Minutes of the Assembly—S. H. Hay, C. F. Newland.
8. Resolution of Thanks—C. C. Carson, C. B. Boyles, J. M. Newland.
9. Nominations—J. L. MacMillan, W. H. Dettor, F. L. Burleson.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

It was made the order of the day for 2 p. m. to hear Rev. Jno. J. Fix, D. D., Synodical Secretary of Sunday schools and Y. P. Work, present the work of his department.

It was made the order of the day for 3 p. m. to hear the report of the permanent committee on the Book of Church Order.

It was made the order of the day for 7:30 p. m. to observe a popular meeting in the interest of the Sabbath and Family Religion.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from the Christian Observer touching the observance of Church Paper Week was read and received as information.

A communication from Rev. J. D. Leslie, D. D., Stated Clerk of the Assembly, touching the organization and work of the Bureau of Vacancy and Supply was read and received as information.

COURTESY

Rev. Jno J. Fix, D. D., of the Presbytery of Abingdon,, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a correspondent member.

LICENSURE OF CANDIDATE T. H. SPENCE

Mr. T. H. Spence presented his letter of dismissal from the care of East Hanover Presbytery, was received under the care of Presbytery and after the regular examination, which he stood most creditably, was licensed as a probationer for the holy ministry; and Presbytery deemed it wise to proceed with his ordination, the time for which was placed at the second order of the day after 7:30 p. m.

THE NEW PASTOR OF THE KINGSPORT CHURCH

A call from the church of Kingsport, Tenn., for the pastoral services of Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, was presented, read, found in order and upon Mr. Johnston's willingness to accept, was placed in his hands; and the following commission was appointed to conduct his installation—Rev. J. L. MacMillan to preside, propound the constitutional questions and charge the pastor; Rev. Robt. Yost to preach the sermon; Elder Geo. C. Sells to charge the people; Rev. W. K. Keys, to complete the commission and act as alternate to any of the above. Time: Second Sunday of November, 11:00 a. m.

RECEPTION OF REV. J. D. GARDNER

A letter of dismissal from Tuscaloosa Presbytery was presented by Rev. J. D. Gardner and after the usual examination of a minister, he was received and enrolled a member of Presbytery.

After prayer, Presbytery took recess until 11 a. m.

Presbytery reconvened at 11 a. m., and heard Rev. W. K. Keys preach the Presbyterial sermon from the text Deut. 8:11, following which the Presbyterial communion service held.

After prayer, Presbytery took recess until 1:30 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 p. m.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERYS CENTRAL TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES

The following semi-annual report of Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Central Treasurer of Presbytery was received and adopted:

RECEIPTS

Church	S. S.	Aux.	C. E. S.		Totals
Bristol First	$3282.68	$	$150.00	$	$3432.68
Banner Elk	100.70				100.70
Bethel	8.25				8.25
Blountville	91.42				91.25
Brummetts	6.00	3.00			9.00
Cold Spring	199.32				199.32
Cove Creek	80.00				80.00
Crossnore	15.50				15.50
Ebenezer	11.90				11.90
Estatoa	1.46				1.46
Grassy Creek	10.00				10.00
Hughes	5.00				5.00
*Johnson City First	1810.00				1810.00
Plumtree	28.97				28.97
Rutledge	56.25				56.25
Kingsport	250.00				250.00
Leesburg	65.00				65.00
Mt. Sterling	5.50				5.50
Micaville	6.25				6.25
Mooresburg		1.64			1.64
Newdale	9.23				9.23
Newland	20.00				20.00
Russellville	24.00				24.00
Salem	10.00		5.00		15.00
Smoky Mt.	3.50				3.50
Spruce Pine	30.00		12.00		42.00
White Pine	10.00				10.00
Windsor Avenue	176.39	27.31	117.50		321.20
Totals from Presbytery	$6317.32	31.95	284.50		6633.77
Franklin St. Baltimore				75.00	75.00
					$6,708.77

*Johnson City First: A payment of $60.00 on a pledge to the Campaign Committee was made through the treasurer of the church. It was entered on this book so that the records here would correspond to the records of the treasurer of that church. My check was given to the Campaign Committee.

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions	$1354.73		
Special	18.00	$1372.73	
Assembly Home Missions	564.48		
Special	5.00	569.48	
Synod Home Missions		395.13	
Presbytery H. Missions	1898.92		
Special	634.47	2533.39	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		338.69	
Publication and S. S. Extension		112.89	
Bible Cause		28.20	
Assembly Training School	28.24		
Special	30.50	58.74	
Synod's Educ. Insts.	677.37		
Spec. to Mr. Fisher	105.00		
Special to Campaign Com.	60.00	842.37	
Orphans Home	225.79		
Special	27.31	253.10	
			$6504.72
Office Supplies	2.60		
Postage	3.00		
Cash Book	7.00		
500 Envelopes	1.50		
Printing 500 Cards	6.00		
Bonding Fee	12.50		
Salary (May-Sep.)	125.00		157.60
			$6662.32
Balance on hand			$ 46.45
			$6708.77

CHAS. B. BOYLES
Treasurer Benevolences.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

The following report of the permanent committee on the Book of Church Order was adopted:

After diligent study of the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order, as sent down by the Assembly of 1924, and in pamphlet form prepared by the Assembly's Stated Clerk, your committee recommends that Presbytery approve these amendments 'in toto'.

ADDRESS OF REV. JOHN J. FIX, D. D.

The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery engaged in a special servcie conducted by the committee of Church Societies, and heard Rev. Jno. J. Fix, D. D., Synodical Secretary of Sunday Schools and Young Peoples Work speak upon the departments of his work.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRESBYTERIAL HOME MISSIONS

The Home Missions committee, through its chairman made a brief verbal report of the state of the work, which was received as information; and there followed addresses by the following workers, D. B. McLaughlin, T. W. Clapp, H. A. McBath, T. M. Young, R. E. Piercy, J. A. Messer, G. F. Robertson, C. F. Newland, W. C. Young, J. L. Gray, C. G. McKaraher and W. K. Keys, all sounding most encouraging notes and describing the wonderful opportunities in their fields. The committee's recommendations, which were adopted, were:

1. That Presbytery ratify the action of the committee in the selection of Rev. Dan H. Graham as Superintendent-Evangelist for the Presbytery.

2. That Presbytery express its appreciation of the generous offer of Rev. Trigg A. M. Thomas to give $5,000 toward the erection of a church in Bluff City, Tenn., providing a similar sum be raised; and that the work of building this church be commended to the generosity of our people.

J. L. MacMILLAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

This committee read an interesting letter from Dr. Tilden Scherer on the fire work of King College. Rev. C. G. McKaraher spoke on the work of the Boone Fork Institute and Rev. T. W. Clapp spoke on the

work of the Plumtree School for Boys. Rev. C. C. Carson spoke of the work of the Lees-McRae Institute.

Presbytery adopted the following resolutions:—

We rejoice in the great work which is being done by our Educational Institutions and commend these institutions to the prayers and support of all our people.

CHAS. C. CARSON, Chairman.

RECEPTION OF CANDIDATE HENRY WILLIS

Mr. Henry Willis, a member of the church of Plumtree, N. C., and a student in the Plumtree School for Boys, presented himself before Presbytery to be received under its care as a Candidate for the Ministry. Upon reception of proper credentials from the session of his church, and after the regular examination in such cases, Mr. Willis was received under the care of Presbytery, and special prayer, led by the Moderator, was made in his behalf.

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 p. m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 p. m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SABBATH AND FAMILY REUNION

A popular meeting in the interest of the Sabbath and Family Religion was held with Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., presiding, during which addresses were made by Rev. S. H. Hay and Rev. Chas. C. Carson, D. D., and the report of the permanent committee on this cause read and adopted. The report follows:

I. THE SABBATH. The only changes seen with reference to this holy day is the increse of desecration. The Church does not seem to be able to overtake the desecrations, or cause any change for the better except in some in some few favored localities. In the large cities it is a wide open day for all the sports of the day and for whatever businesses that please to disregard the day.

The greatest menace in your committee's opinion is the one that appears plausible at first mention. Reference is had to the social infringements. It is a day of feasting, visiting and other phases of a social character, but all serve to interfere with attendance upon church and Sunday school, and so prevent the effect of the Word and worship of God.

The main feature of the day is not refraining from business activities. It is designed for that, but also and chiefly for the education of the soul in holy things. And while the social pleasures may in themselves be harmless, yet when they keep one away from the service of God and from thinking of Him and His great mercy toward us, it is as harmful as the open movie or Sunday baseball. Those who give over to the social life, and they are many, can say, "we are not at the games and shows, nor taking a journey. Nor are we in the place of business. "True, but neither are they at the house of God, studying about God in His Book. So they are both negatively and positively doing violence to the Sabbath law. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." So they say, and all religion and no social life makes life a burden. But where does the excess of religion come in with these folks? They do not seem to have any. So the rest of that classic quotation comes in, "All play and no work makes Jack a mere toy." And this sizes these social violaters of the Sabbath—they are not only nothing spiritually, but are real hinderers in multitudes of cases to many who would like a chance at something spiritual.

God's Sabbath law still stands; the sanctity of the day is unchanged; the day is and always will be one of God's signs between Himself and His people and the penalties of violation are just as severe, and God is on the throne and stil lable to enforce every penalty against every broken law. The 4th commandment is unchanged and unchangeable, like its divine Author.

II. FAMILY RELIGION. If we could argue safely from the part to the whole we might argue that there is great improvement along this line. For surely, if reports from meetings and in the columns of the religious press are indications, criteria by which the whole is to be judged, then we can thank God and take courage. Of course if all the parts improve, the whole will be improved, but it is believed by your committee that every part of the church is not equally affected by a rising tide of spirituality in the homes.

But in the home is the remedy for most of the ills we have to combat most continuously. Neglect of family religion, the home without the altar, the worldliness that prevails and is taught in the homes—these are the sources of supply of the raw material for the making of criminals. Criminals do come from christian homes.

Take just two worldly pleasures that are freely indulged in in many homes until in fact there is an epidemic that has swept the land from border to border. Reference is had to cards and dancing, not that they are perhaps the very worst, tho' many think there is nothing worse. These are common home pleasures. The dance in the girl's

school "for exercise," they say, is classed with the home dance. The essence of the one is the same everywhere, more emphatic, more pronounced, of course, out in society or in the gambling places. But this fact remains—the essence is the same everywhere. A card is a card whether in the parlor or on a gambler's table. The dance is the dance whether in the home, hotel, dance hall or brothel. The depth of turpitude in the practice of either varies, owing to the conditions and surroundings. But if the parlor dance were a magnetic compass, it would always and invariably point to the brothel or to shame. If the parlor card game were a compass it would always and for ever point toward the gambling hell. If the slightest tendency of anything is toward evil, it is essentially evil. They do not help one to understand God or to create a craving for His holy indwelling. But the very opposite is true. They destroy the desire for God and His holiness, and have led to wretchedness untold, to miscries without parallel.

Now since these are more generally followed and with specious excuses in the homes of the land for their existence, it follows that the purging of the homes of these things would go very far toward remedying the situation. Then the setting up of the home altar for daily sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, would go still farther toward the prevention of crime, since the vast majority of criminals come from non-praying homes. God says, "Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not upon thy name.

RECOMMENDATIONS. 1. That the Presbytery direct another special effort to secure members of the Family Altar League. If it is deemed wise to call for a given day and have concerted action let the Presbytery name the day. 2. That the standing rules be so amended as to require the full report of the permanent committee at the spring meeting, and at the fall meeting no report, but a popular meeting in the behalf of these two fundamental features of the church's life and vigor.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE F. ROBERTSON, Chairman Committee

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF REV. T. H. SPENCE, JR.

The order of the day having arrived, and the church of Banner Elk having presented its call for the pastoral services of Rev. T. H. Spence, the call was read, found in order, given to Mr. Spence and accepted by him. Rev. R. D. Carson presided at this service, a sermon was preached by Rev. T. D. Johnston and Presbytery ordained Mr. Spence to the holy ministry, and installed him in the Banner Elk church, Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., delivering the charge to the pastor and Rev. Chas. C. Carson, D. D., delivering the charge to the people.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

The following report of the executive committee of Foreign Missions was adopted:

The attention of Presbytery and of the churches is called to the fact that the receipts of the Assembly's Foreign Missions committee show a decreas of $54,114.00 for the first five months of this year, as compared with the same period of last year.

We offer the following recommendation:

That Presbytery engage in special prayer that God will awaken our church to the seriousness of the situation, and cause this deficit to be made up.

W. C. YOUNG, Chairman.

The Moderator led Presbytery in prayer for this cause.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The following report of the permanent committee on Evangelism was adopted:

The Presbytery at its last meeting sought to secure the services of pastors and evangelists for holding meetings in all our weaker churches and in home mission fields. A number of these meetings were held, and a large number have been received into the church as a result of these services.

These appointments made for the church year and other appointments will be met.

The past year was one of large ingathering, more than 400 members being received.

The Presbytery would lay upon the hearts of our pastors and sessions the burden of our unsaved people and urgently insist that special efforts be made to reach them.

R. D. CARSON, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

The following report of the permanent committee on Stewardship was adopted:

It is recommended that Presbytery accept as its quota for Benevolences the quota suggested for it by the Synod and for its percentages in the distribution of these benevolences, the percentage as suggested for it by the Synod, towit:

1. Quota for Benevolences for Presbytery $50,000.00
2. Percentages for distribution of these benevolences:

Foreign Missions	25
Assembly's Home Missions	10
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	6
Publication and Sabbath School Extension	2
Bible Cause	.5
Assembly's Training School	.5
Presbyterial Causes	38
Synod's Work	6
Educational Institutions	12

JOHN MARTIN, Acting Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

The report of the committee on Nominations was adopted and is to be found under ORGANIZATION.

APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER AND SUBJECT FOR PRESBYTERIAL SERMON

For the Presbyterial sermon at the Spring Meeting Rev. John Martin was appointed as preacher with Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., as alternate and the subject is to be "The Second Coming of Christ."

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Presbytery nominated the following commissioners to the next General Assembly:

PRINCIPALS—	ALTERNATES—
Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.	Rev. W. K. Keys
Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D.	Rev. Chas. B. Boyles
Elder F. T. Nance	Elder J. D. Faucette
Elder F. H. Stinson	Elder E. B. Comerford.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PRESBYTERY

The following report of the treasurer of Presbytery was adopted: Your treasurer begs leave to submit the fololwing semi-annual report:

RECEIPTS:

1. Balance on hand, April 25, 1924	$ 78.12	
2. From the churches on taxes	625.57	
3. From Mrs. J. H. Evans, for printing minutes	22.50	
Total receipts		$726.19

DISBURSEMENTS:

May 7, 1924—To T. J. Hutchison, half salary clerk	$ 37.50	
July 5th—To Union Printing Co., for minutes	222.17	
June 11th—To Muse-Whitlock for printing cards	6.21	
Aug. 13th—To Marshall Bros. Lumber Co. for boxes	3.50	
Sept. 9th—To Rev. W. C. Young, exps. to Synod	2.60	
To Rev. C. G. McKaraher	8.10	
To Rev. D. W. McIver	4.00	
To Rev. J. L. MacMillan	6.50	
To Rev. C. C. Carson	7.00	
Total disbursements		$297.58
Balance on hand		$428.61

RECOMMENDATION:

As several of the churches are still in arrears as the matter of their taxes it is recommended that Presbytery strongly urge these churches to pay up their taxes fully as soon as they can; especially in view of the fact that the taxes have been lowered and may be still further reduced if only payments are made promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J.HUTCHISON, Treas.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Following is the report of the standing committee on Finance which was adopted:

We the undersigned committee report that the only matter coming into our hands was the report of T. J. Hutchison, Treasurer of Presbytery and that we have examined his statements of receipts and disbursements, with vouches attached, find the same correct and report the balance in his hand at this date to be $428.61.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. NANCE,
GEO. E. STONE.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF STEWARDSHIP

Presbytery elected Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn., Secretary of Stewardship, and voted to pay him the honorarium suggested and granted by the Assembly for this work.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ASSEMBLY'S MINUTES

The following report from the standing committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was adopted:

Your committee would call attention to the following actions and recommendations of the Assembly, and would recommend:

1. Approval of the Assembly's Training school and designation of the last Sunday in September as "Training School Day."

2. Approval of the work of the Men of the Churches and the request that Presbytery appoint a permanent committee of Men's work.

3. Approval of the Tithe as the minimum standard of giving.

4. Approval of the action of the Assembly in changing the church year to correspond with the calendar year and placing the Every Member Canvass for finances in November instead of in March.

5. Approval of the designation of the second Sunday in December as "Equipment Fund Day."

6. Approval of the establishment of the Bureau of Vacancy and Supply in the Stated Clerk's office.

W. K. KEYS.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL REV. C. F. NEWLAND AT BLOUNTVILLE

Your commission, consisting of Revs. R. D. Carson, D. D., Tilden Scherer, D. D., T. J. Hutchison, (and alternate Chas. B. Boyles) with elders J. D. Faucette and Chas. H. Massengill, alternate, and charged with the duty of ordaining Mr. C. F. Newland and installing him in the Blountville church, met in the church of Blountville Saturday, June 29th. Present, Revs. R. D. Carson, D. D., Tilden Scherer, D. D., T. J. Hutchison; elder Chas. Massengill. The session was opened with prayer. The commission heard Mr. Newland preach, and sustained him sermon as satisfactory part of trial. He was then examined on experimental religion, and this examination sustained as satisfactory. Then, in view of his recent examination for licensure, a brief examination was had touching the other subjects in the examination for ordination, which was sustained; then the examination as a whole was sustained; and the ordination service set for the following morning. The commission adjourned with prayer.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the commission met and was led in prayer. Following a sermon by Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., Rev. C. F. Newland was ordained. The commission took recess until 2 p. m.

Reconvening at 2 o'clock, Rev. R. D. Carson presided and propounded the constitutional questions, Rev. Tilden Scherer delivered the charge to the pastor and Rev. T. J. Hutchison charged the people. Thus was Rev. C. F. Newland installed pastor of the Blountville church. The commission adjourned with the Apostolic benediction.

Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.
Moderator

Rev. T. J. Hutchison
Secretary

The report was adopted.

OVERTURE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Presbytery made the following overture to the General Assembly; which was presented by Elder J. L. Gray:

The Presbytery of Holston hereby approves the action of the General Assembly of 1924 in changing the church year to correspond with the calendar year and placing the every member canvass in November instead of March, and overtures the Assembly of 1925 to refuse to recind this action.

NEW CHARTER FOR THE PLUMTREE SCHOOL FOR BOYS

At the request of the chairman of the board of trustees of the Plumtree schol for Boys, Presbytery adopted the following paper, thereby granting permission for a new charter for this school:

Whereas the Property of the Lees-McRae Institute located at Plumtree, N. C., purchased, held and used in connection with a Boys Synod of Appalachia, and the Presbytery of Holston. And whereas it Synod o fAppalachia, and the Presbytery of Holston. And whereas it is necessary to pass title to such property as it may be necessary to dispose of, and to acquire title to such property as it may be deemed necessary in the operation of said School. And as it is advisable that the Boys School at Plumtree shall be conducted under an entirely separate and distinct management from the Girls' School at Banner's Elk. And that it be no longer conducted under the corporate name of the Lees-McRae Institute. It is ordered subject to the action of Holston Presbytery, it is ordered that a corporation known as the Plumtree School_____be formed to be chartered by the Legislature of North Carolina. And that the property now held by the Plumtree School be conveyed to said Corporation with full power and authority to hold and use and enjoy the same in the use and conduct of said School. And with the full power to dispose of any part of said property that may be deemed necessary. And with power to purchase such property that it may be deemed necessary

in the conduct of said School. Holding such property at all times as Trustees for the Synod of Appalachia and Holston Presbytery.

It is further ordered that the present Board of Trustees elected by Holston Presbytery, and now in the control of the Plumtree School shall continue in the discharge of their duties as such until such charter shall have been obtained, and their successors in the office shall have been appointed.. That they shall confer with council and shall prepare such charter as they are advised to carry out this order within its true intent and meaning and with a view to the continued efficient and successful operation of said school, as an agency of the Church in the promotion of its religious, charitable, and educational work in affording indigent boys an education.

J. L. MacMILLAN,
Chairman Board of Trustees.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE ASSEMBLY

Rev. W. K. Keys and Elder J. L. Gray reported attendance upon the sessions of the Assembly and were commended for their diligence; and in the absence of the other commissioners, (Rev. D. W. McIver and Elder Henry E. Harris), these brethren spoke of their attendance, interest and diligence.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

The following report of the committee on resolution of thanks was adopted, ordered spread upon the minutes and read from the pulpit of the Banner Elk church:

The Presbytery of Holston expresses appreciation of the generous hospitality of the people of Banner Elk so beautifully bestowed uopn us during our sessions.

We rejoice in the manifestation of God's providence in giving you a section of surpassing splendor in which to live and labor,a nd we especially congratulate you on your splendid school, orphanage, hospital and church established by our beloved and sainted Rev. Edgar Tufts whose name and work are immortal.

We felicitate the new pastor and people on the unity, harmony and promise of the great work committed to their hands.

May God's richest blessings abound in your hearts, and may come at last to the "General Assembly and Church of the first-born whose names are written in heaven."

"God be with you till we meet again."

Chas. C. Carson Chairman Committee

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The following report of the standing committee on Leave of Absence was adopted:

That Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., and Rev. V. P. Merrell be excused from attendance upon this session of Presbytery.

That Rev. C. G. McKaraher be excused from attendance on Presbytery after 4:30 p. m. Wednesday.

John Young, Chairman Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

After reading and approving the minutes, Presbytery adjourned with singing the doxology and offering prayer, to meet in Stated Session on Tuesday, April 14th, 1925, at 7:30 p. m. in the church of Newport, Tenn., and to meet in adjourned session on Tuesday, November 11th, 1924, at 1 p. m. in the First Church of Johnson City, Tenn.

McCOY FRANKLIN,
Moderator

W. C. YOUNG,
Temporary Clerk.

T. J. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk

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ORGANIZATION

Moderator—Rev. Walter K. Keys, Bristol, Tenn.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, Kingsport, Tenn.
Permanent Clerk—Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.
Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tenn.
Secretary of Stewardship—Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.
Superintendent Home Missions and Evangelist—Rev. W. K. Keys, Bristol, Tenn.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

1. *Foreign Missions*—Revs. W. C. Young, *Chairman*; C. G. McKaraher, John Young, Elder R. E. Armstrong.
2. *Presbyterial Home Missions*—Revs. John Martin, *Chairman*; S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, R. D. Carson, D. D., T. W. Clapp, D. B. McLaughlin, and C. G. McKaraher; Elders Frank Taylor, *Secretary*; O. D. Hutchins, *Treasurer*; F. T. Nance, J. D. Faucette, Sam R. Sells, and F. H. Stinson.
3. *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Revs. S. H. Hay, *Chairman*; R. D. Carson, D. D., Tilden Scherer, D. D., Elder J. N. Fisher.
4. *Publication and Sabbath Schools*—Revs. John Martin, *Chairman*; T. J. Hutchison; Elder Frank Taylor.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. *Assembly's Home Missions*—Revs. John Martin, *Chairman*; Chas. C. Carson, D. D., Elders E. W. King, J. R. Forgery.
2. *Church Societies*—Revs. W. C. Young, *Chairman*; Chas. B. Boyles, Elders E. H. Moore, J. A. Waddell.
3. *Educational Institutions*—Revs. Chas. C. Carson, D. D., *Chairman*; R. D. Carson, D. D., T. H. Spence, Jr., Elders J. D. Faucette, E. H. Sloop, Chas. Massengill.
4. *Evangelism*—Revs. R. D. Carson, D. D., *Chairman*; W. K. Keys, McCoy Franklin, J. D. Gardner, Elder J. D. Hasson.
5. *Orphans' Home*—Revs. S. H. Hay, *Chairman*; T. H. Spence, Jr., T. W. Clapp, John Young, McCoy Franklin, Elders E. H. Tufts, J. H. Slonaker.
6. *Bible Cause*—Revs. D. B. McLaughlin, *Chairman*; C. G. McKaraher, Elders S. M. Newland, Frank Briscoe.
7. *Stewardship*—Rev. T. P. Johnston, *Chairman*; Elder Arthur King, and the chairman of each executive and permanent committee.
8. *Comity*—Revs. W. C. Young, *Chairman*; Chas. C. Carson, D. D., Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., Elders J. E. Brading, J. D. Loveth.
9. *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. G. F. Robertson, D. D., *Chairman*; Elders S. F. Peavler, S. S. McCormick.
10. *Men's Work*—Rev. C. F. Newland, *Chairman*; Elders J. Fred Johnson, R. P. Barnett, Henry E. Harris, Arthur King, F. H. Stinson.
11. *Book of Church Order*—Revs. S. H. Hay, *Chairman*; Chas. B. Boyles, R. D. Carson, D. D.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1. *Experimental Religion*—Revs. W. C. Young, John Martin, J. P. Doggett.

2. *Theology*—Revs. C. C. Carson, D. D., R. D. Carson, D. D., S. H. Hay.

3. *Church Government and Sacraments*—Revs. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., Chas. B. Boyles, McCoy Franklin.

4. *Church History*—Revs. W. C. Young, T. P. Johnston, O. G. Klinger.

5. *Philosophy, Logic and Ethics*—Revs. Tilden Scherer, D. D., Robert Yost, D. D.

6. *Natural Science and Secular Subjects*—Revs. W. K. Keys, T. W. Clapp.

7. *Latin, Greek and Hebrew*—Rev. T. P. Johnston.

TRUSTEES

1. Edgar Tufts Memorial Association—E. W. King, 1926; Jas. A. Summers, 1927; Rev. S. H. Hay, 1928; F. H. Stinson, 1929; J. Fred Johnson, 1930.

2. Plumtree School for Boys—E. H. Tufts, T. B. Vance, W. B. Burleson, 1925; J. D. Faucette, Sam R. Sells, Frank Taylor, 1926; J. L. McMillan, Chas. C. Carson, T. P. Johnston, 1927.

3. Boone Fork Institute—W. S. Whiting, A. B. Rogan, 1926; Rufus Gwinn, R. D. Carson, 1927; Sam R. Sells, C. G. McKaraher, 1928.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

The following candidates for the ministry are under the care of Holston Presbytery:

Knight, Joe E. ..... Jonesboro, Tenn.
McKinley, Johnson E. ..... Quentin, Miss.
Rowe, John Dixon ..... Shulls Mills, N. C.
Whitlock, William ..... Fish Dam, Tenn.
Willis, Henry ..... Greenfield, Va.
Young, Troy ..... Micaville, N. C.

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING

Presbytery met in adjourned session in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City at 1 p. m., Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1924, with Elder J. D. Faucette, the last Moderator present, presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. John Martin.

Rev. Thos. P. Johnston was appointed Temporary Clerk.

Roll call showed present: Ministers—C. C. Carson, J. L. MacMillan, John Martin, J. D. Gardner, and Thos. P. Johnston. Elders—J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; F. T. Nance, Morristown; Ross Smith, Jonesboro First; Frank Taylor, Johnson City First; W. C. Tate and J. W. Holcomb, Banner Elk.

The Clerk declared a quorum present.

Communications

Mr. A. D. Stone, of Bristol, appeared before the Presbytery and offered a petition signed by 34 members of the Presbyterian Church asking that a commission be appointed to look into the organization of a Presbyterian Church at or near Meadow View School House. After a thorough discussion, and upon motion duly passed, the Presbytery granted the petition, and appointed the following commission to investigate the situation and organize the said church if the way be clear: Rev. C. C. Carson, Chairman; Rev. J. L. MacMillan, Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, Rev. C. F. Newland, Elders James Brown and J. D. Faucette.

Dr. J. L. MacMillan, chairman of the commission appointed for the purpose, reported the installation of the Rev. Thos. P. Johnston as pastor of the First Church of Kingsport on Sunday, Nov. 9, 1924. Dr. MacMillan presided, propounded the constitutional questions, and charged the pastor. Dr. Robert Yost preached the sermon. Elder Geo. C. Sells charged the people.

Elder Ross Smith, of Jonesboro First Church, asked the Presbytery to look into the disposal of certain properties belonging to the Jonesboro congregation. The matter was referred to the Home Mission Committee.

A call from the New Providence Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Jason D. Gardner was read, declared in order, and upon his acceptance, was placed in the hands of Mr. Gardner. The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Gardner at New Providence, on Wednesday, November 19th, at 7 p. m.: Rev. C. C. Carson to preside, propound the constitutional questions and charge the pastor; Rev. T. P. Johnston to preach the sermon; Elder J. D. Faucette to charge the congregation; Revs. Dabney Carson and W. C. Young to act as alternates to any of the above.

Elder F. H. Stinson was added to the Home Mission Committee. Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr., was added to the Committee on Educational Institutions. Rev. McCoy Franklin was added to the Committee on Orphans' Homes. Rev. J. D. Gardner was added to the Committee on Evangelism.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. C. C. Carson.

Thos. P. Johnston, Temporary Clerk.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

Holston Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator in the First Church of Johnson City, Tenn., on Friday, December 26, 1924, at 1 p. m., and was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. McCoy Franklin.

The following representatives were present: Ministers—McCoy Franklin, W. K. Keys, T. P. Johnston, V. P. Merrill, R. D. Carson, D. D., S. H. Hay, J. L. MacMillan, D. D., W. C. Young, C. C. Carson, D. D., Tilden Scherer, D. D., Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., John Martin, Robert Yost, D. D., T.W. Clapp; and Elders J. L. Gray, J. H. Newman, J. D. Faucette, John Yelton, F. T. Nance, and J. W. Holcomb.

A quorum being present, the call for the meeting was read and found in order. The call was as follows:

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call Holston Presbytery to meet in the First Church, Johnson City, Tenn., on Friday, December 26, at 1 p. m., to transact the following business if the way be clear:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relation existing between Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., and the First Church of Johnson City.

2. To grant Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Norfolk.

3. To transact any further business growing out of the above.

McCoy Franklin, Moderator.
T. J. Hutchison, Stated Clerk.

Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the First Church, Johnson City. The First Church of Johnson City, through its representative, Elder Frank Taylor, expressed its concurrence, with great reluctance, in the request. The Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relation.

Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., was granted a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Norfolk.

Presbytery was led in prayer by Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., in behalf of Dr. MacMillan, the church he is leaving and the new work he enters upon.

SAFETY FILM

Rev. Norman H. Camp, of Chicago Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., and Elder J. D. Faucette were appointed a Committee on Resolutions, concerning Dr. MacMillan, to Norfolk Presbytery.

Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., was appointed to preach in the First Church, Johnson City, at a convenient season, and declare the pulpit vacant.

Regrets were expressed by many of the representatives present, concerning the removal of Dr. MacMillan from Holston Presbytery.

Elder J. D. Faucette and Revs. C. C. Carson, D. D., and R. D. Carson, D. D., were appointed a committee to recommend men to fill vacancies on committees caused by the removal of Dr. MacMillan. The committee recommended that Rev. John Martin be elected a member of the Home Mission Committee and made temporary chairman till the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Recommendations of the Committee on Nominations were adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D.

McCoy Franklin, Moderator.
W. C. Young, Clerk pro tem.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

The Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1925, at 1 p.m., and was opened with prayer by the last Moderator present, Elder J. D. Faucette, in the absence of the Moderator.

The roll call showed the following members present: Ministers—D. B. McLaughlin, W. K. Keys, T. W. Clapp, V. P. Merrill, S. H. Hay, R. D. Carson, D. D., W. C. Young, John Martin, T. P. Johnston. Elders—J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; F. T. Nance, Morristown; Harvey McBath, Micaville; F. H. Stinson, Banner Elk; J. H. Newman.

A quorum being present, the following call was read and found in order:

Holston Presbytery is hereby called to meet in the First Church, Johnson City, Tenn., Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 1 p. m., to consider the following matters:

1. To approve the election of Rev. Walter K. Keys as Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist for the Presbytery.
2. To dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. Walter K. Keys and the Cold Spring Church.
3. To consider certain matters relating to the duties and salary of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences.
4. To consider any business growing out of the above items.

McCoy Franklin, Moderator.

Mr. Keys Elected Supt. Home Missions and Evangelist

The call from the Home Mission Committee for the services of the Rev. W. K. Keys as Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist of the Presbytery was read and found in order.

Mr. Keys resigned the pastorate of the Cold Spring Church, and after hearing from the church through the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship. The Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant and arrange with the session for the appointment of a moderator during the absence of a pastor.

Rev. W. K. Keys accepted the call to be Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist of the Presbytery. He was then

given evangelistic powers to receive members where there is no session, till the spring meeting of Presbytery.

The office expenses and salary of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences were ordered to be paid from this time on by the Treasurer of the Presbytery out of the Presbyterial taxes.

The minutes were read and approved, and the meeting adjourned with prayer.

W. C. Young, Temporary Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE SPRING MEETING

NEWPORT, TENN., APRIL 14-15, 1925

The one hundred and fourth stated session of Holston Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church of Newport, Tenn., beginning April 14, 1925, at 8 p. m. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. McCoy Franklin, from the text Proverbs 21:4. Presbytery was then called to order and opened with prayer by the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.

Enrollment

The following were present: Ministers—Chas. B. Boyles, R. D. Carson, T. W. Clapp (2), W. B. Doyle (2), McCoy Franklin, J. D. Gardner, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, W. K. Keys, O. G. Klinger, C. G. McKaraher, D. B. McLaughlin, V. P. Merrill, J. A. Messer, John Martin, C. F. Newland, Geo. F. Robertson (2), T. H. Spence, Jr., W. C. Young, John Young (2). Churches represented: Bristol First, J. O. Susong; Weaver, C. P. Booher; Pleasant Grove, W. H. Dettor; Micaville, Troy Young; Kingsport, Geo. M. Williams; Rogersville, H. G. Kyle; Mossy Creek, J. E. Wardrep; Johnson City First, W. J. Barton; Meadow Creek, J. A. Waddell; Banner Elk, F. W. VonCannon; Leesburg, F. R. DeVault; Newport, W. L. Pickard; Rutledge, J. E. Nance (2); Arcadia, S. A. Newland; Windsor Avenue, Archer Beasley.

Election of Officers

The Rev. W. K. Keys was elected Moderator, and the Rev. W. C. Young, Temporary Clerk. The Rev. T. P. Johnston, in the absence of the Stated Clerk, was elected Stated Clerk *pro tem*.

Report of the Devotional Committee

The following report of the Devotional Committee was adopted:

1. That the hours for meeting of Presbytery be fixed at 8.45 to 12 for the morning session; at 2 to 5 for the afternoon session; and at 7.30 to adjourn at will for the evening session.

2. That the Presbyterial Sermon be preached by the Rev. John Martin and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered on Wednesday at 11 o'clock, the following brethren officiating: Rev. T. P. Johnston and Rev. S. H. Hay. The elders named below will serve the tables: Judge Kyle, S. A. Newland, C. P. Booher and F. R. DeVault.

3. That a special order for the Wednesday night meeting be taken for Presbytery's Home Missions program under the direction of the Superintendent.

O. G. Klinger.
W. L. Pickard.

After prayer by Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr., Presbytery took recess until 8.45 a. m., April 15th.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 8.45 a. m. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. D. Gardner. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved. The minutes of called and adjourned meetings were read for information.

The following members were enrolled: Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. Bruce Doyle, Rev. V. P. Merrill, Elders J. E. Wardrep, J. E. Nance, Archer Beasley.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of standing committees as follows:

1. Bills and Overtures—Rev. McCoy Franklin, W. J. Barton, Rev. W. Bruce Doyle.
2. Devotional—Rev. O. G. Klinger, W. L. Pickard.
3. Leave of Absence—Rev. J. D. Gardner, F. W. VonCannon.
4. Finance—Geo. Williams, F. R. DeVault.
5. Judicial—Judge H. G. Kyle, Rev. R. D. Carson.
6. Minutes of Synod—Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, W. H. Dettor.
7. Sessional Records—Rev. C. G. McKaraher, Rev. C. F. Newland, Troy Young, J. E. Wardrep, J. E. Waddell.
8. Statistics—Rev. T. H. Spence, Rev. McCoy Franklin.
9. Narrative to Assembly—J. O. Susong, Rev. C. B. Boyles.
10. Nominations—Rev. S. H. Hay, C. P. Booher, Rev. R. D. Carson.
11. Resolutions of Thanks—Rev. J. Allen Messer, S. A. Newland.

Order of the Day

The examination for ordination of Elder Harvey McBath, of the Micaville Church, was fixed for 2 p. m.

Communications

A telegram from Union Theological Seminary was read and referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions.

A communication on Near East Relief was read and referred to the Permanent Committee on Stewardship.

The resignation of the Rev. T. J. Hutchison as Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Presbytery was received. Presbytery accepted the resignation.

The excuse for absence of the Rev. T. J. Hutchison was received and referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

A communication in regard to Presbyterial taxes from the Blountville Church was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from Laurel Grove School was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Installation of Rev. J. D. Gardner

The report of the commission to install Rev. J. D. Gardner at New Providence Church was approved as follows:

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 19, 1925, at seven o'clock p. m., two members of the appointed commission, namely Revs. C. C. Carson and T. P. Johnston, met at New Providence Church. Elder Faucette was absent on account of sickness. Rev. T. P. Johnston was appointed Clerk. Rev. C. C. Carson presided, propounded the constitutional questions, and charged the pastor. Rev. T. P. Johnston preached the sermon. A charge to the congregation prepared by elder Faucette was read by Dr. Carson. The installation services having been completed the pastor pronounced the benediction.

T. P. Johnston, Clerk.

Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr., was added to the Committee on Orphans' Homes, ranking next to the chairman. Rev. W. C. Young was substituted for Rev. S. H. Hay on the Nominating Committee.

Dr. Geo. F. Robertson Placed on Roll of Honor

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made a partial report, referring to the labors of the Revf Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., and his being placed on the Roll o. Honor for retired ministers. The report was adopted by a rising vote, and Presbytery was led in prayer for Dr. Robertson by the Rev. S. H. Hay.

Treasurer's Report

The report of the Treasurer and the Treasurer *pro tem.* were read and referred to the Finance Committee:

REPORT OF T. J. HUTCHISON, TREASURER OF PRESBYTERY
From October 14, 1924, to March 16, 1925

Receipts

Oct. 14, 1924, by balance in hand	$435.61	
March 16, 1925, tax collections from the churches	490.53	
Total		$926.14

Disbursements

1924			
Oct. 15	To J. E. Crouch for ledger	$ 1.25	
	To T. J. Hutchison, Synod's assessment	111.94	
Oct. 17	To T. J. Hutchison, half salary clerk	37.50	
Sept. 30	To Muse Whitlock Co., printing notices	9.00	
Nov. 3	To Muse Whitlock Co., printing minutes	58.71	
Nov. 8	To T. J. Hutchison, salary clerk in full	112.50	
Nov. 21	To J. D. Faucette, expense to Synod	9.80	
Nov. 25	W. K. Keys, expense to Synod	6.50	
	F. S. Thomas, expense to Synod	10.00	
Dec. 6	To T. J. Hutchison, stamps, etc.	1.40	
Dec. 15	To Intermountain Phone Co., messages	.25	
	To J. D. Leslie, General Assembly assessment	247.76	
1925			
Jan. 17	To Muse Whitlock, printing notices	2.16	
Mar. 9	To Thos. P. Johnston, expense of Presbytery	25.00	
	Total		$633.77
	Balance on hand		292.37

(Check herewith for balance on hand to T. P. Johnston.)

T. J. Hutchison.

Report of Thos. P. Johnston, Acting Treasurer of Holston Presbytery, from March 16, 1925, to April 6, 1925, when books for year closed:

Receipts

Mar. 9	T. J. Hutchison, check	$25.00	
Mar. 16	T. J. Hutchison, check	292.37	
April 6	Tax receipts from churches	28.10	
	Total		$345.47

Disbursements

Mar. 28	T. P. Johnston, S. C., postage	$ 3.00	
April 1	J. D. Leslie, balance on Assembly assessment	200.00	
April 1	Presbyterian Committee, blanks	9.50	
	Total		$212.50
	Balance carried forward		132.97
			$345.47

Respectfully submitted,
Thos. P. Johnston, Acting Treasurer.

The call of the Blowing Rock Church for the pastoral services of Rev. C. G. McKaraher was received and referred to the Home Mission Committee.

The Rev. W. K. Keys, Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist of the Presbytery, was given evangelistic powers to receive members and to organize churches with the consent of the Home Mission Committee.

The call of the Johnson City First Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Lloyd Courtney was read and found in order and the church was given permission to prosecute the call before Greenbriar Presbytery.

Presbytery then took recess for 10 minutes.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbytery reconvened at 11 o'clock and the Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. John Martin on "The Second Coming of Christ," from the text II Corinthians 11:23-30, after which the Presbyterial communion was held, the elements being dispensed by the Rev. Thos. P. Johnston and the Rev. S. H. Hay.

Memorial to Rev. J. A. Harris

A memorial of the Rev. John Abner Harris, written by the Hon. W. F. Stevenson of the Fifth District of South Carolina, was read by the Stated Clerk, and adopted by a rising vote.

MEMORIAL OF REV. JOHN ABNER HARRIS

By W. F. Stevenson, U. S. Representative, 5th District, South Carolina

Rev. John Abner Harris was born October 6, 1861; son of William S. and Mary Stevenson Harris. He was always frail in appearance, but his indomitable will overcame his bodily frailty. Being a child of parents descended from a long line of strict Presbyterian ancestors, he was reared in a home where God was reverenced and worshiped devoutly and where His word was constantly studied.

The demoralization and poverty incident to the Civil War and fifteen years thereafter made it hard to acquire even a good English education; hence he was not able to prepare for and enter college until September, 1884, being then 23 years of age. He had been an industrious worker on the farm and when in school was tireless in his studies and displayed a thoroughness then which characterized his whole life. He graduated at Davidson College in June, 1888, and went to Union Theological Seminary that fall; graduated there in 1891 and entered a pastorate in Rowan County, N. C., at Thyatira, one of the oldest churches in North Carolina.

After some years there, he gave up this pastorate and went to the mountain field of Concord Presbytery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties, then practically destitute of all intelligent religious teaching. He was inspired to this course by the example of Dr. Guerrant, then winning the mountain people of Kentucky and laying deep religious foundations there, and partly by his own longing for missionary work. He had volunteered for foreign mission work upon graduation, but was rejected for physical reasons, his frail appearance being mistaken for bodily weakness. He went into the depths of the wilderness of that day in the home field, and found a responsive people, organized schools and Sunday schools and procured teachers, preached several times a week frequently and, as material developed, organized churches until, when called to his reward, there were in the two counties 12 regularly organized and active churches and as many more preaching points, many schools and Sunday schools, a people who revered and loved him devoutly and Presbyterianism and true religion firmly planted in that wonderful mountain region extending from near Johnson City on the west to Asheville on the east.

He was devoted to the work and never left it except at the call of duty. Just three years before his death the writer of this sketch wrote him urging that he take a rest of a month and come to Washington, where there was so much that interested him so greatly. In his reply declining the invitation he said:

"If I had a flying machine I might take some outings. Maybe I will anyhow if I can get some one to fill my appointments. I am even more in love with my work and my people, and 'there is so much to do and so little done;' I must hurry up."

He never took any outing and preached on Sunday, November 2nd, and died the next Saturday, November 8, 1924, literally dying in harness. His determination was aptly shown when he was rejected by the Foreign Mission Committee, remarking that he would accumulate his money and send it to the foreign field to represent him after he was gone.

Always a splendid business man, he began systematically to save and invest part of his salary each year. On December 29, 1921, he executed his will in accordance with that purpose and left his entire accumulations to the Foreign Mission Committee, "to be used in the support, development and extension of the mission work of said church in Africa." The bequest will net over twenty thousand dollars, which in his own words, "will represent him in that field which was denied him in person." The saving of this sum from the salary of a Home Missionary represents self-denial of the strongest type and illustrates the consecration of this man to his Master's cause.

He was descended, through both father and mother, from William Stevenson, elder at Fourth Creek, spoken of in Foote's Sketches of the Presbyterian Church in North Carolina as being called "Little Gabriel," because in prayer the people said he approached closer to the throne than any other man in that region. Truly that characteristic descended on him. He was a logical, entertaining and, on occasions, a powerful preacher; but his gift in prayer was the characteristic most often mentioned by people who knew and heard him.

His modest tomb is erected in the cemetery at his home church, Concord (Iredell County) (founded by his ancestors), and surrounded by the graves of his kin, but his monuments are the great body of Christians in those mountain lands where he planted and watered and prayed so faithfully and in the splendid development which will be made with his bequest in the African field where, "being dead, he yet speaketh."

The Presbytery then took recess until 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 o'clock p. m.

Examination of Licentiate H. A. McBath

Licentiate Harvey A. McBath, Elder in the Micaville Church, presented himself as a candidate for ordination. After the usual examinations in experimental religion, theology, church government and the sacraments, and a sermon from Luke 7:47, the examination as a whole was sustained, and his ordination permitted under the extraordinary clause, the reasons being that Mr. McBath showed marked ability and special gifts, and that he entered the ministry late in life.

The call of the Micaville Church for the pastoral service of Mr. McBath was read, found in order, and upon his acceptance of it, placed in his hands. The time for his ordination and installation at Micaville was fixed as June 14, 1925, at 8 p. m. The commission to ordain and install Mr. McBath is as follows: The Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., the Rev. W. K. Keyes, the Rev. T. W. Clapp, Elder Troy Young of the Micaville Church; the Rev. John Martin as alternate minister, and Elder W. W. Bailey, of Spruce Pine Church, as alternate elder.

Report of Grandfather Orphanage

The report of the orphans' department of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association was read and adopted as follows:

Official Report of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association
Orphans' Home Department
Banner Elk, N. C.

We beg to submit the following report of the above department to Holston Presbytery for the church year ending March 31st, 1925:

We have cared for sixty-two children, have a nine months school, with nine grades taught.

A Baby Department has been added, which is occupied at present with ten little tots from three to six years of age. We can easily care for fifteen in this department when completely furnished. Necessary amount to do this is about $250.

We have seven buildings, value $22,000; three hundred acres of land, value $10,000; equipment and other property, $7,000, total $39,000.

Receipts for the year

From Holston Presbytery, its churches, societies and individuals	$ 2,844.94	
Concord Presbytery	995.36	
Miscellaneous	3,527.67	
Total	$ 7,367.97	
Blowing Rock collection, August 1924	2,100.00	
Income from conditional endowment	2,700.00	
Thanksgiving offering from Holston Presbytery	128.78	
Miscellaneous	344.50	
Brought forward from last year's report	2,125.47	
Grand total		$14,766.72

Disbursements for the year

Salaries—superintendent, matrons, teachers, farmer, mechanic and hospital expense	$ 4,855.00	
For permanent improvement and equipment	900.00	
For other current expenses	7,778.50	
Total		$13,433.22
Balance		$1,333.22

J. W. Holcomb, Superintendent

The Rev. V. P. Merrill, with the concurrence of his church, presented his resignation as pastor of the Mossy Creek Church. The church having been heard through a representative, the relation was dissolved, becoming effective with the action of Presbytery.

Report on Bible Cause

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted.

The Committee on Bible Cause reports as follows:

Up to 1923, the collections to this cause had fallen off at a great percentage. But this last year there have been some improvements. The Society is still in great need of funds. There is a call for more Bibles today than ever before in the history of the world. It is a poor wind that blows no one some good—*modernism* has caused people to read more of the gospel seemingly than anything else. I would remind the churches of the recommendations of last year's Assembly, that an offering be made to the American Bible Society.

D. B. McLaughlin, Chairman.

Assembly Home Missions

The report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was read and adopted as follows:

The Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions reports another year of splendid progress, both in the contributions of the churches and in the results attained by the workers.

The total receipts from all sources for the maintenance of the work were $557,032. It should be noted that from strictly Progressive Program sources the receipts were $500,438, which is $259,561 less than the Assembly's apportionment for this cause. While substantial progress had been made, the committee is still $259,561 short of its financial goal.

Reports from the field show that 9,045 were added to the church upon profession and 3,754 upon certificate, making a total of 12,799 that were brought into the church by the workers supported in whole or in part by the Assembly's Committee.

The one outstanding disappointment of the year was the failure of the church to respond to the appeal for the Equipment Fund. The Equipment receipts were less than $20,000, or about one-fifth of the amount received from this source in 1924. The one pressing and imperative need of the Home Mission Committee is adequate funds for buildings. The progress of the work in every department is held back for the want of better equipment. The committee's only hope for meeting this need is through the special Equipment Campaign, as every dollar of the current receipts is needed to meet the demands of a constantly enlarging work.

Every year the Home Mission enterprise becomes larger and more important. It can no longer be measured by the needs of a Presbytery or Synod. Home Missions means saving a nation. It is the long arm of the church. It is the hand of help reached out to the mountaineers, the negroes, the Indians, the foreigners, and the frontiers. It is the call of God and country.

Two recent news notes emphasize its importance.

The Roman Catholic Church in this country has budgeted $5,000,000 for spreading Catholicism in America this year, with specal reference to the Southern states.

Twelve thousand Red Communists, including 400 school children, meeting in Madison Square Garden, New York, recently pledged themselves to work for Leninism and to oust Christianity in this country.

Dare the church be indifferent or neglectful?

The South is entering upon an era of unprecedented development. All signs point to an inrush of population into the Southern States surpassing that which has taken place in any other section of our land. Great commercial enterprises are investing millions in anticipation of the coming multitudes. The Home Mission provision of yesterday will not suffice for the multiplied and far-reaching Home Mission enterprises of today. The church must make provision for meeting the opportunities for denominational expansion that now confront it in all parts of the Assembly. The Assembly's Home Missions represent church-wide opportunities which require church-wide support.

The following recommendations are offered:

1. That the Presbytery endorse the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, November 15-22, and urge its observance in all of its churches as an occasion for giving information and advancing the interests of this fundamental cause.

2. That Presbytery again urge the Sunday schools to observe the annual Home Mission Day, November 22, with an offering for Assembly's Home Missions.

3. In view of the needs of the enlarging work of the Assembly's Home Missions, that pastors and sessions be urged to see that this cause receives its just and proportionate share of the church's benevolent contributions.

4. That all pastors be urged during the year to preach on this fundamental cause, emphasizing its place in our denominational growth.

Respectfully submitted,

John Martin, Chairman.

Mr. J. E. Nance was added to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly reported nothing to come before Presbytery at this meeting.

Report on Men's Work

The Committee on Men's Work reported. The report was adopted as follows:

Number of organizations reported	2
Total membership	107
Contributions	
Congregational Home Missions	$300
Current expenses and miscellaneous	23
Total to all causes	$323

They are under control of the session. They study the needs of the church and the activities of the Assembly and its causes, as outlined in the constitution of the Men of the Church.

Permanent Clerk

The Presbytery voted to change the temporary clerkship to a permanent clerkship at a salary of $10 per stated session, and asked the Nominating Committee to bring in a nomination.

Report of Nominating Committee

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted. (This report will be found in front of minutes under Organization.)

Report on Foreign Missions

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and adopted as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Missions recommends:

1. That this Presbytery accept the percentage and quota for Foreign Missions recommended by the General Assembly and make an earnest effort to meet this quota.

2. That Church Schools of Missions be organized in every church in each Presbytery in accordance with the plans prepared by the Educational Department and that they be urged to study the text-books on Brazil recommended for the current year.

3. That all Sunday schools be urged to follow the Seven Year Plan of Missionary Education and to study and pray for our work in China during the year; that they contribute to our work in China during this year in accordance with the $5-Share-Plan.

4. That our Christian Endeavor Societies be urged to use the twelve missionary programs prepared especially for the twelve missionary meetings provided for in the regular C. E. topic schedule.

5. That every Sunday school and Young People's society during the coming year be encouraged to pray very definitely for foreign missions, using the booklet entitled "Our Prayer Each Week," prepared by the Educational Department.

6. That the churches, societies, and individuals assume wherever practicable, definite responsibility for definite parts of the foreign mission work.

W. C. Young, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Evangelism

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was adopted as follows:

The past year has been one of blessing in the reaching of the unsaved. Evangelistic meetings have been held in nearly all our churches and these meetings have added hundreds to the rolls of our churches.

Your committee recommends that there be a concerted effort to hold evangelistic services in every church and mission point in our bounds during the coming year, using as far as possible the ministers who are members of our Presbytery for one or more meetings of not less than ten days duration and that the Superintendent of Home Missions arrange for such services.

R. D. Carson, Chairman.
J. D. Gardner.

The report of the commission to organize a church at Meadow View, Tennessee, was received and the commission discharged.

The commission appointed by Holston Presbytery to organize a church at Meadow View, Tenn., met on the day appointed and was opened with prayer by J. D. Faucette. Present were Rev. G. F. Robertson, Rev. C. C. Carson, Rev. C. F. Newland and Elders Young and J. D. Faucette. Rev. G. F. Robertson made an address on the "Genius of the Presbyterian Church Government."

After discussion relative to the organization of a church the commission decided it not wise to organize a new church and advised the Windsor Avenue Church to elect elders who live in the Meadow View community and for this branch organization to receive and dismiss members, and hold meetings of the session; to keep a church record of members and activities which would be considered a part of the Windsor Avenue Church work. No official action was taken.

Benediction by Rev. G. F. Robertson.

Report of Central Treasurer

The report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences for year 1924-1925, was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

Your Central Treasurer reports:

Receipts

Church	*Congr.*	*S. S.*	*Aux.*	*C. E. S.*	*Total*
Arcadia	$ 198.00	$ 5.00	$	$	$ 203.00
Bristol First	7,686.08		1,009.49		8,695.57
Banner Elk	377.93	3.00	10.00		390.93
Bethel	13.75				13.75
Blountville	180.97				180.97
Blowing Rock	25.00				25.00
Brummetts	14.50	3.00			17.50
Buladean	35.00				35.00
Cold Spring	500.60		20.00		520.60
Concord	13.25				13.25
Cove Creek	175.50				175.50
Cromnore	97.80	9.26	156.14		263.20

Ebenezer	48.30				$ 48.30
Estatoa	10.96				10.96
Grassy Creek	60.00				60.00
Hughes	5.00				5.00
Johnson City, F.	7,862.50	105.00	700.00	12.50	8,680.00
Kingsport	550.00				550.00
Leesburg	149.00				149.00
Mt. Sterling	5.50				5.50
Micaville	14.00	38.00			52.00
Mooresburg	21.60	11.66	24.05		57.31
Mossy Creek	123.95				123.95
Newdale	9.23				9.23
Newland	20.00	1.62	2.45		24.07
Newport	915.00		15.00		930.00
Paint Gap	15.00	5.00			20.00
Paperville	40.76				40.76
Plumtree	89.17				89.17
Powder Mill	1.00				1.00
Rheatown	162.00				162.00
Russellville	98.00	4.00	10.00		112.00
Rutledge	225.00				225.00
Salem (Whitesburg)	30.00		5.00		35.00
Smoky Mt.	13.50				13.50
Spruce Pine	114.55	10.58	12.00		137.13
White Pine	19.00				19.00
Windsor Avenue	303.39	53.66	295.65		652.70
Slippery Hill	2.06				2.06
Forbes	7.00				7.00
New Providence	15.00				15.00
Totals from Presby.	$20,248.86	$249.78	$2,259.78	$12.50	$22,770.91
Franklin St., Balt.				75.00	75.00
					$ 22,845.91

Auxiliary Contingent Fees:

Mooresburg Auxiliary	$ 1.50	
Newport Auxiliary	11.00	
Windsor Avenue Auxiliary	32.00	44.50
		$ 22,890.41

Disbursements

Foreign Missions:		
Kellersberger Fund	$ 11.50	
Regular fund	4,335.97	$ 4,347.47
Assembly Home Missions		1,817.18
Synod Home Missions		1,206.34

Presbytery Home Missions		$ 10,229.95
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		1,089.51
Publication and Sabbath School Extension		346.98
Bible Cause		92.50
Assembly Training School		108.72
Synod's Educational Institutions:		
Campaign Committee	$ 331.50	
Regular	1,997.42	2,328.92
Orphans' Homes:		
Barium Springs	6.65	
Grandfather	770.19	776.84
Equipment Fund		240.90
Sub-total		$ 22,585.31
Auxiliary Contingent Fees		44.50
Expenses:		
Office Supplies (Voucher 24)	2.60	
Postage	3.00	
Cash Book and Envelopes (Voucher 27)	8.50	
Printing 500 Cards (Voucher 39)	6.00	
Bonding Fee	12.50	
Printing Letterheads and Envelopes (V. 88)	3.00	
Salary (May-January inclusive)	225.00	260.60
		$22,890.41

Receipts since closing the accounts for last year:		
Franklin St. Auxiliary, Baltimore, Md.	$ 300.00	
New Providence Church	309.00	$ 609.00

Disbursement

To First National Bank of Bristol for check returned marked "Insufficient funds"	25.00
Balance on hand	$ 584.00

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. B. Boyles, Treasurer.

Report on Sessional Records

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Sessional Records have examined the record books brought, and made what corrections it found necessary, to the best of its ability. It would commend the clerks of sessions on the excellent condition of the books.

C. G. Mc Koraker, Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Finance would report that they have received and examined the books and vouchers and report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences and have found them correct. They have also examined the reports and books of the Treasurer of Presbytery and found them correct, but no vouchers therewith.

F. R. DeVault.
J. E. Nance.

The matter of the delinquent taxes was referred back to the Stated Clerk and Treasurer to adjust as best he could and report at the fall meeting.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools would report:

Number of schools reported	41
Officers and teachers	375
Scholars	4,420
Cradle Roll	220
Home Department	149
Total on roll	5,164
Number of pupils joining church	233

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 383.00
Assembly's Home Missions	295.00

Synod's Home Missions	$ 222.00
Presbytery's Home Missions	382.00
Congregational Home Missions	64.00
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	1,264.00
S. S. Extension and Publication	541.00
Educational Institutions	276.00
Bible Cause	50.00
Orphans' Homes	706.00
Current Expenses	4,066.00
Miscellaneous	956.00
Total contributions to all causes	$ 9,205.00

John Martin, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Narrative

The report of the Committee on Narrative was read and adopted.

1. Do reports of services held indicate that the religious needs of the church membership and communities are being adequately met? No.

2. What is the average number, as well as the average percentage, of church membership in attendance on morning, evening and prayer meeting services, week by week, throughout the year? Morning, 47 1-3 per cent; evening, 31 2-3 per cent; prayer meeting, 10 5-37 per cent.

3. Total additions to church reported for year: On profession, 380; by letter, 191.

4. How many additions to the church from the Sabbath schools during year? Two hundred seventy-nine.

5. How many evangelistic services were held by the churches during the year? Seventeen. Effect services on churches and communities? Generally good.

6. How many families hold family worship? One hundred forty-nine. How many members in the Family Altar League? Thirty-four.

7. How many communion services were held during the year? Sixty-seven. Per cent of members reported as attending? About 75 per cent.

8. Do the members observe the Lord's Day? Yes.

9. Are members faithful in presenting their children for baptism? Generally so.

10. Are the catechisms taught the children by the parents? In most cases.

11. Are the catechisms taught in the Sabbath schools? In most all of them.

12. Do pupils memorize the scriptures? Some do. Hymns? Very few.

13. Are the pastors faithful in teaching the stewardship of life and possessions? Yes.

14. How many members tithe or more than tithe? Four hundred and forty-two.

15. Did the churches make an Every Member Canvass? In most all of them.

16. Did the churches pay in full their apportionment for benevolences? Very few of them.

17. Were pastors' salaries fully and promptly paid? In most cases. Were there any salary increases during the year? One.

18. To what extent does wordly conformity exist in the churches? Very small.

19. Did the churches conduct evangelistic services outside their own bounds? Sixteen churches did.

20. Were efforts made by pastors and sessions to secure recruits for the ministry? Thirteen churches have reported efforts made.

J. O. Susong.

Report of Committee on Church Societies

The report of the Committee on Church Societies was read and adopted:

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

	No. of Societies	*Members*
Senior Christian Endeavor	14	580
Intermediate Christian Endeavor	5	133
Junior Christian Endeavor	11	238
Boys' Groups	1	25
Girls' Groups	2	37
Other Organizations	2	40
Total in Y. P. Societies	35	1,123
Benevolent Contributions:		
Foreign Missions		$ 49.00
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		5.00
Educational Institutions		23.00
Orphans' Homes		85.00
Current expenses and contingent fees		282.00
Miscellaneous contributions		106.00
Total for all purposes		$550.00

Are they under the control of the sessions—i. e., have the sessions approved their organization, constitution and method of work? Yes.

What form of church work do they do? Social, recreational, devotional, Bible study, regular prayer habits.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

No. churches in Presbytery			54
No members			3,813
No. Auxiliaries in Presbyterial			22
No. members			993
No. Auxiliaries enrolled but not reporting			7
No. Auxiliaries including all women of the church			6
No. organizations divided into circles			10
No prayer bands	32	No. members	435
No. womens' Bible classes	37	No. members	564
No. family altars			212
No. tithers			259
No. added on profession of faith			171
No. stewardship study classes	13	No. members	285
No. stewardship reading contests			2
Mission study classes:			
No. foreign	33	No. members	458
No. home	37	No. members	510
No. Auxiliaries undertaking White Cross work			8
Auxiliaries observing Day of Prayer for Missions, No. foreign, 9; No. home, 8			
No. volunteers for life service			10
No. Auxiliaries observing Day of Prayer for Colleges			8
Total No. regular mission study classes			68
Total No. one day classes			19
No. *Survey* canvasses made	11	Subscribers	399
No. church paper canvasses made	9	Subscribers	396
No. copies prayer calendar used			180
No. Auxiliaries using year book of programs			9
No. Auxiliaries having regular literature tables			5
No. Auxiliaries having jail work			2
Other forms of Christian community service			27
No. group conferences held			3

Contributions

1. Foreign Missions	$ 3,135.00
2. Assembly's Home Missions	674.00
3. Synod's Home Missions	411.00
4. Presbytery's Home Missions	1,095.00
5. Congregational Home Missions	642.00
6. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	1,488.00
7. S. S. Extension and Publication	118.00
8. Educational Institutions	465.00
(a) Aux. Equip. Spec. Birthday Gift to Assembly's Training School	379.00

9. Bible Cause	$ 44.00
10. Orphans' Homes	813.00
11. Current Expenses	2,425.00
12. Aux. Special Benevolences	1,269.00
13. Miscellaneous contributions	1,127.00
14. Contingent fund paid for Synodical and Presbyterial	431.00
Grand total	$ 14,516.00

Chas. B. Boyles,
For the Committee.

Committee on Manual

A committee on the preparation of a manual for Presbytery was appointed consisting of Rev. T. P. Johnston, Chairman; Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., and Rev. C. B. Boyles, with instructions to report at the fall meeting.

Commissioners to the Assembly

The following commissioners to the General Assembly were elected:

Principals—Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Elder F. T. Nance, Elder F. H. Stinson. *Alternates*—Rev. W. K. Keys, Rev. W. C. Young, Elder J. D. Faucette, Elder E. B. Comerford.

Rev. McCoy Franklin and Elder J. E. Nance were appointed a committee to select a subject and preacher for the Presbyterial sermon at the fall meeting.

Fall Meeting at Blowing Rock

The Presbytery accepted unanimously the invitation of the Blowing Rock Church for the fall meeting, the time, October 6th, at 7.30 p. m.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence

The report of the Committee of Leave of Absence was adopted:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence recommends that the following be excused:

Rev. T. J. Hutchison from this meeting of Presbytery due to urgent business outside the bounds of the Presbytery, in connection with the Boys' School at Plumtree. Elders F. W. VonCannon and J. W. Holcomb after 4.30 p. m. today.

J. D. Gardner, Chairman.

Presbytery then took recess until 7.15 p. m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 7.15 p. m.

The resignation of Rev. John Young from the Spruce Pine Church was received. A communication from the church concurring in the request was read, and at his request Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship.

Dr. Geo. F. Robertson was enrolled and excused for tardiness.

Presbytery dissolved the churches of Buck Hill, Slippery Hill, and Powder Mill, and transferred the memberships to Plumtree Church.

The permanent Committee on Comity was instructed to investigate thoroughly the church at Jonesboro, Tenn., and report at the fall meeting.

Report of the Home Mission Committee

The report of the Home Mission Committee was read by the Superintendent-Evangelist, Rev. W. K. Keys. Pending the adoption of the report, Presbytery heard from Rev. McCoy Franklin and Elder Troy Young on the importance of Home Mission work. Rev. T. W. Clapp told of the work at Plumtree School, and Rev. C. G. McKaraher of the work at Boone Fork Institute. Presbytery was then led in prayer for the Home Mission work by Rev. W. C. Young.

The report was received, its recommendations considered seriatim and adopted, and the report adopted as a whole.

The Home Missions Committee of your Presbytery has the following annual report to respectfully submit:

First of all we would record our deep sense of loss in the death of Rev. John Abner Harris, pioneer missionary for the last twenty-five years in Yancey

and Mitchell counties, North Carolina. In order to appreciate the work of this devoted servant of God one has to travel the roads he travelled, meet the people he met, eat at the tables where he ate, and preach in the churches he built and wherein he preached for so many years. In his quiet, humble, consecrated way and walk he made an impression upon this section of the mountains which can never be effaced. He organized more than a dozen churches in the two counties; started Sunday schools at many other places; brought many teachers into the schools of this section; built at least ten church buildings; and preached the gospel in season and out with unflagging zeal. His only vacation was the occasional trip to the meetings of Presbytery. He kept all appointments as a most sacred trust. Surely God hath called a faithful servant home.

Our work has sustained other losses than that caused by the hand of death. Rev. T. J. Hutchison, for five years our Superintendent, resigned last fall, leaving the work without active leadership for several months. Rev. Walter K. Keys assumed the duties of Superintendent-Evangelist February 1, and has been earnestly trying to gather the ravelled threads of the work in order that the utmost progress may be made this year. Perhaps the most evident loss the committee has sustained was in the removal from our bounds of Rev. J. L. MacMillan, D. D., the very loyal and devoted chairman of the committee for the past six years. Rev. John Martin has been rendering good service as acting chairman since Dr. MacMillan's departure.

We are glad to report that real progress has been made in all departments of our work in spite of the losses sustained. About sixty workers have been ministering at about as many points during this past year. Of these a few have been summer workers; ten have been ordained ministers; eight have been laymen either in charge of a field or teaching; the rest have been mission teachers, community workers, etc.

In order that our report may be at once as brief and as comprehensive as possible we shall submit it under the three heads of equipment, education, and evangelism.

Equipment

It is a regretable fact that little progress has been made during the past year toward providing better equipment for the fields. Several small repair jobs have been done. Yet with the appalling need of better living quarters for the workers and better church and Sunday school facilities and equipment staring us in the face little has been done. Surely the church cannot expect our self-sacrificing home mission workers to continue much longer to live and labor under the conditions now existing. Manses and workers' homes are needed immediately in at least a half dozen places. In equally as many places we have no church building at all; while most of the buildings we have are sadly in need of repair and remodeling to meet the demands of the Sunday school. The communities are willing to help with this work, but cannot assume all the responsibility. Plans have been made, and work is now begun, which, if

completed, will provide teachers' cottages at Paint Gap and Bad Creek, and a church at Little Rock Creek. The people of the Pig Pen Creek community have built a nice-little cottage for Miss Newton. We must have manses at Spruce Pine and on Rock Creek as soon as possible. Churches are needed at Pineola, Pig Pen Creek, Bad Creek, Hampton Creek, and Shady Valley. What shall our answer be? Through the Church and Manse Building League we shall be able to meet some of these immediate needs.

Education

All of our schools report a very satisfactory year's work. Seven mission day schools were taught by our teachers within the bounds of the Presbytery in addition to those of Cocke County which are under the Mountain Mission department of the Atlanta Committee. While specific figures are not at hand to show the results of this work, general reports are very encouraging. The attendance has been up to or above the average. On every hand one meets with appreciation on the part of the people for our efforts to give their children an education. Our mission day schools were at these places: Cove Creek, Buladean, Blevins Creek, Bad Creek, Relief, Pig Pen Creek, and Little Rock Creek. These last points are new work showing great promise. It will be our policy to consolidate our day school work with the public schools as much as possible from this time. In many communities our teachers will be gladly given places in the public schools while at the same time they may do the community and Sunday school work. More than likely this step will be taken with regard to the schools at Relief, Blevins Creek, and Buladean this year.

The reports of our three high schools, Lees-McRae, Plumtree and Boone Fork Institute, all very encouraging, are given elsewhere.

Evangelism

Perhaps the most encouraging feature of our report for the past year is the large numbers of additions to the church in our mission points. More than three hundred were received on profession of faith, and about fifty by letter. The fields reporting the largest number of additions were Newland, Pineola, Cove Creek, Buladean and Banner Elk. There were no evangelistic services held in many of the places. In fact, there are many places in which no such services have been held for several years. On every hand the cry is heard for more preaching and evangelism. Surely the field is ripe unto the harvest. Plans have been made for a genuine Presbytery-wide evangelistic campaign this year. Several ministers from without our bounds have agreed to help with this program. Rev. J. McD. Lacy, Assembly's Evangelist, will be with us for at least three meetings. The major portion of Mr. Keys' time will be given to this work. Each minister of the Presbytery will be expected to conduct a meeting of not less than ten days' duration at the point assigned him. Only expenses are guaranteed to either visiting or our own ministers. Should the offerings taken amount to more than expenses the balance may be

sent to the committee to help make up deficits in other meetings. It is hoped that fervent prayer may be offered daily for these meetings.

In this connection the committee would urge each self-supporting church to arrange for an evangelistic campaign some time during the year in order that it may be truly Presbytery-wide. Also the committee most earnestly requests each such church to observe a special Presbytery's Home Mission Sunday some time during the year at which time the needs and opportunities of this work at our very threshold shall be laid on the hearts of the people with emphasis. Special study of our Presbytery's work is also urged.

Attention may here be called to the vacancies in our mission fields. The Meadow Creek field, vacant for about three years, has just called Rev. W. T. Pearman, a former pastor. We rejoice in the assurance that Mr. Pearman has signified his intention of accepting the call and trust that abundant blessings may rest upon this reunion. The Yancey-Mitchell work, left vacant by the death of Mr. Harris, will be cared for by the Rev. John Young after May 1. Calls have been made for Mr. Young's services in this field, and he has resigned the Spruce Pine work to take this up at once. The Cold Spring field, left vacant when Mr. Keys became Superintendent-Evangelist, has called Mr. J. Irvin Knight, of the graduating class of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, and he has accepted the call to begin work in the summer. The Spruce Pine field is now vacant because of the transfer of Mr. Young. The Mossy Creek Church became vacant April 15, following the resignation of Rev. V. P. Merrill as pastor. We regret very much to announce also that the Windsor Avenue Church will be vacant after May 1, inasmuch as this announcement is occasioned by the resignation of Rev. G. F. Robertson, D. D., as pastor. The committee desires to place men of the right type in all the vacant fields at the earliest possible moment.

The committee would urge all the churches to conduct daily vacation Bible schools this summer if possible. Four young ladies of the Assembly's Training School will assist in this work for three months. Half their support is being provided by the Sunday School Committee at Richmond.

Recommendations

1. That the Church and Manse Building League be set up in our Presbytery and that all churches and church members be urged to support it. Also that all pastors be urged to call the attention of their people to the appalling need of better equipment on our fields.

2. That there be a detailed report of all expenses of the committee made at the spring meeting of Presbytery. Also that the Superintendent-Evangelist make a report of his work at this meeting.

3. That Presbytery heartily endorse the Presbytery-wide evangelistic program, and that special prayer now be offered for God's blessing upon it. Also that constant prayer be made in all the churches for these meetings.

4. That every church in the Presbytery observe a Presbytery's Home Mission Sunday some time during the year.

5. That Daily Vacation Bible Schools be held during the summer wherever it is possible.

6. That special notice be given to the Home Mission Workers' Conference to be held in the First Church, Bristol, May 12-13, and every pastor, member of the committee, and mission worker in the Presbytery be urged to attend.

7. That we reaffirm that ruling of the committee which requires the Every Member Canvass to be made in a church before that church can share in the appropriations of the committee.

8. That all home mission schools and missions shall be required to present an itemized report of all receipts and expenditures to the spring meeting of Presbytery, together with ledgers and vouchers.

The Rev. S. H. Hay led Presbytery in prayer for a blessing on Presbytery-wide evangelism.

Call of Blowing Rock to Rev. Mr. McKaraher

The Home Mission Committee referred back to Presbytery the call for the pastoral services of the Rev. C. G. McKaraher, from Blowing Rock Church, recommending that it be placed in his hands. The call was found in order, placed in his hands and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to install Mr. McKaraher at Blowing Rock:

Rev. W. C. Young to preside and preach the sermon; Rev. D. B. McLaughlin to charge the pastor; Rev. McCoy Franklin to charge the people; Elder W. E. Whiting to complete the commission, with Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr., to act as alternate to any of the ministers. The time to be fixed by the church.

Dr. Robertson Resigns Windsor Avenue

The Rev. George F. Robertson, D. D., presented his resignation as pastor of the Windsor Avenue Presbyterian Church, Bristol, to give place to a younger man. The church was heard through its representative, reluctantly concurring in the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation. The pastoral relationship was dissolved.

Report of Committee on C. E. and M. R.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made a verbal report on the various phases of the work of this department, and offered the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That the Presbytery make application to the Assembly's Committee for the placing of Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D.D., upon the Ministers' Roll of Honor.

The attention of the church is called to the long and distinguished career of service rendered by Dr. Robertson. The requirements for the Ministers' Roll of Honor are that recipients of the honor shall be over seventy years of age and shall have served the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. for a period in the aggregate of not less than thirty years. Dr. Robertson is now nearly seventy-two, and has rendered a rich and varied service continuously through a period of forty-five years. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Ouachita in 1880, and his labors have been in the following named fields in the order here given:

Washington and Columbus Churches, Arkansas, one and one-half years; Taylorsville and Cane Run Churches, Kentucky, one and one-half years; evangelist Holston Presbytery, one year; pastor, Rogersville, Tennessee, three years; pastor, Morristown, Tennessee, three years; pastor, Dalton, Georgia, two years; Synodical evangelist, Alabama, three years; pastor, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, two years; pastor, Uniontown, Alabama, five years; pastor, Paris, Texas, two years; general evangelist and financial representative of Texas Presbyterian College, Milford, Texas, three years; pastor, Steele Creek, North Carolina, two years; general evangelist, one year; stated supply Forney and Wills Point Churches, Texas, three years; pastor, Marion, Alabama, three years; General Assembly evangelist, one and one-quarter years; stated supply Pineville and Banks Churches, Mecklenburg Presbytery, for a brief time; pastor, Windsor Avenue Church, Bristol, Tennessee, four years.

The Presbytery of Holston records its appreciation of the splendid labors of Dr. Robertson during these years, and gives thanks to God who of His grace called him into this ministry, and the Presbytery prays God to bless all of the future work of this good servant.

2. That application be made to Assembly's Committee for relief funds as follows, with authority granted to the Presbyterial committee to revise the amounts during the year as the needs may change or as new information may come into the committee's hands:

Mrs. Mildred W. Byers, $60; Mrs. Eva D. Converse, $150; Rev. W. B. Doyle, $300, or so much thereof as his circumstances may require; Rev. Geo. R. Robertson, $900 or so much thereof as the Assembly's committee may be able to provide; Mrs. Lottie S. McFerrin, $150; Mrs. J. C. Wakefield, $150; Mrs. Julia T. King, $150; Mrs. Sue T. Wallace, $150.

3. That it be made a standing rule of Presbytery to carry on the inside of the cover at the end of the minutes a list of the candidates for the ministry under its care.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. Hay, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Bills and Overtures

The Committee on Bills and Overtures offered the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Bills and Overtures would respectfully recommend that the following overture be sent to the General Assembly:

The Presbytery of Holston hereby overtures the General Assembly meeting in Lexington, Ky., May 21, 1925, to instruct the Executive Committee of Publication to prepare and issue as soon as practicable revision of the hymnal, psalms and hymns, which shall serve the church more adequately, revision to be undertaken in the following respects:

First: A revision of contents, omitting the very many hymns which are almost altogether unused, and adding many of the hymns of merit which are used and loved by the church, but not contained in the present hymnal, and endeavor to provide in one book that variety and abundance of the best hymns as shall suffice for all the services of the church.

Second: A revision in arrangement of words and music so that the words of all stanzas, except in very long hymns, shall appear within the musical score, the present arrangement offering very great difficulty to a large majority of church attendants and choir members in following words and music at the same time, and greatly increasing the difficulty of learning new songs.

Third: The addition of a somewhat extensive selection of responsive readings, and a part at least of the psalms.

McCoy Franklin, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Presbyterial Sermon

The special Committee on Presbyterial Sermon reported as the subject, "The Bible and Evangelistic Missions;" the preacher the Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., with Dr. Robert Yost as alternate.

The Committee on Stewardship made a verbal report, commending Rev. John Martin for his efficient and faithful work as Secretary of Stewardship for the Presbytery.

Schedule of Apportionments

The Presbytery ordered that the schedule of apportionments be printed in the minutes with the addition of the item for Orphans' Home 4 per cent separated from Presbytery's Home Missions, leaving that item 34 per cent. The schedule is now as follows:

	Per cent
Foreign Missions	25
Assembly's Home Missions	10
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	6

Publication and S. S. work	2
Bible Cause	1-2 of 1
Assembly's Training School	1-2 of 1
Synod's Educational Institutions	12
Synod's Home Missions	6
Orphans' Homes	4
Presbytery's Home Missions	34

Statistical Report

The following report of the standing Committee on Statistics was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Statistics begs leave to submit the following report:

Elders	197
Deacons	179
Added on examination	372
Added on certificate	201
Resident communicants	5,048
Non resident communicants	741
Whole number of communicants	5,789
Baptisms, adult	216
Baptisms, infant	108
Total Sabbath school enrollment	5,874

Benevolences

Foreign Missions	$ 10,973.00	
Assembly's Home Missions	3,451.00	
Synod's Home Missions	2,226.00	
Presbytery's Home Missions	13,485.00	
Congregational Home Missions	1,220.00	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	3,336.00	
S. S. Extension and Publication	1,437.00	
Educational Institutions	16,304.00	
Bible Cause	224.00	
Orphans' Homes	2,224.00	
Total benevolences		$ 54,880.00

Other Funds

Current expenses and Presbyterial taxes	$ 38,349.00	
Pastors' salaries	26,421.00	
Miscellaneous	5,363.00	
Total other funds		$ 70,133.00
Grand total all gifts		$ 125,013.00

Ministers on roll	29
Churches	52
Candidates	6
Pastoral dissolutions	5
Ordinations	2
Installations	4
Churches dissolved	3
Ministers deceased	1

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. Spence, Jr.

The Committee on Educational Institutions made a verbal report, as information.

Report of Lees-McRae Institute

The report of Lees-McRae Institute was read and adopted:

The Board of Trustees of the Lees-McRae Institute, Department of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, located at Banner Elk, North Carolina, submit the following annual report to Holston Presbytery for year ending December 31, 1924:

Principal, Edgar H. Tufts; teachers, Miss Estelle McIver, Mrs. D. O. Byers, Mrs. H. S. Herman, Miss Louise Cole, Miss Doris K. Willis, Miss Phoebe Wakefield, Miss Bessie Cowan, Miss Helen Herman, Miss Winona Page, Miss Martha Colsoy, Secretary; total number of students enrolled, 115; total number in high school grades, 47; number of grades taught, 4 years standard high school, 7 years graded school.

Finances

Receipts

1. From Presbytery (special designation from Wilmington)	$ 1,200.00
Designated funds coming through Home Mission Committee	382.00
2. Income from school property	1,831.69
3. From tuition, etc., from students	4,542.81
4. From other sources	9,687.14
5. Balance forwarded from 1923	87.30
Total	$ 17,730.94

Disbursements

1. For salary of Principal and teachers	$ 6,503.28
2. For other current expenses of school	6,982.16
3. For buildings or improvements	1,390.16
4. For other purposes	1,995.21
Total	$ 16,870.81
Balance in bank January 1, 1925	$ 860.13

Number of students making profession of faith 13
Number uniting with our church 13
Number of volunteers for life service 1

Is the Bible taught? Yes. Catechisms? Yes. What church work is done by the students? They are encouraged to take active part in Christian Endeavor, Sunday school, missionary societies, and all forms of church activities.

Edgar H. Tufts, Principal.

Report of Committee on Orphans' Home

The report of the Committee on Orphans' Home was read and adopted:

Over the hills comes a mother, a babe in her arms, and two little boys by her side. She can no longer keep her children, but has heard that Grandfather's Orphan Home will take care of them. When she arrives at the home, however, it is the old, old story, "Sixty already in and more than that number of applications on file." So it's back across the hills and hope gone glimmering.

Your committee would impress upon the Presbytery that the plant at the Orphanage is pathetically inadequate in size. The surrounding fields are white unto the harvest, the workers ready for service, but the tools are lacking, and much of the Master's work remains undone.

Lees-McRae Institute is just upon the point of discarding the last of her wooden buildings. Those of the Orphans' Home should follow soon, the sooner, the safer; for every night they stand an open invitation to fire, while within are lives and souls, more precious than mountains of gold and more enduring than the granite of those time worn hills. If ever a fire broke out—can we look up to God and say, "We did what we could?" Love would constrain us and reason demand that immediate action be taken to safeguard those lives which are literally intrusted to our care.

It is urged that the Thanksgiving offering for the Orphans' Home be stressed, suggesting that each contributor give a day's salary in wages. Running expenses are held down to a minimum, but we must remember that the daily bread for which these children pray, and which the Lord through us provides, is a considerable item.

To attempt to describe Grandfather Orphans' Home would be foolish. We might tell of the material equipment, but words will not picture the spirit of the plan. "That Baby Cottage is nearer heaven than any spot on this earth," was the comment of a man of "Big Business" after his first visit to the Home. When nine little girls ranging in age from two to six all try to crowd upon a visitor's knee at once, that person begins to understand what that Great Lover of little children meant so long ago when He said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

At a meeting of the session of the Banner Elk Church held one morning of the past year, fourteen of the older boys and girls of the Home professed their faith in Jesus Christ and were received into the body of His believers. The attention received at the Home is marked by emphasis upon the spiritual. Their own Sunday school, young peoples' society and weekly prayer meeting, not to mention Sunday afternoon catechism classes and attendance upon the morning services at Banner Elk, when the weather permits, provides a thorough program of training in those things which, though unseen, are eternal.

The judgment of those who have seen the work most frequently and know it best is expressed in the most liberal support afforded by the Banner Elk Church and those of the surrounding community.

In conclusion, your committee recommends that each member of the Presbytery go to Banner Elk and see what is being done, and then return home to see that much is done for a work eminently worthy of your best efforts and most earnest prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. Spence, Jr.

Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr., was granted a year's leave of absence from his work.

Resolution of Thanks

The report of the Committee on Resolution of Thanks was read and adopted by a rising vote. It was ordered that this resolution be read to the Newport congregation next Sunday.

The Presbytery of Holston wishes to express its thanks for the way in which it has been cared for during this meeting. The pastor and congregation of the Newport Church have been most cordial; the town has been most thoughtful in giving us those things that make for physical comfort and good

fellowship. We would not depart without giving expression to our feelings about these hospitable homes that we have so much enjoyed. We would pray God's blessing on congregation and pastor, and hope for another opportunity when our court may meet here.

J. Allen Messer.
A. S. Newland.

Adjournment

The minutes were read and approved. After the singing of a hymn and prayer by the Moderator, Presbytery adjourned to meet in adjourned meeting, May 12, 1925, at 2.30 p.m., in the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol.

W. K. Keys, Moderator.

W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BRISTOL ,TENN., MAY12, 1925

Presbytery met in adjourned session in the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tenn., May 12, 1925, at 2.30 p. m. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. K. Keys, and opened with prayer by Dr. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D.

Attendance

The roll call showed present: Ministers—Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., C. C. Carson, D. D., Chas. B. Boyles, D. B. McLaughlin, S. H. Hay, John Martin, W. K. Keys, W. C. Young and T. P. Johnston. Elders—Frank Taylor, Johnson City First; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; Archer Beasley, Windsor Avenue.

Courtesy

The Rev. Norman Camp, of the Presbytery of Chicago, U. S. A., was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Windsor Avenue Calls a Pastor

Presbytery granted Windsor Avenue Church permission to prosecute a call before Lexington Presbytery for the pastoral services of the Rev. D. K. Walthall, D. D.

A verbal report of the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion was made by the Chairman, Dr. Robertson, and received as information.

Rev. V. P. Merrill Dismissed

A certificate of dismission to Louisville Presbytery was granted to the Rev. V. P. Merrill.

The Stated Clerk was requested to remind the schools of the Presbytery that had not submitted a report to the spring meeting that a written report was required.

Officers of the Church and Manse Building League

Upon motion Presbytery decided to elect at this time a Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of the Church and Manse Building League. Rev. W. K. Keys was elected Chairman, and Rev. C. B. Boyles, Secretary-Treasurer.

Dr. Geo. F. Robertson was asked to write a letter of sympathy to the Rev. W. W. Baxter, Bristol, of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., concerning the death of his mother.

Report of Plumtree School

The annual report of the Plumtree School for Boys was read and adopted:

The Board of Trustees of the Plumtree School located at Plumtree, N. C., submit the following annual report to Holston Presbytery for the year:

Principal, T. W. Clapp; teachers, Lucy Hyder, Miss K. King, Miss Carrie Black, Miss Berta Mae Hill.

Total number of students enrolled, 88.

Total number in high school grades, 32.

Number of grades taught, 12.

Finances

Receipts

From Presbytery	$ 1,200.00	
Income from school property	563.00	
From tuition, etc., from students	830.00	
From other sources	5,000.00	
Total		$ 7,593.00

Disbursements

For salary of principal and teachers	$ 3,930.00	
For board and other current expenses of school	3,793.00	
Total		$ 7,723.00
Deficit		$ 130.00

Number of students making profession of faith, 9.

Number uniting with our church, 9.

Number of volunteers for life service, 6.

Is the Bible taught? Yes. Catechisms? Yes. What church work is done by the students? Four Sunday schools conducted, three Christian Endeavor Societies.

T. W. Clapp, Principal.

Report of Committee on Stewardship

A report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted:

Presbytery's Committee on Stewardship would submit the following report:

1. There has come into our hands the petition of King College, asking that we recommend an adjustment of the income for benevolences to their needs. In reply we would remind the college that the schedule of apportionments is fixed at the fall meeting of Presbytery and is now in force and cannot be changed. However, we commend this worthy institution to the liberality of our people and urge payment in full of such apportionment of the present benevolence budget as is assigned to them.

2. Your committee commends the neat and accurate work of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences during his period of office and recommends his election for a period of three years.

3. Again we urge every church in the Presbytery to use the medium of the Central Treasurer as a means of disbursement of benevolence funds.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. Johnston, Chairman.

Evangelistic Appointments

The evangelistic appointments were read and adopted:

Minister	*Place*	*Correspondent*	*Address*
R. D. Carson	Rutledge	Mr. J. E. Nance	Rutledge
Rev. S. H. Hay	Russellville	Rev. W. C. Young	Russellville
Rev. O. G. Klinger	White Pine	W. B. Doyle	Hot Springs, N. C.
Rev. D. B. McLaughlin	Meadow Crk	James Allen	Greeneville, R. 15
Rev. M. Franklin	Weavers	J. C. Gray	Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. C. C. Carson	Chuckey	Mr. N. Ernest	Chuckey
R. D. Carson	Hughes Chapel	Mr. J. L. Gray	Roan Mountain
R. D. Carson	Mooresburg	W. C. Young	Russellville
T. W. Clapp	Buladean	Mr. J. L. Gray	Roan Mountain
W. C. Young	Shulls Mills	C. G. McKaraher	Shulls Mills
W. C. Young	Cocke County	Rev. J. A. Messer	Hartford, Tenn.
T. W. Clapp	Forbes	Rev. John Young	Forbes
D. B. McLaughlin	Buck Hill	Rev. T. W. Clapp	Plumtree
Rev. John Martin	Pineola	D. B. McLaughlin	Newland
Rev. T. H. Spence	Hampton Creek	Mr. J. L. Gray	Roan Mountain
H. A. McBath	Sugar Hollow	Mr. J. L. Gray	Roan Mountain
Rev. John Young	Powder Mill	T. W. Clapp	Plumtree
T. P. Johnston	Paint Gap	Miss Emma Milburn	Cane River
Rev. Robt. Yost	Cold Spring	Mr. F. S. Thomas	Emmett
J. D. Gardner	Whitesburg	W. C. Young	Russellville
D. K. Walthall	Banner Elk	T. H. Spence	Banner Elk
C. G. McKaraher	Brummetts	John Young	Forbes
C. F. Newland	Slippery Hill	T. W. Clapp	Plumtree
J. McD. Lacy	Estatoe	H. A. McBath	
J. McD. Lacy	Blowing Rock	C. G. McKaraher	
G. F. Robertson	Spruce Pine	Self	
Walter K. Keys	Toecane		
Walter K. Keys	Russ Memorial		
Walter K. Keys	Leesburg		
Walter K. Keys	Jefferson City		
Walter K. Keys	Newland		
Walter K. Keys	Little Rock Creek		
Walter K. Keys	Pig Pen Creek		
Walter K. Keys	Micaville		
Walter K. Keys	Newdale		
Walter K. Keys	Shady Valley		

The minutes were read and approved. Presbytery, after prayer by Elder J. L. Gray, adjourned to meet in regular session at Blowing Rock, N. C., October 6, 1925, at 7.30 p. m.

W. K. Keys, Moderator.

T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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Permanent Clerk—Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.
Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tenn.
Secretary of Stewardship—Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tenn.
Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist—Rev. W. K. Keys, Bristol, Tenn.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

1. *Foreign Missions*—Revs. W. C. Young, *Chairman;* C. G. McKaraher, John Young; Elder R. E. Armstrong.

2. *Presbyterial Home Missions*—Revs. John Martin, *Chairman;* S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, R. D. Carson, T. W. Clapp, D. B. McLaughlin, and C. G. McKaraher; Elders Frank Taylor, *Secretary;* O. D. Hutchins, F. T. Nance, J. D. Faucette, Sam R. Sells and F. H. Stinson.

3. *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Revs. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* R. D. Carson, Tilden Scherer; Elder J. N. Fisher.

4. *Publication and Sabbath Schools*—Revs. Warner H. DuBose, *Chairman;* J. W. Roseborough, Jr., McCoy Franklin; Elder W. W. Bailey.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. *Assembly's Home Missions*—Revs. John Martin, *Chairman;* Chas. C. Carson; Elders E. W. King, and J. R. Forgery.

2. *Church Societies*—Revs. Geo. F. Johnson, *Chairman;* Chas. B. Boyles; Elders E. H. Moore and J. A. Waddell.

3. *Educational Institutions*—Revs. Chas. C. Carson, *Chairman;* R. D. Carson, T. H. Spence, Jr.; Elders J. D. Faucette, E. H. Sloop, and Chas. Massengill.

4. *Evangelism*—Revs. R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* W. K. Keys, McCoy Franklin, and J. D. Gardiner; Elder J. D. Hasson.

5. *Orphans' Home*—Revs. T. H. Spence, Jr., *Chairman;* T. W. Clapp, John Young, McCoy Franklin; Elder E. H. Tufts.

6. *Bible Cause*—Revs. C. G. McKaraher, *Chairman;* C. F. Newland; Elders A. B. Rogan and Frank Briscoe.

7. *Stewardship*—Revs. R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* Elder Arthur King, and the chairman of each Executive and Permanent Committee.

8. *Comity*—Revs. W. C. Young, *Chairman;* Chas. C. Carson, Geo. F. Robertson, R. D. Carson; Elders J. E. Brading and J. D. Loveth.

9. *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Revs. Geo. F. Robertson, *Chairman;* C. F. Newland; Elders S. F. Peavler and S. S. McCormick.

10. *Men's Work*—Revs. Chas. B. Boyles, *Chairman;* Thos. P. Johnston; Elders Sam H. Anderson, H. C. Alexander, Henry E. Harris, Arthur King, and F. H. Stinson.

11. *Vacancy and Supply*—Revs. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman;* and W. C. Young; Elder F. T. Nance.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1. *Experimental Religion*—Revs. W. C. Young, John Martin, and D. B. McLaughlin.

2. *Theology*—Revs. C. C. Carson, R. D. Carson, and S. H. Hay.

3. *Church Government and Sacraments*—Revs. Geo. F. Robertson, Chas. B. Boyles, and McCoy Franklin.

4. *Church History*—Revs. T. P. Johnston and C. B. Boyles.

5. *Philosophy, Logic and Ethics*—Revs. Tilden Scherer and Robert Yost.

6. *Natural Science and Secular Subjects*—Revs. W. K. Keys and T. W. Clapp.

7. *Latin, Greek, and Hebrew*—Revs. C. G. McKaraher and T. P. Johnston.

TRUSTEES

1. *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—E. W. King, 1926; Jas. A. Summers, 1927; Rev. S. H. Hay, 1928; F. H. Stinson, 1929; J. Fred Johnson, 1930.

2. *Plumtree School for Boys*—J. D. Faucette, Frank Taylor, Sam R. Sells, 1927; E. C. Guy, D. R. Beeson, Rev. T. P. Johnston, 1928; T. B. Vance, W. B. Burleson, Rev. Warner H. DuBose, 1929.

3. *Boone Fork Institute*—W. S. Whiting, A. B. Rogan, 1926; Rufus Gwinn, Rev. R. D. Carson, 1927; Sam R. Sells, Rev. C. G. McKaraher, 1928.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

The following candidates for the ministry are under the care of Holston Presbytery:

Knight, Joe E. ..... Jonesboro, Tenn.
McKinley, Johnson E. ..... Quentin, Miss.
Rowe, John Dixon ..... Shulls Mills, N. C.
Waddell, D. F. ..... Richmond, Va.
Whitlock, William ..... Fish Dam, Tenn.
Willis, Henry ..... Greenfield, Va.
Yelton, John ..... Shulls Mills, N. C.
Young, Troy ..... Micaville, N. C.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING LEAGUE

Rev. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman* ..... Box 98, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, *Treasurer* ..... Box 548, Bristol, Tenn.

CALLED MEETING

Holston Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tenn., Aug. 11, 1925, at 1 p. m. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. K. Keys, and was opened with prayer by Elder F. H. Stinson.

The following were present: Ministers—W. K. Keys, Moderator; John Martin, T. J. Hutchison, C. G. McKaraher, and Chas. B. Boyles; Elders—John Yelton, Shulls Mills Church, and Frank Taylor, Johnson City First Church.

The following elders were also present, though not as representatives from their churches and therefore not enrolled as members of Presbytery: F. H. Stinson and Edgar Tufts, Banner Elk; J. D. Faucette, Bristol, and J. L. Gray, Cove Creek.

A quorum was present and Rev. Chas. B. Boyles was appointed temporary clerk. The call was read, found in order, and was as follows:

There will be a called meeting of Holston Presbytery at First Church, Johnson City, Tenn., Aug. 11, at 1 p. m., to transact the following business:

1. To dismiss Rev. T. J. Hutchison to North Mississippi Presbytery.
2. To receive John Yelton as a candidate for ministry.
3. To consider any items growing out of above.

Walter K. Keys, Moderator.

Rev. T. J. Hutchison Dismissed

First item. Rev. T. J. Hutchison requested a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of North Mississippi. The request was granted and the Stated Clerk was authorized to issue it to him.

Second item. Owing to the absence of Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Presbytery did not take up the matter of receiving John Yelton as a candidate for the ministry but agreed to adjourn to meet at the call of the Moderator during the meeting of Synod at Marion, Va., for the consideration of this specific item and any matter that might grow out of it.

The minutes were then read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Walter K. Keys, Moderator.
Chas. B. Boyles, Clerk pro tem.

CALLED MEETING

Holston Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator Sept. 10, 1925, at 1.30 p. m., during the meeting of Appalachia Synod at Marion, Va., and was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. W. K. Keys.

The roll showed present, ministers: C. G. McKaraher, Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., Tilden Scherer, D. D., S. H. Hay, D. D., R. D. Carson, D. D., T. P. Johnston, W. K. Keys, W. C. Young, C. B. Boyles. Elders: John Yelton, Shulls Mills; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First.

The Moderator explained that this was the meeting called from the called meeting of August 11, 1925, for the purpose of examining and receiving under the care of Presbytery Candidate John Yelton.

Reception of Candidate Yelton

Elder John Yelton presented himself with his credentials, seeking to be taken under care of Presbytery. Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., conducted the customary examinations, which being sustained, Elder Yelton was received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. A charge to the candidate was delivered by the Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., and Presbytery was led in prayer in behalf of Mr. Yelton by the Rev. T. P. Johnston.

After the reading and approval of the minutes, the Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

W. K. Keys, Moderator.

T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

FALL MEETING

Blowing Rock, N. C., Oct. 6, 1925.

The one hundred and fifth stated session of Holston Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church of Blowing Rock, N. C., beginning October 6th at 7.30 p. m. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Walter K. Keys, on the text Psalms 121:1, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills." Presbytery was then called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Enrollment

The following were present: Ministers—Chas. B. Boyles, T. W. Clapp (2), McCoy Franklin, J. D. Gardner, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, W. K. Keys, Geo. F. Johnson, C. G. McKaraher, D. B. McLaughlin, J. A. Messer, John Martin, Tilden Scherer, T. H. Spence, Jr., Geo. F. Robertson, W. C. Young, John W. Young, H. A. McBath, J. W. Roseborough, Jr. Elders—Bristol First, A. T. Rucker; Vians Valley, John Stewart; Pleasant Grove, Joe J. Thomas; Kingsport, Frank Wright; Rogersville, A. B. Rogan; Shulls Mills, W. S. Whiting; Johnson City, J. R. Whisman; Windsor Ave., J. R. Allen; Banner Elk, W. I. Greer; Blowing Rock, W. L. Holshouser; Spruce Pine, W. W. Bailey (2); Cold Spring, J. F. Thomas; Strawberry Plains, A. C. Parrott; Newport, H. C. Alexander; Blountville, C. H. Massengill; Cove Creek, Robert Young.

Election of Moderator

Elder A. B. Rogan, of the Rogersville Church, was elected Moderator.

Report of Devotional Committee

The following report of the Devotional Committee was adopted:

TUESDAY

7.30 p. m. Opening Sermon and Organization.
Report of the Devotional Committee.

WEDNESDAY

8.30 a. m. Devotional Exercises by Dr. Tilden Scherer.
8.45 a. m. Business Session.
11.00 a. m. Presbyterial Sermon by Dr. Geo. F. Robertson.
Presbyterial Communion.
Recess.
2.00 p. m. Business Session.
3.00 p. m. Sunday School and Young People's Work.
Address by Dr. Fix.
3.30 p. m.—4.00 p. m. Business Session.
Recess.
7.30 p. m. Popular Meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions.
Address by the Rev. J. E. Wayland.
Business session to adjourn at will.

Courtesy

The Rev. George F. Johnson and the Rev. J. W. Roseborough, Jr., of the Presbytery of Mobile, and the Rev. J. J. Fix, D. D., of the Presbytery of Abingdon, and Candidate J. I. Knight, of Orange Presbytery, were introduced to Presbytery and the ministers invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Reception of Ministers

Rev. Geo. F. Johnson and Rev. J. W. Roseborough presented letters of dismission from Mobile Presbytery. After the customary examination of ministers, the brethren were received and enrolled, and directed to sign the usual obligation.

Call of Windsor Avenue Church

The call of the Windsor Avenue Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Geo. F. Johnson was presented to Presbytery, found in order, placed in Mr. Johnson's hands, and accepted by him.

The following commission was appointed to install the Rev. Geo. F. Johnson as pastor of Windsor Avenue Church on the Second Sunday of October at 11 a. m.: The Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., to preside and propound the constitutional

questions; the Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., to preach the sermon; the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., to charge the pastor; Elder J. D. Faucette to charge the people; alternate to any of the pastors, Rev. Tilder Scherer, D. D.

Dismission of Rev. O. G. Klinger

Presbytery, at the request of the Rev. Oscar G. Klinger, with the concurrence of the church, dissolved the pastoral relation with the Newport Church, and granted him a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Toledo, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Johnson City Calls a Pastor

A call for the pastoral services of the Rev. W. H. DuBose, of Montgomery Presbytery, from the Johnson City Church, was read and a committee from the church given authority to prosecute the call before Montgomery Presbytery. Presbytery then adjourned with prayer by the Rev. C. G. McKaraher until Wednesday at 8.30 a. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 8.30 a. m. The devotional service was led by the Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The minutes of called meetings were read for information.

The minutes of the spring meeting were distributed.

The Committee on Manual was continued until the next stated meeting.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of standing committees as follows:

1. Bills and Overtures—Rev. W. K. Keys, Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, A. T. Rucker.
2. Leave of Absence—Rev. H. A. McBath, Rev. McCoy Franklin, Robert Young.
3. Auditing—C. H. Massengill, W. S. Whiting, A. C. Parrott.
4. Judicial—Dr. Geo. F. Robertson, Rev. J. D. Gardner, W. I. Greer.

5. Minutes of Synod—Dr. Tilden Scherer, Rev. John Martin, W. L. Holshouser.
6. Minutes of Assembly—Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr., Rev. W. C. Young, John Stewart.
7. Nominations—Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Rev. T. P. Johnston, J. R Allen.
8. Resolution of Thanks—Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. G. F. Johnson, Joe Thomas.

Communications

The report of the commission to install the Rev. C. G. McKaraher pastor of the Blowing Rock Church was approved as follows:

The commission met in the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church at 7.30 p. m. on May 7, 1925. There were present: Rev. W. C. Young, Rev. D. B. McLaughlin, Rev. McCoy Franklin, Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr., and Elder W. S. Whiting of the Shulls Mills Presbyterian Church. Elder W. S. Whiting was elected clerk. Rev. W. C. Young presided, preached, and propounded the constitutional questions. The Rev. D. B. McLaughlin charged the pastor, and the Rev. McCoy Franklin charged the people. The installation service having been completed, the pastor pronounced the benediction.

The request of the Assembly that Presbytery appoint a Committee on Vacancy and Supply was referred to the Nominating Committee.

A communication from the Assembly's Committee on Stewardship was read and referred to the Committee on Stewardship.

Presbytery approved the amendment to the Book of Church Order, paragraph 151, as sent down by the General Assembly.

Presbytery voted "(b) That the action of the last General Assembly changing the church year to conform to the calendar year be approved."

Rogersville Calls Dr. Carson

The call of the Rogersville Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him, and the following commission appointed to install him at a date fixed by the commission: Dr. C. C. Carson to preside and preach; Dr. S. H. Hay to charge pastor; Dr. J. J. Fix to charge the congregation; alternate to ministers, Rev. Thos. P. Johnston. Elder F. T. Nance, alternate J. W. Zirkle.

Report of the Treasurer of Presbytery

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was read and adopted. His accounts were referred to the Committee on Auditing. The report is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT, HOLSTON PRESBYTERY
From April 15 to October 5, 1925

Receipts

To balance brought forward	$132.97	
To total taxes collected from churches	656.64	
		$789.61

Disbursements

By C. B. Boyles, salary central treasurer	$200.00	
By C. B. Boyles, expenses central treasurer office	22.35	
By C. B. Boyles, bonding fee, central treasurer	12.50	
By T. P. Johnston, salary stated clerk	150.00	
By T. P. Johnston, stated clerk office exp. and post	23.51	
By moving Presbytery's records from Johnson City	1.90	
By B. D. Smith & Bros., printing and mailing minutes	99.28	
By C. R. Lacy, S. C., Synod's assessment	49.96	
By W. C. Young, salary permanent clerk	10.00	
By W. C. Young, expenses to Synod	6.00	
By Laurence Rolfe, expenses to Synod	8.50	
By T. P. Johnston, expenses to Synod	3.00	
		$587.00
Balance in bank		202.61
		$789.61

Respectfully submitted,
Thos. P. Johnston, Treasurer.

Report of the Central Treasurer

The following report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences was read and received as information:

The report to the spring meeting of Presbytery must necessarily cover the full church year. Your Treasurer, however, would like to offer, as a matter of information, the following brief report:

Collected to date from churches and organizations within the churches $8,588.71

Disbursed

Foreign Missions	$1,689.98	
Assembly's Home Missions	604.29	
Synod's Home Missions	378.09	
Presbytery's Home Missions	3,236.77	
C. E. and M. R.	376.87	
Publication and S. S. Extension	121.26	
Bible Cause	35.87	
Educational Institutions	853.58	
Orphans' Home	329.20	$7,625.91
To First National Bank, Bristol, for returned check		25.00
To Rev. T. P. Johnston, Treasurer, Presbyterial Tax		27.00
		$7,677.91
Balance in Bank		910.80
		$8,588.71

Note: This shows an increase of $2,995.54 over the collections during the corresponding period of last year.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. B. Boyles.

The Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., reported that he had written the letter of sympathy to the Rev. W. W. Baxter, of Bristol, upon the death of Mr. Baxter's mother. The report was received as information.

The Committee on the Revision of Book of Church Order reported duty performed and was discharged.

Sabbath and Family Religion

The report of the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion was read and adopted as follows:

By the grace of the Presbytery this report, which should have been made at the spring meeting, has been deferred until the fall session.

The two items included in this report are of most serious nature, involving interests of vital importance to the individual, society, the nation, and of course, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sabbath

In the first commandment, God required that He as *Jehovah* should be enthroned in the heart of man. The second calls for the spiritual worship of *Jehovah*, while the third, literally translated, required that Israel, about to journey among many peoples, should not bear His name in vain. But when He came to the fourth commandment, He called attention to all farming interests, factory and manufacturing interests, to everything that calls for the labors of men, and said, "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work." This is good and wise and needful for all men in every age and clime—never any less so now than when this law was first given.

God dispersed Israel because she desecrated the Sabbath. Israel had evidently failed to give the land the rest it needed and which was required by the Sabbath day and the Sabbatic years, and while they were away in foreign lands under oppressive bondage, God says most significantly, "Then had the land rest." The land is as much the Lord's as it ever was. It needs the same care, and men need the rest and worship they fail to render when this holy day, which is God's own day, is expended in work or pleasure. The penalty for its violation may not come as when the Sabbath stick-gatherer suffered but the spiritual detriment is not the less sure and severe.

Without reason there has been much said about the change from the seventh to the first day of the week, and a lot of first-class sticklers have thrown their monkey-wrench of interpretation into the machinery of some lives, causing confusion worse confounded, and unsettling the spiritual quiet of many. Two or three things on this line may be said with propriety here.

1. God said He "would destroy their Sabbaths," by way of severe penalty.

2. Foreseeing this and the rebellious occasion for His prophecy of destruction, God made the fourth commandment a sliding law, that is to say, it is the one and only one of the ten that may be moved from its original base without violating the principles of the commandment. Hence He did not begin this law with a "Thou shalt," or a "Thou shalt not," but with the injunction, first to remember it even if it should slip from its old moorings, the

seventh day, to the first day of the week. No change of circumstance, time or place, can in any way or in the most minute degree change the law of labor, rest and worship of the fourth commandment, whether one observe the one day or the other. But no power in heaven, earth or hell can move in any way or to any degree the principles of all the other commandments. They are the same forever, but do not allow the time element to enter, as in the case of the fourth commandment, but one may rest and worship on any given day and work on the other six days and do no violence to the spirit or meaning of this law. Of course, it will be necessary for all to worship on the same day and work on the same days to avoid unnecessary confusion. This should be the first day of the week.

3. Nowhere in all the Bible is the *first day* of the week or the *first* of the Sabbaths made so prominent and emphatic until after our Lord's resurrection. It is evident the disciples were given to meeting that day in all likelihood in memory of our Lord's resurrection, but in doing so carried with the change all that is involved in the law as given on Sinai. And the whole world is hereby challenged to show that ever anywhere, under any circumstances, any one has ever suffered the least spiritual detriment by the change. The whole world's attention is called to the fact that with exception of a feeble few who take exceptions to this interpretation, the greatest religious benefits and blessings have come to those who conscientiously observe the *first day of* the week as the weekly Sabbath. Perhaps this exception would as well be withdrawn, since this excepted few are separatists of the severest type and have arrayed themselves on the side of the Jews who are avowed enemies of the resurrection of Jesus, as well as being on the side of an unbelieving world which has not interested itself in the integrity of either the first or the seventh day. This Sabbath and work-day law, for it is both in one, stands in its Sinaitic integrity, unchanged and unchangeable, plus the radiance the resurrection sheds upon it. It thus binds all life in one—work, worship, rest and victory. Despise or neglect is at your peril.

Family Religion

The family is the second item of this report, and along with marriage and the Sabbath, the family comes down from the wreck of Eden—the peculiar and ceaseless objects of Satan's malicious antagonism.

When the family is named, the house in which is a wedded pair to whom children are born is not in mind if this is the whole story of that house. Nor is it the house in which there is no religious instruction, no pious example, no voice of prayer and praise. Since the family is the divine unit, none of the conditions just named can constitute a real home—God's ideal family.

The many new things of the day, so alluring, as the auto, radio, telephone, daily mails at one's door, the innumerable pleasure attractions, indoor and out, have brought city and country together in one great social compact, whose tendencies are away from God. Hence religious teaching and worship are easily neglected, for most people move along the line of least resistance.

If the religious condition of the homes of the land is an index of the nation's strength and greatness, we can not be either great or strong, and our only hope is the regeneration of the family, the purifying and Christianizing the homes of the land. The land of Godless homes is either infidel or heathen. Their strength is weakness, their religion is impiety, their outlook crime and disaster, for it is such families as these that afford nearly all the criminals, except those who come from the abandoned and outcasts of earth.

The remedy is to begin at Jerusalem, each man cleaning before his own door. Let there be a "church in the house," lest what God said of the heathen be said of us—"Pour out thy fury upon the heathen and upon the families that call not upon thy name."

No recommendation is made other than that our ministers be faithful teachers and examplars of the bed-rock truths involved and that our elders and deacons really rule well in their own homes and that God's people remember and act on Proverbs 22:5, "Train up a child in the way he should go and (even) when he is old he will not depart from it."

George F. Robertson, Chairman.

Candidate J. I. Knight Received

Candidate J. I. Knight presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Orange. Presbytery received Mr. Knight and proceeded to examine him for licensure. Mr. Knight was examined on experimental religion and motives for seeking the gospel ministry, theology, church government and the sacraments, which examinations were sustained as satisfactory. His diplomas from Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary were accepted in lieu of the verbal examinations on other subjects. His thesis, exegesis, and popular lecture were referred to the proper committees.

Courtesy

The Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., of Concord Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Order of the Day

It was made the order of the day to hear Dr. Tilden Scherer for twenty minutes in the interest of King College at 2.30 p. m.

Curators of King College

The following were elected as curators of King College, representing the Holston Presbytery, to serve three years, or until their successors are appointed: Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., John R. Delaney, C. J. St. John, Joe A. Caldwell, O. R. Post, A. W. King, Fred Smith, A. T. Rucker, Dr. Con Cowan, Archer Beasley, and J. Ed. Faucette.

Presbyterial Sermon

The hour for divine worship having arrived, Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., preached a sermon on the text Ps. 17:15, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." The communion of the Lord's Supper was then administered, Rev. John W. Young dispensing the bread, and the Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr., the wine.

Presbytery then took recess, after prayer by Dr. Geo. F Robertson, to reconvene at 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m. and was led in prayer by Rev. John Martin.

Licensure of J. I. Knight

Presbytery heard a sermon from Candidate J. I. Knight on the text I Cor. 10:12, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed, lest he fall." The sermon was approved as a part of trial. Mr. Knight's Greek exegesis of John 21:15-19 was reported as satisfactory by the committee and approved. His thesis on "The Perseverance of the Saints" was reported satisfactory by the committee and approved. His popular lecture on "What it Means to be a Christian" was reported as satisfactory by the committee and approved. The examination as a whole was approved, and Mr. Knight was duly licensed by the Presbytery, with prayer by the Moderator.

The time and place of next meeting was left to the following committee to arrange: Revs. Thos. P. Johnston and W. C. Young.

Commissioners to General Assembly Nominated

Commissioners to the next General Assembly were nominated as follows:

Principals	*Alternates*
Rev. W. C. Young	Rev. John Martin
Rev. D. B. McLaughlin	Rev. Harvey McBath
Elder Frank Taylor	Elder W. W. Bailey
Elder Sam H. Anderson	Elder Robert Young

The Pastor at Spruce Pine

The call of the church at Spruce Pine, N. C., for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. W. Roseborough, Jr., was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Roseborough at a time to be decided by the commission: Rev. W. K. Keys to preside and preach; Rev. John Young to charge the pastor; Rev. W. C. Young to charge the people; Rev. McCoy Franklin alternate to any of the ministers; Elder W. W. Bailey, alternate J. B. Dayton.

The Address of Dr. Fix

The Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. J. J. Fix, D. D., Synodical Secretary of Sunday School and Young People's Work, his subject being, "Synod's Effort to Save and Develop the Young People."

Report of Committee on Educational Institutions

The Committee on Educational Institutions read their report. It was received and pending its adoption the Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D. The report was adopted as follows:

We earnestly call the attention of our churches to the importance of the work and appeal of our educational institutions. They need and deserve our intelligent interest and generous support. We recommend:

1. That our churches realize the financial needs of these institutions and that 12 per cent of the benevolence budget of our churches be devoted to

this purpose for the benefit, as heretofore, of King College, Stonewall Jackson College and the Montreat Normal School.

2. We call attention to the necessity of standardizing our colleges and call on our people to make this speedily possible by meeting the conditions.

3. That the representatives of these institutions be commended to the sessions and churches of the Presbytery, to lay before them the importance of the payment of the full 12 per cent apportionment and to bring the schools into a closer and more sympathetic touch with our people.

Contributions to this cause should be sent to the Presbyterial Treasurer, Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tenn.

Chas. H. Massengill.

Report of the Auditing Committee

The report of the Auditing Committee was adopted as follows:

Your committee to audit the Treasurer's books report that they have checked his vouchers, proved his statement of receipts, $789.61; disbursements, $587; balance on hand, $202.61; and find this statement is correct.

C. H. Massengill, Chairman.
A. C. Parrott.

The Rev. Chas. B. Boyles reported his attendance and participation in the sessions of the General Assembly, and was commended for his diligence.

Presbytery then took recess until 7.30 p. m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 7.30 p. m.

Courtesy

The Rev. J. E. Wayland, of our China Mission and a member of Lexington Presbytery, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Report of Foreign Mission Committee

The Rev. W. C. Young presented the Foreign Mission report. The report was received, and pending its adoption the Presbytery heard an address by the Rev. J. E. Wayland of our China mission. The report was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Missions makes the following recommendations:

1. That in view of the unsettled conditions in parts of our foreign mission territory, our people be urged to diligent prayer for the work of the missionaries.

2. That Presbytery call the attention of our churches to the great and pressing need of better equipment for the missionaries.

3. That our Sunday schools be urged to contribute to our work in China, in accordance with the $5-Share Plan.

4. That schools of missions be organized in churches, that have not done so, for the study of Brazil, in accordance with the plan of the Educational Department of our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

5. That our Christian Endeavor Societies be asked to use the special programs prepared for the societies by our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

W. C. Young, Chairman.

The back tax of the Blountville Church amounting to $100.52 was reduced to $40.

The resignation of the Rev. John Martin as Secretary of Stewardship was accepted and the Committee on Nominations directed to bring in a nomination for his successor.

Mr. D. F. Waddell, at his own request, was restored to the list of candidates.

The Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery made a verbal report through the Superintendent of Home Missions, the Rev. W. K. Keys, which was received as information.

Commission to Organize Harris Memorial Church

The following commission was appointed to organize a church on Pig Pen Creek, Yancy County, N. C., November 1st, at 3 p. m.: Rev. John Martin, Rev. W. K. Keys, Rev. John Young, and Elder W. W. Bailey, of the Spruce Pine Church.

The Rev. John Young was granted evangelistic powers in the field until the next stated meeting.

Report of the Committee on Stewardship

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was adopted as follows:

The Stewardship Committee would respectfully offer the following recommendations:

1. That the Presbytery accept its apportionment of $55,000 for benevolences.

2. That this amount be apportioned to the churches on the following basis:

Arcadia	$ 275.00
Banner Elk	700.00
Bethel	25.00
Blountville	900.00
Blowing Rock	200.00
Bristol First	11,500.00
Brumetts	20.00
Buladean	50.00
Cold Spring	1,200.00
Cove Creek	75.00
Crossnore	225.00
Ebenezer	50.00
Estatoa	50.00
Forbes	50.00
Grassy Creek	50.00
Hughes	50.00
Jacks Creek	50.00
Johnson City First	11,500.00
Kingsport	5,000.00
Leesburg	300.00
Micaville	50.00
Meadow Creek	500.00
Mooresburg	150.00
Morristown	8,800.00
Mossy Creek	1,400.00
Mt. Sterling	25.00
New Bethel	450.00
Newdale	100.00
Newland	150.00
Newport	1,000.00
New Providence	1,400.00
Paint Gap	80.00
Paperville	200.00
Pineola	100.00

Pleasant Grove	300.00
Plumtree	300.00
Rheatown	220.00
Rogersville	5,000.00
Russellville	200.00
Russ Memorial	20.00
Rutledge	330.00
Salem (Whitesburg)	100.00
Shulls Mills	300.00
Smoky Mountain	25.00
Spruce Pine	100.00
Strawberry Plains	330.00
Vians Valley	75.00
Weaver	200.00
White Pine	150.00
Windsor Avenue	675.00
	$ 55,000.00

3. That benevolences be distributed on the following percentage basis:

	Per cent
Assembly's Causes:	
Foreign Missions	25
Assembly's Home Missions	10
C. E. and M. R.	6
S. S. Extension and Publication	2
Bible Cause	½
Assembly's Training School	½
Synod's Causes:	
Synod's Educational Institutions	12
Synod's work	6
Presbytery's Causes:	
Orphans' Home	4
Home Missions	34

4. That the matter of fixing a per capita basis for each church at the request of the Assembly and Synod be deferred until after this meeting of Presbytery.

5. That the Secretary of Stewardship, Chairman of Foreign Missions, Chairman of Assembly's Home Missions, Superintendent of Presbytery's Home Missions, and Elder J. D. Faucette be nominated as representatives to the Church-wide Conference of Prayer and Planning at Chattanooga, December 1-4. Those delegates who attend must do so at their own expense.

6. That Presbytery approves and calls attention to the following resolution of the latest Assembly:

"We believe the time has come for the General Assembly to eliminate all special appeals as far as possible for Assembly causes in an effort to give a larger support to the approved budget. To this end the Assembly directs all of its agencies to make no appeals for money outside of or above the budget, but all appeals for money shall be made as a part of the budget applicable to the quota for the beneficiary represented. Moreover it urges all churches wherever possible to pass through the budget special and designated gifts (of course with the consent of the donor); and to pass to the budget the result of the Self-Denial Offerings raised during Loyalty Week either by the Woman's Auxiliary or the church as a whole and from individuals if possible; and to apply on the budget all funds raised as a result of the visit of any of the representatives of the church.

"The Assembly also urges the Synods and the Presbyteries to project no special campaigns for funds within the next few years except in cases of utmost necessity. The Assembly calls upon all pastors, officers and agencies of the church to coöperate in the largest and fullest way in increasing the gifts of the church to the approved budget.

"The Assembly, however, would warn the churches against the danger of attempting to limit all gifts of the church to the budget or of making any promise to the people that the budget shall always constitute the total askings for benevolences."

7. Presbytery urges upon its churches full participation in the following important project of the Assembly:

"That the sixth week prior to the close of the ecclesiastical year 1926 be designated by the General Assembly as Loyalty Week (*i. e.*—Feb. 8-14); that the Assembly's Stewardship Committee be directed to call upon the whole church for sacrificial gifts to be applied through the budget; that all of the agencies of the church sharing in the approved budget be urged to give their coöperation to the support of this effort; that in connection with this week all churches be urged to collect over due pledges on the regular budget; that the Self-Denial Offering for Home Missions and Foreign Missions as such be discontinued and that the two mission committees be directed to coöperate in the promotion of Loyalty Week for the purpose of increasing their income."

8. That each local church be urged to make a budget for benevolences and current expenses before taking the Every Member Canvass.

9. That the loyalty of the women of the church to the regular benevolent budget be heartily commended; that the Woman's Auxiliary of the church be urged by the Presbytery for the next few years to confine, as far as possible, their "over and above" gifts to the support of the approved budget, as special gifts to the budget if they prefer; that the support of causes not represented on the approved budget be discouraged until our church can overtake its budget needs (but this shall not apply to the annual birthday offering); further, that no special appeals for Synodical or Presbyterial causes be made to the local Auxiliaries that have not been approved by Synod or Presbytery or session.

10. That the Presbytery suggest to officers of the churches that in making out their annual budgets they advise with the Presidents of the respective organizations (that is—the President of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Superintendent of the Sunday school, and the President of the Young People's Society).

11. That as far as possible the plan of providing for the Sunday school expense out of the current expense funds of the church be encouraged, in order that Sunday school gifts may go to benevolences.

12. That the month of November be designated as Christian Stewardship Study Month; that the pastors and officers of our churches be called on to emphasize Christian Stewardship during this month, and to enlist proportionate givers during the month; that each church be urged to put on a school of Stewardship during the month of November for the study of the broader principles of Stewardship; that the churches be encouraged by the Presbytery to use in their Sunday school period a text book on Christian Stewardship for adult classes until such time as a study of this subject can be introduced into the regular international Sunday school lessons.

13. That Presbytery accept for application in its work, the Assembly's declaration of principles for the guidance of the Presbyteries and Synods in the distribution of benevolent funds, as follows:

(a) It is the province of the Presbytery or Synod to determine what proportion of its benevolent contributions shall be used for its own work, and for the Presbytery to distribute that proportion according to its own judgment.

(b) It is the province of the Assembly to determine how that portion of the church's benevolent contributions assigned the Assembly's causes shall be distributed among its own agencies, and a Presbytery or Synod does not have the right to alter the percentages which the Assembly itself has fixed to govern this distribution.

(c) The General Assembly earnestly requests Synods, Presbyteries and sessions, in the distribution of benevolent funds, to maintain the ratio expressed in the Assembly's percentages, and that each committee be given its proportionate and rightful share that the work of all the committees may be uniformly advanced.

(d) That all church officers be called on to give more attention to the approved budget for benevolences and current expenses and to eliminate as much miscellaneous and outside giving as possible until our own pressing needs are provided for.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. P. Johnston, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Comity

The report of the Committee on Comity was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Comity recommends to Presbytery that the Presbytery grant the request of the First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro for organic union with the Second Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., Jonesboro, and authorize the Committee on Comity to complete the business connected therewith, thereby dropping the church from our roll.

W. C. Young, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence recommends that the following be excused:

Dr. Gilbert Glass detained unexpectedly by editorial emergency.

Rev. O. G. Klinger prevented from attending by sickness.

Rev. George F. Johnson and Elder J. R. Allen after the close of the night session, October 6.

Rev. John Martin, Rev. McCoy Franklin, and Elders Frank Taylor and J. R. Whisman at close of afternoon session, October 7.

Elders Joe J. Thomas and C. H. Massengill from 3 p. m., October 7.

Rev. D. B. McLaughlin after 4 p. m.

Elder W. W Bailey after 4 p. m.

H. A. McBath, Chairman.

The matter of the Concord Church business was docketed until an adjourned meeting to be held November 10th.

Report of Committee on Minutes of General Assembly

The report of the Committee on Minutes of General Assembly was adoted as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly submits the following report:

Since the Presbytery has already disposed of several items which logically find a place here, there remains but two topics to be dealt with:

First: The Narrative of the Presbytery is no longer required by the Assembly, (see page 902, the Minutes). Your committee recommends that

a not over lengthy discussion of conditions in the fields of this Presbytery be held at the annual spring meeting, in order that we may become familiar with our own problems and their solutions as found by our brethren.

Second: The Assembly has authorized the establishment of a department of work of the country church, and delegated the duty of electing a director thereof to the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief in collaboration with certain other church officials. (See page 47 of the Minutes.)

Note: Since the meeting of the Assembly this committee has elected the Rev. H. W. McLaughlin to the above office.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. Spence, Jr., Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Nominations

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted. (The matter in this report will be found in the front of the Minutes under the head of Organization.)

Report on Presbyterial Sermon

Presbytery ordered that the Presbyterial sermon at the spring meeting be on the subject, "Inspiration of the Scriptures," and appointed the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., the preacher, with the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., as alternate.

A suitable resolution of thanks was adopted,

The Rev. W. K. Keys was requested to prepare for publishing in the church papers the sermon preached at the opening of Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved.

After prayer by the Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, Presbytery adjourned to meet in adjourned session, November 10, 1925, at 1 p. m., in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn.

A. B. Rogan, Moderator.

W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING

Johnson City, Tenn., Nov. 10, 1925.

Holston Presbytery met in adjourned session in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., November 10, 1925, at 1 p. m. and was called to order by the Rev. W. K. Keys, the last Moderator present. The opening prayer was made by the Rev. Thos. P. Johnston.

Enrollment

The roll call showed present, ministers—W. K. Keys, T. P. Johnston, S. H. Hay, John Martin, T. H. Spence, Jr., C. G. McKaraher, W. C. Young, Tilden Scherer, Robert Yost, Chas. B. Boyles, D. B. McLaughlin, and T. W. Clapp. Elders J. F. Thomas, Cold Spring; F. T. Nance, Morristown; J. R. Whisman, Johnson City First; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First.

Courtesy

The Rev. Warner H. DuBose, of Montgomery Presbytery, and the Rev. W. M. Walsh, D. D., of Abingdon Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brothers.

Communications

A communication from Elder J. D. Faucette was read in which he declined the nomination as delegate at large to the Stewardship Conference. It was referred to the Nomination Committee with instructions to name another delegate.

A schedule of apportionments prepared by the Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Secretary of Stewardship, was considered and adopted in place of the schedule adopted at the fall meeting. (Note: this revised schedule is printed in the report of the Stewardship Committee in the minutes of the fall session.)

The New Pastor of Johnson City First Church

The certificate of dismission of the Rev. Warner H. DuBose from Montgomery Presbytery was read. After the usual ex-

aminations, Mr. DuBose was received by the Presbytery and directed to sign the usual obligation.

The call of the First Church of Johnson City for the pastoral services of the Rev. Warner H. DuBose was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to install Mr. DuBose the first Sunday of December: The Rev. Gilbert Glass, D. D., to preside; the Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., the Rev. John Martin, and the Rev. T. P. Johnston, alternate. Elder J. D. Faucette to complete the commission. The Rev. Jason L. McMillan, D. D., of Norfolk Presbytery, was invited to be present, and take any part; all parts to be decided by the commission.

New Pastor of Cold Spring Church

The call of the Cold Spring Church for the pastoral services of Licentiate J. I. Knight for one-half his time, was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to ordain and install him on Sunday, Nov. 15, 1925, at 11 a. m.: The Rev. W. K. Keys to preside; the Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., to preach the sermon; the Rev. C. B. Boyles to make the ordination prayer; the Rev. T. H. Wix, of Abingdon Presbytery, to charge the pastor; Elder J. D. Faucette to charge the people; Elder N. T. Thomas, alternate. The examination for licensure of Candidate J. I. Knight was accepted as the examination for ordination.

The Concord Church Matter

The following resolution was adopted with reference to the Concord Church: "That the Concord Church membership and property remain in its present relationship to Holston Presbytery. That the members of Concord Church, along with members of other denominations at will, be encouraged to form a local evangelical religious association under such agreements together as they may desire, which association shall for the indefinite future have use of the building."

Report of Nominating Committee

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted as follows:

We recommend that Elder S. M. Holtsinger, with Elder F. T. Nance as alternate, and the Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., be nominated as additional representatives to the Stewardship Conference at Chattanooga. We also nominate the following trustees of the Plumtree School for Boys under the new charter (These are found under the head of Organization in front of Minutes). We recommend further that the Rev. Warner H. DuBose be made chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Schools and Publication.

T. P. Johnston.
Chas. B. Boyles.

Secretary of Stewardship

The Rev. Chas. B. Boyles was elected as representative to the Stewardship Conference at Chattanooga, expenses to be met by the Presbytery from the Presbyterial taxes.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

Presbytery unanimously accepted the invitation of the First Presbyterian Church of Kingsport for the spring meeting of Presbytery, April 20, 1926, at 8 p. m. (E. T.)

Installations Reported

The commission to install the Rev. Geo. F. Johnson pastor of the Windsor Avenue Church reported duty performed on November 8th, and was discharged.

The commission to install the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., pastor at Rogersville, November 8th, reported duty performed, and was discharged.

The commission to install the Rev. J. W. Roseborough, Jr., pastor of the Spruce Pine Church reported duty performed November 1st, 11 a. m., and was discharged.

First Call of the Church and Manse Building League

Upon the recommendation of the Home Mission Committee the Harris Memorial Church was made the beneficiary of the first call on the Church and Manse Building League.

The minutes were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. Robert Yost, to meet in regular session in the First Presbyterian Church of Kingsport, April 20, 1926, at 8 p. m.

W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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ORGANIZATION

Moderator—The Rev. Chas. G. McKaraher, Shulls Mills, N. C.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, Kingsport, Tennessee.
Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tennessee.
Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tennessee.
Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tennessee
Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist—The Rev. Walter K. Keys, Bristol, Tennessee.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—The Revs. John Martin, *Chairman;* S. H. Hay, R. D. Carson, T. P. Johnston, Geo. F. Johnson, T. H. Spence, Jr.; Elders Frank Taylor, *Secretary;* F. T. Nance, J. D. Faucette, W. W. Hufford, Sam R. Sells.
2. *Foreign Missions*—The Revs. W. C. Young, *Chairman;* Chas. G. McKaraher; Elders E. H. Moore, R. C. Armstrong.
3. *Assembly's Home Missions*—The Revs. John Martin, *Chairman;* Chas. C. Carson; Elders E. W. King, J. R. Forgery.
4. *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—The Revs. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Tilden Scherer; Elder J. N. Fisher.
5. *Religious Education*—The Revs. Warner H. DuBose, *Chairman;* D. C. Amick, Jas. W. Roseborough, Jr.; Elders A. B. Rogan, Jas. A. Brown.
6. *Bible Cause*—The Revs. C. G. McKaraher, *Chairman;* C. F. Newland; Elder Frank Briscoe.
7. *Stewardship*—The Revs. George F. Johnson, *Chairman;* Chas. B. Boyles, *Secretary;* W. C. Young; Elders Arthur King, James Summers.
8. *Sabbath and Family Religion*—The Revs. George F. Robertson, *Chairman;* T. W. Clapp; Elders J. L. Gray, F. R. DeVault.
9. *Men's Work*—The Revs. Chas. B. Boyles, *Chairman;* Thos. P. Johnston; Elders H. C. Alexander, S. H. Anderson, Henry E. Harris, Arthur King, F. H. Stinson.
10. *Women's Work*—The Revs. J. I. Knight, *Chairman;* E. M. Craig, Elder George C. Sells.
11. *Educational Institutions*—The Revs. Chas. C. Carson, *Chairman;* Robert Yost, T. H. Spence, Jr.; Elders J. D. Faucette, Chas. Massengill.
12. *Orphans' Home*—The Revs. T. H. Spence, Jr., *Chairman;* John W. Young; Elders Edgar Tufts, J. Fred Johnson.
13. *Evangelism*—The Revs. R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* W. K. Keys; Elders J. D. Hanson, J. L. Rogers.
14. *Sessional Records*—The Revs. Harvey A. McBath, *Chairman;* McCoy Franklin, C. F. Newland; and four elders appointed at each spring meeting.
15. *Vacancy and Supply*—The Revs. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman;* W. C. Young; Elder F. T. Nance.
16. *Program*—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, *Chairman;* and the representatives of the church entertaining Presbytery.

SAFETY FILM

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1. *Experimental Religion*—The Revs. W. C. Young, John Martin, and Warner H. DuBose.

2. *Theology*—The Revs. C. C. Carson, R. D. Carson, and S. H. Hay.

3. *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Revs. Geo. F. Robertson, Chas. B. Boyles, and T. P. Johnston.

4. *Church History*—The Revs. McCoy Franklin and C. B. Boyles.

5. *Philosophy, Logic and Ethics*—The Revs. Tilden Scherer and Robert Yost.

6. *Natural Science and Secular Subjects*—The Revs. W. K. Keys and T. W. Clapp.

7. *Latin, Greek and Hebrew*—The Revs. C. G. McKaraher and T. P. Johnston.

TRUSTEES

1. *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Jas. A. Summers, 1927; Rev. S. H. Hay, 1928; F. H. Stinson, 1929; J. Fred Johnson, 1930; E. W. King, 1931.

2. *Plumtree School for Boys*—J. D. Faucette, Frank Taylor, Sam R. Sells, 1927; E. C. Guy, D. R. Beeson, Rev. T. P. Johnston, 1928; T. B. Vance, W. B. Burleson, Rev. Warner H. DuBose, 1929.

3. *Boone Fork Institute*—Rufus Gwinn, Rev. R. D. Carson, 1927; Sam R. Sells, Rev. C. G. McKaraher, 1928; W. S. Whiting, A. B. Rogan, 1929.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

The following candidates for the ministry are under the care of Holston Presbytery:

Knight, Joe E. ..... Jonesboro, Tenn.
McKinley, Johnson E. ..... Quentin, Miss.
Rowe, John Dixon ..... Shulls Mills, N. C.
Waddell, D. F. ..... Richmond, Va.
Whitlock, William ..... Fish Dam, Tenn.
Willis, Henry ..... Greenfield, Va.
Yelton, John ..... Shulls Mills, N. C.
Young, Troy ..... Micaville, N. C.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING LEAGUE

Rev. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman* ..... Box 98, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, *Treasurer* ..... Box 548, Bristol, Tenn.

CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Holston met in the office of the Synod of Appalachia, Bristol, Va., on Tuesday, January 26th, 1926, at 1 p. m. There were present: ministers—Chas. B. Boyles, Chas. C. Carson, Geo. F. Johnson, John Martin, Tilden Scherer, T. W. Clapp, D. B. McLaughlin, T. H. Spence, Jr., McCoy Franklin, and Thos. P. Johnston; elders—A. B. Rogan, Rogersville; J. A. Waddell, Meadow Creek; and S. P. Miller, New Providence. A quorum being present the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Elder A. B. Rogan, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Chas. C. Carson, D. D.

The call for the meeting was read and found in order, and is as follows:

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery to convene in the Synod's offices in Bristol, Va., January 26, 1926, at 1 o'clock, eastern time, to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To receive Rev. W. T. Pearman from the Presbytery of Ouachita and to arrange for his installation as pastor of Meadow Creek Church.
2. To consider the request of Meadow Creek Church to sell certain church property.
3. To receive any candidates for the ministry who may apply.
4. To receive Rev. E. M. Craig from the Presbytery of Concord.
5. To hear the request that the pastoral relation existing between the New Providence Church and the Rev. J. D. Gardner be dissolved and to attend to any matters growing out of the same.
6. To hear the resignation of Rev. D. B. McLaughlin as pastor of Newland Church and to grant him a letter of dismission.

A. B. Rogan, Moderator.

The Revs. Craig and Pearman Received

Certificates of dismission of the Rev. W. T. Pearman from Ouachita Presbytery, and of the Rev. E. M. Craig from Concord Presbytery, were read and these brethren were duly received into this Presbytery. The customary examinations were sustained as satisfactory, and the brethren enrolled and directed to sign the usual obligation.

Rev. E. M. Craig comes to us as Secretary of Synod's Work.

Call of Meadow Creek

The call of the Meadow Creek Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. W. P. Pearman for three-fourths of his time, was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Pearman at Meadow Creek, at 6.30 p. m., Friday evening, January 29, 1926: Revs. S. H. Hay, C. B. Boyles, W. C. Young, with Rev. R. D. Carson as alternate to the ministers; Elder J. A. Waddell with Elder Robert Rupert, alternate, to complete the commission. Parts to be left to the commission.

At the request of Rheatown Church Mr. Pearman was given permission to serve that church as stated supply until the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery approved the request of the Meadow Creek Church to sell certain church property.

Reception of Candidate Miller

Mr. Frederick DeWolfe Miller 3d, a member of the New Providence Church, appeared before Presbytery with credentials from his session recommending him to Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. These appearing satisfactory, he was examined as to his religious experience and motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory, and Mr. Miller was received under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry according to the Book of Church Order. A brief charge to the candidate was delivered by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, and prayer was offered in his behalf by Rev. E. M. Craig.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved

The pastoral relation between Rev. J. D. Gardner and the New Providence Church was dissolved, at the request of the congregation through a representative. The Moderator stated that Mr. Gardner had joined in the request. New Providence Church was granted permission to prosecute a call for the pastoral services of Rev. L. M. Courtney before Greenbriar Presbytery, the call having been read and found in order.

The Rev. D. B. McLaughlin offered his resignation as pastor of the Newland, N. C., Church. The church was heard from through a representative, concurring reluctantly in the request. The pastoral relation was dissolved, and brother MacLaughlin granted a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of Pueblo, U. S. A. The Clerk was ordered to send a letter of commendation with the certificate.

The minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Thos. P. Johnston.

A. B. Rogan, Moderator.
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

SPRING MEETING

Kingsport, Tenn., April 20, 1926.

The one hundred and sixth stated session of Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church of Kingsport, Tenn., beginning April 20th at 8 p. m. At the request of the retiring Moderator, Elder A. B. Rogan, the opening sermon was preached by the Rev. Warner H. DuBose on the text Romans 8:28, "We know that all things work together for good."

Presbytery was then called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer by the Rev. George F. Robertson, D. D.

Enrollment

The following were present: ministers—D. C. Amick, Chas. B. Boyles, Chas. C. Carson, D. D., R. D. Carson, D. D., E. M. Craig, D. D., (2), Warner H. DuBose, S. H. Hay, D. D., George F. Johnson, Thos. P. Johnston, Walter K. Keys, J. I. Knight, H. A. McBath, C. G. McKaraher, J. A. Messer (2), John Martin, C. F. Newland, W. T. Pearman, Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., T. H. Spence, Jr., Robert Yost, D. D., John W. Young, W. C. Young. Elders—Bristol First, W. A. Tanner; Blountville, J. E. Odell; Arcadia, J. S. Gaines (2); New Providence, R. C. Armstrong (2); New Bethel, E. A. Gross; Pleasant Grove, W. H. Dettor; Morristown; F. T. Nance; Kingsport First, Sam H. Anderson; Rogersville, Laurence Rolfe; Johnson City First, Geo. C. Sells; Meadow Creek, C. J. Waddell; Windsor Avenue, Archer Beasley; Banner Elk, Edgar Tufts; Leesburg, F. R. DeVault; Cold Spring, E. B. Comerford; Rutledge, J. E. Nance; Newport, R. P. Barnett; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray.

Organization

The Rev. Chas. G. McKaraher was elected Moderator.
The Rev. J. I. Knight was elected Reading Clerk.

Courtesy

The Rev. D. C. Amick of Atlanta Presbytery was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Report of the Program Committee

The Program Committee offered the following report which was adopted:

PROGRAM

Tuesday, April 20th

8.00 p. m. Opening Sermon.....The Rev. Warner H. DuBose
Organization. Announcements.

Wednesday, April 21st

9.00 a. m. Devotional Service.....The Rev. George F. Robertson, D. D.
9.30 a. m. Business Session.
11.00 a. m. Presbyterial Sermon by the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.
Presbyterial Communion.
12.30 p. m. Recess—Dinner at the church.
2.00 p. m. Business Session.
3.20 p. m. Sabbath and Family Religion..Rev. George F. Robertson, D. D.
4.00 p. m. Recess.
Visit to Mead Fibre Company and Kingsport Press.
8.00 p. m. Popular Meeting in the Interest of Presbytery's Home Missions.
The Rev. Walter K. Keys, presiding.

Thursday, April 22nd

9.00 a. m. Devotional Service.....The Rev. Thomas H. Spence, Jr.
9.30 a. m. Synod's Work .....The Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D.
10.00 a. m. Business Session.
12.30 p. m. Adjournment. Dinner at the church.

Orders of the Day

It was made the order of the day at 2.30 p. m. tomorrow to receive the Rev. D. C. Amick and arrange for his installation at Newport.

It was made the order of the day following the reception of the Rev. D. C. Amick to receive the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools and Publication.

Dr. Yost's Address

The Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., was given permission to address the Presbytery at this time in the interest of King College. His address constituted a verbal report on the progress of the college.

Welcome

The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston in behalf of the church and the community extended to the Presbytery a cordial and hearty welcome.

The Moderator in behalf of the Presbytery expressed thanks for the hearty welcome extended Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer by the Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr., until Wednesday at 9 a. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 9 a. m. Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The printed minutes of the fall meeting were distributed.

The minutes of a called meeting were read for the information of Presbytery.

Standing Committees

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—R. D. Carson, Geo. F. Robertson, W. K. Keys.
2. Leave of Absence—C. F. Newland, Jno. W. Young, J. E. Nance.
3. Auditing—F. T. Nance, J. L. Gray.
4. Judicial—C. C. Carson, C. B. Boyles, Geo. C. Sells.
5. Minutes of Synod—W. T. Pearman, W. A. Tanner.
6. Sessional Records—H. A. McBath, F. R. DeVault, Archer Beasley, J. E. Odell, Edgar Tufts.
7. Nominations—W. C. Young, Robert Yost, T. P. Johnston.
8. Resolutions—T. H. Spence, Jr., John Martin.

Communications

A communication from Union Seminary was read and referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions.

A communication from Near East Relief was referred to the Stewardship Committee.

A communication from the Presbyterian Church of Canada was referred to the Committee on Vacancy and Supply.

A communication requesting the adoption of an overture in behalf of certain missionaries was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from Plumtree School for Boys was referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions.

Elder R. C. Armstrong of the New Providence Church was enrolled.

Elder Geo. C. Sells was added to the Committee on Comity for this meeting.

Report of the Central Treasurer

The report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences was read and adopted. His accounts were referred to the Auditing Committee. The report is as follows:

Report of Central Treasurer of Benevolences

RECEIPTS

Churches	Congr.	S. S.	Aux.	Men's Clb.	C.E.S.	Totals
Arcadia	$ 190.00	$ 4.00				$ 194.00
Banner Elk	605.36		$103.52		$15.00	723.88
Bethel	5.00					5.00
Blountville	260.80					260.80
Blowing Rock	50.00	44.57				94.57
Bristol First	7,311.13	144.57	1,442.01	$300.00		9,197.71
Boladean	97.65					97.65
Cold Spring	497.75	47.64	90.25			635.64
Concord	4.25					4.25
Cove Creek	212.15	33.80				245.95
Crossnore	117.80	48.91	139.13		3.00	308.84
Ebenezer	16.75					16.75
Estaton	6.66				5.00	11.66
Grassy Creek	25.00					25.00
Hughes	5.00					5.00
Harris Memorial	25.71					25.71
Johnson City, First	4,094.35	15.00	681.95			4,791.30
Kingsport, First	1,556.46	516.97	535.00	233.50	8.07	2,850.00
Leesburg	231.97					231.97
Micaville	33.00					33.00
Meadow Creek	46.12					46.12
Mooresburg	25.00	16.22	20.00			61.22
Mossy Creek	83.66		10.00			93.66
Mount Sterling	8.00					8.00
New Bethel	46.17					46.17
Newdale	14.81					14.81
Newland	16.69	28.76	23.40			68.85
Newport	545.00		45.00			590.00
New Providence	309.00		10.00			319.00

Paint Gap	34.75					34.75
Paperville	18.03		10.00			28.03
Pleasant Grove	83.00					83.00
Plumtree	11.10	3.68				14.78
Rheatown	245.57					245.57
Rogersville			30.90			30.90
Russellville	56.00		5.00			61.00
Ross Memorial	34.76					34.76
Rutledge	325.00					325.00
Salem	40.00					40.00
Shull's Mills	50.00		5.00			55.00
Smoky Mountain	9.00					9.00
Spruce Pine	216.87	114.17	38.00		10.00	379.04
Strawberry Plains	10.00					10.00
Viana Valley	61.45					61.45
White Pine	26.00		29.00			55.00
Windsor Avenue	223.06	125.56	352.80		48.46	749.88
Totals from Presbytery	$17,885.83	$1,143.85	$3,570.96	$533.50	$89.53	$23,223.67

Miscellaneous

Newland (Pres. tax)	$ 12.00	
Pisgah (Pres. tax)	15.00	
Newport Auxiliary Contingent fee	10.00	
Franklin St. (Balt.)		
Auxiliary	600.00	
S. E. S.	300.00	
For Little Rock Creek Mission	245.00	
Blair Ch. (U. S. A.)	10.00	
		$ 1,192.00
		$ 24,415.67

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions:			
Regular	$ 6,073.30		
Charlotte Kemper School	51.10		
Kellersberger Fund	115.00		
		$ 6,239.40	
Assembly's Home Missions		$ 1,983.52	
Synod's Home Missions		1,194.40	
Presbytery Home Missions		9,224.14	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		1,213.42	
Publication and Sunday School Extension		431.59	
Bible		141.78	
Educational institutions:			
Assembly Training School	$ 99.30		
Campaign Com. S. and C.	150.00		
Special for King College	5.00		
Special for Union Seminary	14.19		
To Synod's Treasurer	2,352.11		
		$ 2,620.60	
Orphans' Home		$ 1,223.74	$ 24,272.59

Miscellaneous benevolences:			
Protestant Relief in Europe and Lord's Day Alliance		$ 9.00	
Near East Relief		67.08	
			76.08
Other miscellaneous items:			
Auxiliary Contingent fee	$ 10.00		
Presbyterial tax	27.00		
Tennessee State S. S. Association	5.00		
First National Bank for check returned	25.00		
			67.00
			$ 24,415.67
Receipts since close of year ending March 31, 1926			$ 154.91

Respectfully submitted,

April 20, 1926 CHAS. B. BOYLES, Treasurer.

Report of Building League

The report of the Treasurer of the Church and Manse Building League was adopted as follows:

Totals receipts to date		$ 548.10
Disbursements		
Account at bank debited for check returned	$ 5.00	
King Printing Co., for printing and ledger	23.60	$ 28.60
Balance in bank		$ 519.50

Chas. B. Boyles, Treasurer.

Presbytery then took recess until 11 a. m. after prayer by the Rev. W. C. Young.

Presbytery reconvened at 11 a. m.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., on the subject, "The Inspiration of the Scriptures." Dr. Carson used as his text, 2 Peter 1:21, "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Following the sermon the Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. George F. Johnson and the Rev. Chas. C. Carson, D. D., who were assisted in the distribution of the elements by Elders Archer Beasley, F. R. DeVault, F. T. Nance, J. E. Nance, Geo. C. Sells, and W. A. Tanner.

Presbytery then took recess until 2 p. m. after prayer by the Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m.

The Rev. J. Allen Messer and Elders R. P. Barnett, J. S. Gaines, and W. H. Dettor were enrolled.

It was made the second order of this evening's session to fix the time and place of the next meeting.

Report of the Treasurer of Presbytery

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was read. His accounts were referred to the Auditing Committee. The report was adopted as follows:

October 6, 1925, to April 9, 1926

Receipts		
Brought forward	$ 202.61	
Taxes received from the churches	843.60	
		$ 1,046.21
Disbursements		
Salaries:		
T. P. Johnston, S. C. and Treas.	75.00	
C. B. Boyles, Central Treasurer	150.00	
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	10.00	235.00
Traveling expenses:		
C. G. McKaraher (Synod)	4.80	
S. H. Hay	10.00	
C. B. Boyles (Chatta. Conf.)	26.32	41.12
Printing and typewriting:		
Minutes Fall Meeting	58.50	
Sessional blanks	7.00	
Stated Clerk (miscellaneous)	7.25	
Central Treasurer (report blanks)	2.25	75.00
Office expenses (incl. postage):		
Stated Clerk	14.72	
Central Treasurer	2.00	16.72
General Assembly Assessment		458.32
Balance in bank April 10, 1926		220.05
		$ 1,046.21

I respectfully recommend:

1. That all taxes assessed prior to 1925, now unpaid, be excused.
2. That the following churches be urged to pay the 1925 taxes past due and to make an effort to keep all taxes paid up to date:

Brummetts	$1.90	Jacks Creek	$4.00
Concord	3.60	Micaville	6.10
Crossnore	5.40	Newland	8.40
Estatoa	7.40	Pineola	16.00
Forbes	6.00	Russ Memorial	1.00
Grassy Creek	8.20	Vians Valley	3.60
Hughes	1.40		

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. P. Johnston, Treasurer.

Thomas Memorial Church

At the request of the congregation, Presbytery changed the name of Pleasant Grove Church to Thomas Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Rev. D. C. Amick Called to Newport

The Rev. D. C. Amick presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Atlanta. After the customary examinations of a minister, he was received and enrolled, and directed to sign the usual obligation.

The call of the Newport Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. D. C. Amick was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Amick as pastor at Newport, May 2, at 11 a. m.:

The Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., to preside and preach the sermon; the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., to charge the congregation; the Rev. Walter K. Keys to charge the pastor; Elder J. N. Fisher to complete the commission; the Rev. W. B. Doyle, alternate to any of the ministers.

Report on Sabbath Schools and Y. P. Work

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Work was read and adopted as follows:

We wish to submit to you our report in two sections, and request your permission to present to you at a later hour the statistical report of the work in our Presbytery.

In view of the fact that the chairman of this committee was appointed only a few months ago, upon his reception into the Presbytery, the report will necessarily be incomplete, and will look more to the future than to the work in the past.

We wish to express our appreciation of the work of Rev. J. J. Fix, D. D., Synodical Superintendent, in aiding and directing the work in our Presbytery.

We recommend:

First, (*a*). That every self-supporting church maintain one or more outpost schools;

(*b*). That soul-winning be made the supreme objective in all our work;

(*c*) That better trained teachers be developed by teacher-training courses either through local schools or correspondence courses;

(*d*) That no program should be permitted to interfere with the study and teaching of the regular Bible lessons;

(*e*). That every school observe Rally Day in October, and make an offering for Sunday school extension.

Second. That every church study its location and needs, and prayerfully and earnestly endeavor to develop a definite young people's program.

Third. That your Presbytery's committee be reorganized along the following lines:

(*a*) The Presbytery to be divided into logical geographical divisions, with a member located in each district;

(*b*). That only such persons who are known to be interested in Sunday school and young people's work be appointed members of Presbytery's committee;

(*c*). That the President, Secretary of Young People's Work of the Presbyterial, and one other representative of the Presbyterial, to be appointed by the Presbyterial, be appointed advisory members of Presbytery's committee;

(*d*) That permission be given the chairman of your committee to request small gifts from some of the larger churches in the Presbytery, to defray the expenses of the committee;

(*e*). That the name of the committee be changed to that of "The Committee on Religious Education."

Fourth. That every church be urged to send representative young people to the Young People's Conference at Banner Elk; and to send older or more experienced young people, who have before attended synodical conferences, to the conference at Montreat

Fifth. That Presbytery endorse the program for conducting Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and urge all churches, if possible, to hold a Vacation Bible School some time during the summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Warner H. DuBose, Chairman.

Report on Sabbath and Family Religion

The report of the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion was read, and pending its adoption Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., and the Rev. W. C. Young. The report was then adopted as follows:

Some Worth-while Achievements of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States

Have you been sharing in these victories?

Will you help us win others?

1. Through educational and information bureau helps thousands of pastors and laymen solve local problems of Sabbath desecration and build constructive programs for proper observance of the Christian Sabbath.

2. Defeat annually an average of 40 commercial and anti-Sunday bills in our State legislatures. Forty-two State legislatures will be in session in 1927. Estimated eighty bad Sunday bills will be introduced.

3. Brought about the closing of the first and second class post offices on Sunday. One hundred and fifty thousand employees direct beneficiaries. Thousands are now in our churches every Sunday.

4. Thanked by President Calvin Coolidge for the service we rendered hundreds of thousands of Government employees and assured by him of his "influence toward a more wholesome observance of the Sabbath day in the District of Columbia and elsewhere throughout the nation."

5. Secured weekly rest day for more than one million laborers during past 12 years. What does that mean to homes, churches, communities?

6. Secured the closing on Sunday of thousands of stores and shops in various cities, nearly 2,000 in Greater New York. Merchants, both Gentiles and Jews, seek our help. More than 1,000 Jewish establishments included in above.

7. Effected closing on Sunday of cattle and hog slaughtering establishments in the United States. It completely reformed the industry in New York and later evoked the gratitude of the packers themselves.

8. Have accepted the challenge and in scores of places defeated commercialized amusements forces, which have declared "a nation-wide fight to the finish for Sunday movies," and who are boastfully enlisting the aid of churches in their unholy campaign.

9. Caused changing of gigantic air carnival, to which admission was charged, from Sunday, August 2, to Saturday, August 1, 1925, held at Bolling Field, Washington.

10. Through War Department obtained order, November 2, 1925, covering every military post in the United States, banning Sunday public air carnivals and maneuvers.

11. After a three-year campaign saw all letter carriers and nearly every

post office clerk, 300,000 employees, freed from post office duties December 25, 1925, the birthday of our Blessed Saviour.

12. Investigated, exposed and brought about the dissolution of the Anti-Blue Law League of America, Inc. We proved misrepresentation of the Alliance and attempts to secure moneys from the public under false pretenses.

13. Aided in enactment of "one day of rest in seven laws" in several states, a boon and blessing to employers as well as employees.

14. Won coöperation of the distinguished Rabbi Alexander Lyons, of Brooklyn, for a general Sabbath day for all with his announcement that he joins with our Alliance in making the first day of the week such a Sabbath day.

15. Now leading country-wide movement for enactment of a Sunday rest law for District of Columbia. Bill is in House of Representatives. Washington needs and must have a Sunday rest law.

Slogans on Sunday

There are no Sunday "Blue Laws," but tri-colored, the colors of Old Glory, "Red, White and Blue," genuine American Sunday laws.

The day must be kept above the dollar, Christ above commercialism in the Lord's Day, the person must have the right-of-way over the pocketbook in our American Sunday.

S O S calls that must be answered—*Save our Sabbath. Save our Sunday. Save our sanctuary. Save our sons. Save our state.*

The Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., was granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery until the fall meeting.

Report on Sessional Records

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Sessional Records approves the records of the following churches:

Kingsport	Estaton
Newdale	Arcadia
Mooresburg	First Church, Bristol
Paint Gap	Newport
Smoky Mountain	First Church, Morristown
New Bethel	Windsor Avenue
Blountville	First Church, Johnson City
Leesburg	Meadow Creek

New Salem

Approved by the committee with the following exceptions:

Rogersville, meeting of September 21, 1925, page 139, not shown opened or closed with prayer.

Cove Creek, record has not been before Presbytery since 1923.

Rutledge, only two meetings shown during the year.

Micaville, congregational meeting reported with meetings of session.

Banner Elk, no date shown of meeting recorded on page 110.

Cold Spring, sessional record not before Presbytery since 1924.

New Providence, does not show representative elected to meeting of Presbytery.

Russellville, meeting of May 24, 1925, not shown opened and closed with prayer.

Pleasant Grove, only one meeting held during year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. McBath, Chairman.

Presbytery then took recess until 8 p. m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8 p. m.

A popular meeting in the interests of Presbytery's Home Missions was held, the Rev. John Martin, Chairman, presiding. The report of the Home Mission Committee was read, and pending its adoption brief addresses were made by the Revs. Walter K. Keys, W. C. Young, T. H. Spence, Jr., John W. Young, H. A. McBath, J. I. Knight, W. T. Pearman, C. G. McKaraher, and Elder J. L. Gray. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Home Missions Committee of Holston Presbytery has the following report to present of the work during the church year 1925-26:

That the year just past has been a successful one in our Home Mission work in Holston Presbytery is proved by even a casual glance at the work accomplished and the results achieved. That the year just beginning will be even better is forecast by the zeal and consecration of the workers on the fields and the ripeness of the harvest before them. Never before has the door been so wide open for our church to enter this territory and take it for Christ. More and more the people are seeing the value of those things which we stand for and are trying to give them: education, evergreen Sunday schools, regular church services, high ideals of living, a religion which manifests itself in everyday living rather than in excitement and emotion. From many coves we are hearing the call, "Come in and help us." How distressing it is to know that, at this most critical and opportune time in the history of our Home Mission work, we are forced because of the lack of financial support to turn a deaf ear to all such calls. Inasmuch as it has been necessary for the Assembly's Committee at Atlanta to cut the appropriation to our Presbytery, we are facing

the possibility of having to withdraw some of our workers and close some of the missions already opened. Our only hope for any out-reach at all lies in the increased loyalty and liberality of the churches and people of Holston Presbytery to this—our own work in our Jerusalem. If each church, auxiliary, Sunday school and young people's society in the Presbytery sees to it that our Home Mission work gets the percentages assigned it—34 per cent to Presbytery's Home Missions plus 10 per cent to Assembly's Home Missions—we shall be able to continue our present work with substantial increase. Sad to relate, the records show that these two causes have been most heartlessly cut in times past by some of our churches and organizations.

In order that our work for the past year may be presented both briefly and simply we shall deal with it under the three heads suggested in our report of last year—equipment, education, and evangelism.

Equipment

The need of more adequate equipment has been, and still is, one of the crying needs of our home mission fields. In several places we have no home for our preachers and workers; at other places there is no church building, or in most in places both homes and churches need repairs and remodeling. To help meet this ever-growing need Holston Presbytery, at the last spring meeting, approved and ordered the organization of a Church and Manse Building League. Efforts have been made to have this league organized in all the churches, but in only two or three cases have they been successful. Many of the churches have made no report at all about this order of Presbytery. The success or failure of this, our only hope for any progressive building program, lies almost entirely with the pastors and officers of the local churches. Last fall the Home Missions Committee approved the Harris Memorial Church as the object of the first call of the League. Surely there are many friends of the mountain work who would be glad to give one dollar to the building of such a worthy memorial and place of worship as this church will prove to be.

In spite of the fact that little help has been received from the Building League several buildings have been completed on the fields. In all cases this has been accomplished largely through the untiring efforts and boundless faith of the workers themselves. Cottages have been built at Paint Gap and Bad Creek. The Kingsport Church had a large part in the building of the pretty five-room cottage at Paint Gap for Misses Milburn and Thrift. The people of the communities were very loyal and liberal in the building of these two cottages. Through the efforts of the workers on the field and the people of the communities, with some aid from interested friends, the following improvements have been made on church property: at Cove Creek, cottage painted and papered; at Buladean, church painted, house covered, seats built for the church; at Paint Gap, church covered after having been destroyed by fire; at Spruce Pine, basement of church concreted; at Banner Elk, heating system installed; at Russellville, Mooresburg, Meadow Creek and other points, repairs on church or manse. On Little Rock Creek the committee assisted in

the purchase of an old school house which may be converted into a nice church with small expense. Quite a number of the self-supporting churches of the Presbytery have built mission chapels during the last year, among them Bristol First, Rogersville, Banner Elk, and Crosnore.

Perhaps the building of outstanding interest on our building program for this year is the Harris Memorial Church on Pig Pen Creek. Already the people of this community have much of the material on the ground; the friends of Mr. Harris and his work have pledged between $500 and $1,000 to this building. Before it can be completed another $1,000 must be secured. Other buildings which are badly needed, and which we hope to construct at the earliest possible moment, are manses at Spruce Pine, Rock Creek, and in Yancey County; cottages on Little Rock Creek, Beans Creek, and Hampton Creek; churches at Bad Creek, Burbank, Hampton Creek, Pineola, Linville, Shady Valley, and Meadow Creek. Attention should also be called to the distressing need for new buildings for Grandfather Orphanage and the Plumtree School for Boys.

Education

From all of our educational institutions come reports of a most successful year's work done. Lees-McRae Institute for Girls and the Plumtree School for Boys have been filled to capacity. A large percentage of the student body in both of these schools has been from the mountains. The importance of giving the mountain boys and girls the right of way in such institutions has been stressed during the past year. Our rurual mission schools are becoming more consistent feeders of these high schools. Our committee has the following teachers in the day mission schools: Miss Lucy Abrams at Cove Creek, Miss Julia Walker at Bad Creek, Miss Osma Newton at Pig Pen Creek, Miss Cornelia Sites on Little Rock Creek. The following teachers have been employed by the public school authorities for the regular term, and by our committee for supplemental work in the schools: Misses Mildred Clark and Mary Virginia Robinson at Buladean, Miss Ruth Shillinglaw at Hughes Chapel, Miss Rhoda Clark at Cove Creek, Miss Annie Robinson at Newdale, Mrs. M. E. Bradshaw at Relief, and Mr. Marshall Abrams at Hampton Creek. As community and Sunday school workers we have: Misses Emma Milburn and Daisy Thrift at Paint Gap, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Piercy at Blevins Creek, and Miss Winona Page at Grassy Creek.

Last summer a new venture in religious education was tried in our Presbytery with great success. Four young ladies from the Assembly's Training School were secured to conduct daily vacation Bible schools and do teacher training work. These young ladies, Misses Mildred Clark, Mary Robinson, Mary Gray and Virginia Henderlite, conducted schools at eight points. Volunteer summer workers put on as many more such schools. During the summer more than 1,000 children were trained in these schools. The Committee of Publication and Sabbath School Work assisted in the support of these special workers. For this summer the same kind of work is being planned on

a somewhat larger scale. We hope to have daily vacation Bible schools in practically all of our points this year.

Our Sunday schools have broken all records for enrollment and attendance. A study of the reports show that our mission Sunday schools have had an enrollment of almost 4,000 this year. When we remember that the church membership in our home mission churches is only about 1,700, we realize something of the magnitude of the Sunday school work being done through these channels.

The young people's work has made good progress. The banner society of Tennessee is in our territory—the Cove Creek Society. Several new societies have been organized. Special emphasis will be placed on the work among the young people during this new year. Our greatest opportunity lies in the young life of this mountain country.

Education along a line which has been long neglected in the home mission work has been successfully carried on this year. I refer to education in stewardship—the duty and privilege of giving. Several of the fields have taken long strides toward self-support. Practically all of them have greatly increased their gifts to benevolences. The every member canvass just completed has been the most complete and successful ever made. Several of the churches have gone far beyond their quota—especially Cove Creek and Spruce Pine. Attention should be called to the giving of the Cove Creek Church for the past two years. With a quota of $50 to benevolences this church gave $175 last year and $245 this year. If the other churches of the Presbytery would give in the same proportion to their worldly possessions we should have all we need and to spare to carry on all the work of the church.

Evangelism

Best of all, the past year has been a great soul-winning year in Holston Presbytery. What was to have been a Presbytery-wide evangelistic campaign was launched at the first of the year. Some of the ministers failed to hold the meetings assigned them. In spite of this fact meetings were hekl in almost all the mission churches and stations. The Atlanta committee sent us Rev. J. McD. Lacy to hold meetings at Blountville, Estatoa, Blowing Rock, Newland, New Bethel, Stony Point, and Russellville. Quite a number of additions were made through these meetings. Rev. Walter K. Keys, Superintendent Evangelist of the Presbytery, held meetings at these places: Plumtree, West Bristol Chapel, Toecane, Micaville, Bad Creek, Pig Pen Creek, Newdale, Shady Valley, Leesburg, and Willey Boom Chapel. About 160 were added to the churches in these meetings. Other ministers holding meetings in Holston Presbytery were: Rev. D. B. McLaughlin at Buck Hill and Meadow Creek, Rev. T. P. Johnston at Paint Gap, Rev. W. C. Young at Ebenezer (Cocke Co.) and Pineola; Rev. C. F. Newland at Arcadia and Slippery Hill, Rev. R. D. Carson at Linville Falls and Mooresburg, Rev. J. I. Knight at Rooty Branch, Rev. T. W. Clapp at Powder Mill and Buladean, Dr. W. H. T. Squires at Spruce Pine, Rev. J. E. Robinson at Grassy Creek, Rev. John Young at Beans Creek. Through these meetings, and the regular evangelistic efforts of the

workers, more than 300 were added to the communion of our church, and many to other churches. The percentage of increase in our home mission churches has been well beyond 20 per cent. At the same time the increase in giving has been even greater.

The Home Missions Committee would gratefully record here sincere appreciation of the fine loyalty and consecration of the workers on the field. Men and women of wonderful consecration, with a burning passion for the souls of men, an unselfishness beautiful beyond words, are those who occupy our fields today. May they have the unceasing support of the people of our churches in both prayer and gifts.

Last May a Home Mission Workers' Conference was held in the First Church, Bristol, with most gratifying results. With few exceptions, the field workers were present, and caught a vision of the whole work to be done. The problems and joys of their work were freely discussed. Inspirational messages cheered and comforted their hearts. They went back to their various scenes of labor greatly refreshed and strengthened. A similar conference will be held in the First Church, Johnson City, this year.

We have been very successful in filling our vacant fields during the past year. Rev. John Young went from Spruce Pine to the Mitchell-Yancey field left vacant by the death of Rev. J. A. Harris. Rev. J. W. Roseborough was secured as pastor at Spruce Pine. Rev. J. I. Knight came to the Cold Spring Church, and is in charge of the mission work around this church. Rev. W. T. Pearman has recently returned to his old pastorate at Meadow Creek. Mr. Leo Hall, of Louisville Seminary, will take charge of the Weavers and Paperville Churches this summer. Rev. J. J. Douglass has been called to the pastorate of the Jefferson City group of churches, and has signified his acceptance. This leaves us with only one vacant mission field—the Newland group. The only other vacancy in the Presbytery is the Stony Point Church. Several summer workers, Seminary Training School and college students have been secured. Intensified effort in all departments of our work will be promoted during the summer. We covet your prayerful interest and support.

Recommendations

1. That Presbytery urge all ministers to hold the meetings assigned them in the Presbytery-wide evangelistic campaign.

2. That Presbytery urge all churches to organize the Church and Manse Building League at once, making the call for the Harris Memorial Church.

3. That each church be requested to observe a Presbytery's Home Mission day, at which time a regular Sunday morning service shall be given to the presentation of this work.

4. That the Presbytery call attention to the booklet, "Our Jerusalem," a manual of Home Missions for Holston Presbytery, and ask the auxiliaries, men's organizations, and young people's societies to make use of it in their public programs.

5. That the following stated supplyships be granted until the fall meeting:

Rev. T. W. Clapp—Plumtree and Hughes.
Rev. J. A. Messer—Bethel, Ebenezer, Smoky Mountain, and Mt. Sterling.
Rev. H. A. McBath—Paint Gap, Newdale, and Estatoa.
Rev. C. F. Newland—Thomas Memorial, Arcadia, and New Bethel.
Rev. W. T. Pearman—Rheatown.
Rev. Jas. W. Roseborough, Jr.—Vians Valley and Grassy Creek.
Rev. John Young—Harris Memorial, Russ Memorial, Buladean and Forbes.
Rev. W. C. Young—New Salem, Mooresburg, and Leesburg.

Committee.

Fall Meeting

The invitation of the Thomas Memorial Church for the fall meeting was unanimously accepted. The time was fixed at 7.30 p. m., Monday evening, October 4, 1926.

Report of the Superintendent and Evangelist

The report of the Superintendent of Presbytery's Home Missions and Evangelist for the past year was received and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELIST

The following report is submitted to Holston Presbytery in session at Kingsport, Tenn., April 21, 1926, by the Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist, covering the whole period of his work in this capacity from its beginning, February 1, 1925, to the end of the church year, Mar. 31, 1926.

Sermons preached, 340; funerals, 15; addresses, 20; meetings held, 12; number of professions, 160; additions to church, 175; miles traveled, 20,000 (estimated); churches organized, 1.

Expenses

Traveling	$ 511.02	
Postage, printing, etc.	105.07	
Total		$ 616.09
Collections on field		$ 388.83

Walter K. Keys, Superintendent.

Report on Church Societies

The report of the Committee on Church Societies was adopted as follows:

Two questionnaires were prepared by your Committee on Church Societies, one for Woman's Auxiliaries, the other for Christian Endeavor Societies. These were sent to every church in the Presbytery. The response was unusually good, some blanks being returned from churches which had neither of these organizations. In addition to the questionnaires, the Recording Secretary of Presbyterial furnished your chairman with her annual report.

While it is impossible to give space to all the information gathered, this information is valuable and has been filed for future reference.

The following figures should be interesting and encouraging:

There are 26 Auxiliaries in the Presbytery, with a total membership of 1,224. Thirteen Auxiliaries are organized on the circle plan.

This year's report reveals 49 prayer bands, 50 Bible classes, 233 family altars, 319 tithers, 15 stewardship study classes, 45 foreign mission study classes, 46 home mission study classes, 3 classes on personal evangelism, 15 auxiliaries that engaged in white cross work, 14 volunteers for life service and 486 members who are subscribers to church papers. The grand total of gifts to benevolences and current expenses was $14,542; amount per capita, $11.88. Distributed as follows:

1. Foreign Missions	$ 3,935.00
2. Assembly's Home Missions	504.00
3. Synod's Home Missions	232.00
4. Presbytery's Home Missions	1,392.00
5. Congregational Home Missions	731.00
6. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	343.00
7. Sunday School Extension and Publication	78.00
8. Educational Institutions	1,018.00
9. Bible Cause	77.00
10. Orphans' Homes	885.00
11. Current Expenses and Contingent Fees	2,302.00
12. Miscellaneous contributions	3,045.00
13. Total for all purposes	$14,542.00

Young People's Work

Following is the statistical summary of the sessional reports:

	Senior C. E.	Inter. C.E.	Junior C.E.	Boys Grps.	Girls Grps.	Other Grps.	Total in all Y.P.S.
No. of societies reported	19	4	9	1	3	1	32
Total membership	794	86	222	25	46	50	1,223
Benevolent Contributions:							
1. Foreign Missions	$31	$15			$3		$ 49.00
2. Assembly's Home Missions	18	6			1		25.00
3. Synod's Home Missions	1				1		2.00
4. Presbytery's Home Missions	4				4		8.00
5. Congregational Home Missions	5						5.00
6. Christian Education and M. R.	17				1		18.00
7. Sunday School Ex. and Pub.					1		1.00
8. Educational Institutions	8				2		10.00
9. Bible Cause							
10. Orphans' Homes	96				32		128.00
11. Current expenses and contingent fees	75				5		80.00
12. Miscellaneous contributions	226	29			24		255.00
13. Total for all purposes	483	29	15		72		
Grand total of contributions from all young people's societies							$ 629.00

Nineteen Christian Endeavor Societies filled out and returned the questionnaires which were sent to them, reporting a total of 648 members. Of these 19 societies, two reported yearly budgets, the two totaling $235; only three societies reported study classes of any kind; six societies reported a total of 67 tithers; four societies reported that they had observed loyalty week; 17 of the 19 societies requested that denominational charts be sent to them.

Seven Junior Christian Endeavor Societies were reported with a membership of 178.

We recommend:

1. That our pastors encourage the organization of an auxiliary in every church.

2. That at least one Christian Endeavor Society be organized in each church where there are a sufficient number of young people.

3. That pastors endeavor to instill in their young people the principle of tithing.

4. That Christian Endeavorers familiarize themselves with the church causes through study classes, and that they adopt a yearly budget.

5. That our Christian Endeavor Societies use the Presbyterian denominational chart for the standardizing of their work.

Respectfully submitted,

George F. Johnson, Chairman.

Installations

The commission to install Rev. Warner H. DuBose reported as follows:

The commission appointed to install the Rev. Warner H. DuBose as pastor at Johnson City met on the second Sabbath of June. Dr. Gilbert Glass presided and propounded the constitutional questions and gave the charge to the congregation. Dr. Robert Yost charged the pastor. Dr. J. L. MacMillan preached the sermon. Other members of the commission present were the Rev. John Martin and Elder J. D. Faucette of Bristol. Mr. DuBose was duly installed pastor.

The commission to install the Rev. J. I. Knight reported as follows:

The commission appointed to ordain and install Rev. J. I. Knight as pastor of the Cold Spring Church met as ordered by Presbytery, November 15, 1925. Commission was organized with Rev. Walter K. Keys presiding, and Rev. C. B. Boyles, Secretary. Dr. Tilden Scherer preached the sermon, Rev. C. B. Boyles asked the constitutional questions, Elder J. D. Faucette charged the people, and Rev. Walter K. Keys charged the pastor.

Harris Memorial Church Organized

The commission to organize Harris Memorial Church reported as follows:

The commission to organize the Harris Memorial Church near Toledo, N. C., November 1, 1925, submits the following report to the Presbytery:

Owing to the rain and mud the commission failed to get there November 1st, the day appointed, but the commission met December 3d, at 7.30 p. m. Present, Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Roseborough, Jr., Rev. J. W. Young and Elder W. W. Bailey The Rev. John Martin presided, preached the sermon, and propounded the questions to the members. The election of officers was called for by the Rev. John W. Young, two elders and two deacons were elected. The Rev. J. W. Roseborough presided and these officers were ordained and installed. The service closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Young, Clerk.

All of the above reports were approved and the commissions discharged.

Foreign Mission Report

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions submits the following report:

We note that the mission stations report 4,754 additions, an average of nearly 11 per cent, being 500 more than the accessions of the previous year. Hampered by inadequate equipment and too few laborers our missionaries have been tirelessly and self-sacrificingly pushing forward the work of the kingdom under alien skies and trying climates.

Our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions began the year's work with a deficit of $240,249. To offset this and carry on the year's work the committee asked the Assembly for $1,581,750. They received $1,248.516; the deficit April 1, 1926, was $271,697.

To endeavor to increase the efficiency of the work, at the least possible cost, the Secretaries and Treasurers are making a fresh analysis of every department of the work, beginning with the home administration.

We recommend:

1. That the ministers of this Presbytery be asked to acquaint their congregations with more of the facts about our Foreign Mission work by use of tracts, of pulpit utterances, and, where practicable, by inviting furloughed missionaries to address their congregations or societies.

2. That Foreign Missions be made a part of the programs of our Sunday schools and Y. P. Societies, using the literature prepared by the Executive Committee and contributing as designated by the committee.

3. That in the month of January, so far as practicable, church schools of missions be organized in each church to study Brazil, as planned by the committee.

4. That churches, societies and individuals be urged to assume some definite parts of the Foreign Mission work, thus establishing living contact with the foreign field through letters promised for such responsibility assumed.

5. That in view of the alarming shortage in the resources of the committee, Presbytery be led in special prayer for Foreign Missions, at this time, by some one designated by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Young, Chairman.

Presbytery was led in prayer for Foreign Missions by the Rev. W. C. Young.

Overture

The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommended the adoption of an overture to the Assembly. The following overture was adopted:

"The Presbytery of Holston overtures the General Assembly, meeting in Pensacola, Florida, May 20, 1926, to instruct its Executive Committee of Foreign Missions to return Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Hancock as missionaries to China, and to assign them work in the Palmette Presbyterian Mission in Soochow, China."

Commissioners to the Assembly

The following commissioners and alternates to the General Assembly were elected:

Principals	Alternates
Rev. W. C. Young	Rev. John Martin
Rev. H. A. McBath	Rev. C. F. Newland
Elder Frank Taylor	Elder W. W. Bailey
Elder S. H. Anderson.	Elder Robert Young.

Presbytery expressed by a rising vote its appreciation of the address by Dr. Robert Yost telling of the offer of Mr. R. S. Reynolds and adopted the following resolution:

The Presbytery of Holston hereby expresses appreciation of the impressive address of Dr. Robert Yost in behalf of King College.

We express our gratitude to Mr. R. S. Reynolds, of Louisville, Ky., an alumnus of King College, for his gift of $100,000 to King College, on certain conditions, and we declare our sympathy with the purpose to enlarge the usefulness of this institution of splendid history and pledge our coöperation in this timely and commendable enterprise.

Report of Boone Fork Institute

The report of the Trustees of the Boone Fork Institute was read and adopted as follows:

During the past school year we have given free scholarships to 34 boys; 18 enrolled in the high school department. During the year the following were teachers: Mrs. C. G. McKaraher, Miss Comey Moody, Miss A. M. Brown, Miss Allie Herman and C. G. McKaraher. Five boys from the school made profession of faith and four united with the church and two volunteered for life service. All of the boys took an active interest in the Sabbath school and young people's work as well as carrying on their own Y. M. C. A. Both the Bible and catechisms were taught.

For the past year we received from interested friends	$ 3,466.00
From the church or church societies	
Total	$ 3,466.00
Expenses for the year (salaries included)	3,452.00
Balance in bank April 1st	$ 14.00
Full debt of school	$ 1,950.00

We recommend that W. S. Whiting and A. B. Rogan be elected trustees for three years.

For the Trustees,
C. G. McKeraher.

Report of the Plumtree School for Boys

The report of the Trustees of the Plumtree School for Boys was read and adopted as follows:

Number and names of teachers: Mr. Geo. Penn, Principal; Miss Berta Mae Hill, Mr. R. S. Tenney, Mr. R. T. Gouge, Miss Ruby G. Lovell, Miss Inez Ratchford, Secretary.

Number of pupils enrolled, 86. Number of boarding pupils, 65, capacity. Day pupils, 6. Some students dropped out at Christmas and others came in. Number in high school, 32; number of grades taught, 12; number making profession during year, 32 (every boy who was not already a Christian); number uniting with church, 19; volunteers for life service, 10; four Sunday schools carried on by boys, two C. E. societies, Bible and catechism taught in school and Sunday school.

Expenses

Salaries	$ 3,200.00
Boarding department	3,600.00
Equipment bought	460.00
Paid on debts, Inst.	360.00
Coal, freight, hauling	369.00
Miscellaneous	430.00
Total	$ 8,410.00

Receipts

From endowment	$ 587.00
Board and tuition	4,660.00
Contributions	3,240.00
Total	$ 8,487.00

We owe some accounts but have enough due us to pay them. We have one debt of $1,150 at the Banner Elk Bank. We owe $4,000 on a farm which we have bought.

We have turned away 75 boys since September because we had no room for them. Both pupils and teachers have done good work.

T. W. Clapp, Superintendent.

Report on Men's Work

The report of the Committee on Men's Work was read and adopted as follows:

How many churches report men's organizations?	6
	Membership
Total male membership over 18 years of age	784
Enrollment in "Men of the Church" organization	436
Enrollment in other men's organizations	15
	Amount
Over and above gifts to church causes	$534
Expense of men's organizations for own purposes	260

	Yes	*No*	*Per cent*
Are organizations under control of session?	6		
Are they organized along line of Assembly's plan and program?	3	3	
Do they study activities and needs of causes of the church?	3	3	
Are their programs—Spiritual?	Varied		
Social?	Varied		
Educational?	Varied		
What per cent of church men enrolled in Bible classes?	70		70
What per cent lead in public prayer?			27
Have they conducted any evangelistic services?	3	3	50
Are the men being trained to do personal work?	3	3	50
What per cent contribute to their church budget for current expenses and benevolences?			97
Churches mentioning special activities in—			
Spiritual life	4	2	66 2-3
Evangelism and missions	4	2	66 2-3
Christian training in Bible study	4	2	66 2-3
Stewardship of possessions	3	3	50
Social service	4	2	66 2-3

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer by the Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., until 9 o'clock tomorrow.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 9 a. m.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Dr. Craig's Address

The Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., addressed the Presbytery on Synod's Work. The Presbytery expressed its appreciation of the address by a rising vote of thanks.

Presbytery ratified all actions taken by the Board of Control in regard to certain matters pertaining to the transfer of property from Lees-McRae Institute (Girls' Dept.), Banner Elk, N. C., to Plumtree School for Boys.

Report of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association

Elder Edgar Tufts read the reports of the Trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association on Lees-McRae Institute and the Grandfather Orphanage. These reports were adopted as follows:

Official Report of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association
Lees-McRae Institute Department
Banner Elk, N. C.

We respectfully submit the following report of the above department to Holston Presbytery for the business year ending December 31, 1925:

1. Total number workers	13
2. Total number students boarding	122
Total number day pupils	30
Total number enrolled 1925-1926	152
3. Number of grades taught	11
4. Number students making profession of faith	4
5. Number students uniting with the church	4
6. Volunteers for life service	3

7. Both teachers and students take an active part in all forms of church activities both in the school, community church, and nearby mission points.
8. Bible taught as a text book in all grades.
9. Catechism not only taught, but required for graduation.

Number reciting "child's catechism" this year	30
Number reciting "shorter catechism" this year	18

Finances

Income

1. Students' fees, board, tuition, etc.	$ 5,025.75	
2. Gifts from individuals, churches, societies, etc.	4,815.83	
3. Appropriations from Home Mission Committee of Holston Presbytery	1,200.00	
4. (a). Designated contributions from Assembly's Home Mission Committee	145.00	
(b). Assembly's Committee of Home Mission paid direct by donors	99.00	
(c). Home Mission Committee of Holston Presbytery (designated)	5.00	
5. Income endowment	2,161.29	
6. Rentals from power plant, mill and other departments of physical plant	3,495.15	
7. Balance forwarded January 1st, 1925	860.13	
Total		$ 17,807.15

Expenditures

1. Administrative expense	$ 3,978.28	
2. Instructional	3,335.51	
3. Dining room and kitchen	2,115.22	
4. Operation and maintenance of farm and physical plant	7,368.37	
5. Incidental	36.71	
6. Allowance for depreciation	800.00	
Total		$ 17,634.09
Total receipts	$ 17,807.15	
Less total expenditures	17,634.09	
Balance brought forward January 1st, 1926		$ 173.06

Edgar H. Tufts, Superintendent.

Report of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association
Grandfather Orphans' Home Department
Banner Elk, N. C.

We respectfully submit the following report of the above department to Holston Presbytery, for the business year ending December 31, 1925:

Buildings—Seven, all frame, none considered safe against fire.

Land—Three hundred acres with 200 acres under cultivation.

Workers—Eight, including three who devote their full time to teaching in school.

Work—Each girl has her share of the home work to perform and each boy his chores on the outside. They likewise have their hours of recreation.

The first seven grades are taught. When ready for high school, the girls are transferred to Lees-McRae.

Children—

Capacity of institution	70
Number enrolled January 1, 1925	68
Total number cared for during year 1925	85
Average age on admission	7 years
Average length of institutional care	8 years

Finances

Receipts

January 1, 1925, to December 31, 1925

1. From benevolence of Holston Presbytery, churches C. E. societies, etc.	$ 1,077.05	
2. Sunday schools	1,368.05	
3. Woman's Auxiliaries	1,060.00	
4. Individuals and general public	1,874.45	
5. Support from parents and guardians	678.74	
6. Income from endowment	455.02	
7. Blowing Rock collection	2,904.39	
8. Thanksgiving collection	1,108.35	
9. All other sources including conditional endowments	2,519.96	
Total all sources		$ 13,046.01

Expenditures

1. Dining room and kitchen	$ 2,758.86	
2. Clothing	159.94	
3. Education	1,002.60	
4. Medical, dentist, and nursing care	310.74	
5. All other purposes including farm and garden, dairy, improvements, repairs, shop expense, insurance, etc.	8,782.48	
Total expenditures		$ 13,014.62
Receipts	$ 13,046.02	
Less expenditures	13,014.62	
Balance on hand January 1, 1926		$ 31.40

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar H. Tufts, Superintendent.

Report of the Committee on Orphans' Home

The report of the Committee on Orphans' Home was read and adopted as follows:

The appeal of Grandfather Orphanage to the hearts and purses of the people of our church is based, not only on the fact that it provides for little ones in need, but upon the nature of the provision thus made. It is not enough to know that something is done; it is far better to know that the right thing is done.

The Bible is taught in the institution, not only as a text-book, but also as a life book. The evidence? Some time ago a list of questions in Biblical history was submitted to over 18,000 high school pupils in different cities of America. The average grade attained by these students was 46 per cent. Recently the same questions were given to the children of the grammar school at the home. Their marks follow:

Children of the 6th and 7th grades	97 per cent
Children of the 4th and 5th grades	84 per cent
Children of the 2nd and 3rd grades	60 per cent

In short, the girls and boys in the second and third grades of school at the Home averaged 14 points higher in their answers to the questions than did the pupils in the public high schools. So much for their acquaintance with the facts of the Bible. During the past year 10 of the children recited the child's and nine the shorter catechism. Among the former were five of the little girls from the baby cottage, who are now engaged in learning the more advanced summary of the faith once delivered to the saints. Thus Presbyterianism is instilled into the hearts and lives of the coming generation, and doctrine based on fact is emphasized. Twelve of the children have united with the Banner Elk Church upon profession of faith during the past 12 months. That is the type of work done at the Home in the realm of the spiritual.

Needs

About the only things not needed by the institution are goats; the supply of these is sufficient. Your committee would reiterate several repeated recommendations:

In the beginning: That every pastor do all in his power to secure for the home the four per cent of benevolent contributions asked of the church under his care. Herein lies the secret of the matter so far as human machinery goes—the zeal of the preacher in keeping the matter before his congregation, especially at certain seasons of the year. Were the Orphanage to receive the share assigned it in the benevolence budget, and the total budget be raised, this amount, $2,200, would yield 17 per cent of the annual cost of operation of the Home, basing the estimate on the figures for the past year; therefore

In the next place: That each church in the Presbytery take an annual offering for the work of the Orphanage at their service on Thanksgiving Day; or, when this is impossible, at a convenient season thereunto. Furthermore, that the individuals in each congregation be encouraged to contribute in money the equivalent of one day's wages or salary. The possibilities of this plan may be realized only after it has been put into practice. It is urged that this Thanksgiving offering, so far as possible, be in the nature of a "special gift above the church quota," in order that the revenue derived through the regular percentage of benevolences may not suffer because of these Thanksgiving offerings. And

Then: That collections of canned goods and supples of all kinds be made at every church and mission in the Presbytery; and a wagon or truck be secured to transport the goods thus obtained to the Home. A most gratifying response was made to appeals of this nature in many communities last fall. Always when supplies and money are collected together the bringing in of the produce increases the amount of the monetary offering. The people become possessed of the spirit of giving. Every child should be encouraged to bring in his or her contribution; every older one that which they have laid aside. No one, no matter how poor, fails to respond to such an appeal as this; no one, no matter how rich, but is drawn nearer the Giver of every good and perfect gift by rendering such an offering for those in need. Let each church and mission secure a speaker from the Home at some time during the summer or fall and have them present the work and the plans for carrying it on.

That there is no room in the inn goes without saying. Since the first day of January 45 applicants have been denied admission. The ministry to body and soul must be limited because of restricted space and support; many, like Topsy, must "just grow" instead of receiving the training that brings results such as have been indicated in the paragraph first above.

The work is not ours; it is not yours; it is the King's, and His business requireth haste. Recently a little red-headed girl, while in the dining room of the Home just after supper, was asked as to what her work was. The reply, "I do dining room." The questioner never learned just what "dining room" was, but he did find that she was doing her part. Are you?

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. Spence, Jr., Chairman.

Special Offering for Orphanage

Presbytery requested the churches to give to the Grandfather Orphanage an annual offering at Thanksgiving, and a monthly offering in each Sunday school, the above offerings to be over and above the usual four per cent allotted this cause in the benevolence budget.

King College Curators

Holston Presbytery confirmed the nominations of Curators of King College offered by Abingdon Presbytery as follows: Messrs. Floyd Roberts, Robert W. Kelly, K. A. Hagy, Kyle Morison, Rev. Donald McIver, and Rev. J. J. Fix.

New Manual Adopted

The Committee on Manual offered its report, which was in the form of a manual of the Presbytery. The report was adopted and the Stated Clerk authorized to have printed 200 copies of this manual.

Statistical Report

The Stated Clerk read the statistical report which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the Assembly. It is summarized as follows:

Ordained ministers	33
Churches	52
Candidates	8
Licensures	1
Ordinations	2
Installations	7
Pastoral dissolutions	3
Churches organized	1
Church dismissed to Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.	1
Ministers dismissed to the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.	2
Elders	207
Deacons	194
Added on profession	374
Added on certificate	241
Resident communicants	5,152
Non resident communicants	606
Whole number of communicants	5,758
Adult baptisms	243
Infant baptisms	46
Total Sunday school enrollment	6,936

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 13,135.00
Assembly's Home Missions	3,181.00
Synod's Home Missions	1,839.00
Presbytery's Home Missions	12,732.00
Congregational Home Missions	4,605.00
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	1,878.00
Sunday School Extension and Publication	921.00
Educational Institutions	11,877.00
Bible Cause	263.00
Orphans' Home	2,607.00
Current expenses	42,236.00
Pastors' salaries	29,711.00
Miscellaneous contributions	9,015.00
Total contributions to all causes	$ 134,000.00

Report on Vacancy and Supply

The Committee on Vacancy and Supply read a report which was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Vacancy and Supply begs to report that the following fields have secured ministers during the past year: the Micaville group in which Elder H. A. McBath was ordained a minister and assumed charge of the churches; the Yancey-Mitchell group, Rev. John W. Young; the Spruce Pine group, Rev. J. W. Roseborough, Jr.; the Cold Spring group, Rev. J. I. Knight; the Meadow Creek group, Rev. W. T. Pearman; Johnson City First, Rev. Warner H. DuBose; the Rogersville Church, Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.; the Windsor Avenue Church, Rev. Geo. F. Johnson; the Newport Church, Rev. D. C. Amick. In addition the Jefferson City group has called Rev. J. J. Douglass and he has accepted the call to begin his ministry May 1.

Mr. Leo Hall, of the graduating class of Louisville Seminary, has been secured to have charge of Weavers and Paperville Churches, following his graduation.

The only vacancies in our Presbytery are: the Newland group and New Providence Church.

We recommend that the Presbytery record appreciation of the assistance received from the Assembly's Bureau of Vacancy and Supply, also that notice be called to the communication from the Presbyterian Church of Canada with respect to the needs for ministers in Canada.

Walter K. Keys, Chairman.

Report on Evangelism

The Committee on Evangelism offered the following report which was adopted:

The past year has been one in which the gospel has been preached in our

bounds with great faithfulness, and under this preaching a rich fruitage has been gathered.

Thirty-eight evangelistic meetings have been held, 384 souls have been led to confess the Saviour and have been received into the Presbyterian Church. In addition to these many more have united with other churches.

One of the most hopeful features of this work is that so many of our own ministers and pastors have responded to the call to hold these services, and have been greatly blessed in this form of service.

R. D. Carson, Chairman.

Attached to this report are the following evangelistic appointments:

Evangelistic Appointments for 1926-27

Minister	Place	Correspondent	Address
Rev. John Martin	Micaville	Rev. H. A. McBath	Micaville, N. C.
Rev. W. T. Pearman	Newdale	Rev. H. A. McBath	Micaville, N. C.
Rev. R. D. Carson	Estaton	Rev. H. A. McBath	Micaville, N. C.
Rev. Walter K. Keys	Paint Gap	Rev. H. A. McBath	Micaville, N. C.
Rev. Warner H. DuBose	Pineola	Mr. Sam Mortimer	Pineola, N. C.
Rev. C. C. Carson	Linville	Mrs. Ed Loven	Linville, N. C.
Rev. Walter K. Keys	Newland	Mr. Chas. Hughes	Newland, N. C.
Rev. T. W. Clapp	Cove Creek	Mr. J. L. Gray	Roan Mt., Tenn.
Rev. Walter K. Keys	Hampton Creek	Mr. J. L. Gray	Roan Mt., Tenn.
Rev. C. F. Newland	Weavers	Mr. J. C. Gray	Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Walter K. Keys	Banner Elk	Rev. T. H. Spence	Banner Elk, N. C.
Rev. H. A. McBath	Grassy Creek	Rev. J. W. Roseborough	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Rev. Walter K. Keys	Spruce Pine	Rev. J. W. Roseborough	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Rev. W. T. Pearman	Green Mountain	Rev. John Young	Green Mountain, N. C.
Rev. McCoy Franklin	Buladeran	Rev. John Young	Green Mountain, N. C.
Rev. C. G. McKarsher	Ruse Memorial	Rev. John Young	Green Mountain, N. C.
Rev. T. W. Clapp	Harris Memorial	Rev. John Young	Green Mountain, N. C.
Rev. T. H. Spence	Forbes	Rev. John Young	Green Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Walter K. Keys	Little Rock Creek	Rev. John Young	Green Mountain, N. C.
Rev. W. C. Young	Rooty Branch	Rev. J. I. Knight	Holston Valley, Tenn.
Rev. Walter K. Keys	Shady Valley	Rev. J. I. Knight	Holston Valley, Tenn.
Rev. John Young	Hughes	Rev. T. W. Clapp	Plumtree, N. C.
Rev. W. C. Young	Beans Creek	Rev. J. W. Young	Green Mountain, N. C.
Rev. Walter K. Keys	Cocke County	Rev. J. A. Messer	Hartford, Tenn.
Rev. Geo. F. Johnson	Rutledge	Mr. J. E. Nance	Rutledge, Tenn.
Rev. J. J. Douglass	Russellville	Rev. W. C. Young	Whitesburg, Tenn.
Rev. D. C. Amick	Mooresburg	Rev. W. C. Young	Whitesburg, Tenn.
Rev. T. F. Johnston	Leesburg	Rev. W. C. Young	Whitesburg, Tenn.
Rev. E. M. Craig	Whitesburg	Rev. W. C. Young	Whitesburg, Tenn.
Rev. S. H. Hay	Meadow Creek	Rev. W. T. Pearman	Greeneville, Tenn.
Rev. J. I. Knight	Shulls Mill	Rev. C. G. McKarsher	Shulls Mill, N. C.
Rev. Walter K. Keys	Blowing Rock	Rev. C. G. McKarsher	Shulls Mill, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Roseborough	Plumtree	Rev. T. W. Clapp	Plumtree, N. C.
Rev. E. M. Craig	White Pine	Rev. W. Bruce Doyle	Hot Springs, N. C.
Rev. Geo. F. Robertson	Chuckey	Rev. W. T. Pearman	Greeneville, Tenn.
Rev. J. A. Messer	Buck Hill	Rev. T. W. Clapp	Plumtree, N. C.
Rev. Walter K. Keys	Teecate	Rev. J. W. Roseborough	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Rev. W. T. Pearman	Cocke County	Rev. J. A. Messer	Hartford, Tenn.

The Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr., was granted a year's leave of absence dating from September first.

The Stated Clerk was asked to write the Rev. J. P. Doggett a letter of commendation and brotherly love.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod reported that they had examined the minutes and that there was nothing to come before Presbytery in them.

Leave of Absence

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence recommends that the following be excused:

Rev. T. W. Clapp, owing to commencement at Plumtree; Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, after the night session of April 21st; Rev. J. J. Messer, after 4 p. m., April 21st; Elder D. A. Gross, April 22nd, after 10 a. m.; Elder A. B. Rogan after 11 a. m., April 21st; Elder S. A. Newland, after night session, April 21st; Elder Beasley, after 4 p. m., April 21st; Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., attending Abingdon Presbytery; Elder J. E. Nance, noon April 22nd; Rev. C. McCoy Franklin, sickness; Rev. Jas. W. Roseborough, Jr., sickness; Elder E. B. Comerford; Rev. J. I. Knight; Dr. C. C. Carson.

C. F. Newland, Chairman

Report of Committee on Stewardship

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Stewardship would respectfully report that of the 52 churches on our roll, 32 have submitted reports of the every member canvass for benevolence, and 34 for current expenses. Two churches, Pineola and Newland, report no canvass made, leaving 16 churches from whom no report has been received.

The reports indicate that there has been a good increase in the pledges of these churches, and a larger per cent of the membership enlisted through the canvass. More and more our churches are resorting to the volunteer method of raising church finance.

Four hundred and forty-seven tithers are reported, and 235 family altars.

Your committee recommends that the Central Treasurer of the Presbytery be instructed in the distribution of funds passing through his hands to regard all special designated monies as being gifts entirely over and above budget funds except when directed by the donors to regard them otherwise.

Report on C. E. and M. R.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made a verbal report with the following recommendation, which was adopted:

That the Presbytery approve the following requests for appropriation of funds of Ministerial Relief for the year 1926-27: Mrs. Eva D. Converse, $150; Mrs. Lottie S. McFerrin, $150; Mrs. J. C. Wakefield, $150; Mrs. Sue T. Wallace, $150; Rev. W. B. Doyle stipends at the rate of $800 for such part of the year as his physical condition may require it. The committee is also authorized to revise the list and amounts upon discovery of changing needs during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel H. Hay, Chairman.

Report on Nominations

The Committee on Nominations made a report which was adopted. The substance of this report is found under the heading "Organization" in the front of the minutes.

The following is the report on Presbyterial sermon: Subject, "Christian Stewardship." Preacher, Rev. Geo. F. Johnson; alternate, Rev. D. C. Amick.

Report on Comity

The Committee on Comity offered the following report which was adopted:

The Presbytery of Holston, in session at Kingsport, would state that in the judgment of the committee, it has done everything necessary to be done for the consummation of the transfer of the First Presbyterian Church, U. S., Jonesboro, to the Second Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., Jonesboro, Tenn., except as to some legal matter and items of detail which must be worked out by the parties most intimately concerned. Presbytery leaves this business entirely with the officials of these two churches.

Report of the Auditing Committee

The following report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Audits reports that it has examined the accounts submitted by the Rev. C. B. Boyles, Central Treasurer of Benevolences, and have found them correct.

Also the accounts of the Rev. T. P. Johnston, Treasurer of Holston Presbytery, together with vouchers and canceled checks, have been examined and found correct.

The records of both the above named officers were especially neat and carefully kept.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. Nance.
J. L. Gray.

A suitable resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote, and ordered read to the congregation next Sunday.

The minutes were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator, to meet in regular session in the Thomas Memorial Church, Bluff City, Tennessee, October 4, 1926, at 7.30 p. m.

Chas. G. McKaraher, Moderator.

W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

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ORGANIZATION

Moderator—The Rev. H. A. McBath, Micaville, N. C.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, Kingsport, Tennessee.
Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tennessee.
Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tennessee.
Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tennessee.
Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist—The Rev. Walter K. Keys, Bristol, Tennessee.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Mr. J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* The Revs. S. H. Hay, R. D. Carson, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, T. H. Spence, Jr.; Elders Frank Taylor, *Secretary;* F. T. Nance, F. L. Cloud, Sam R. Sells.

2. *Foreign Missions*—The Revs. W. C. Young, *Chairman;* Chas. G. McKaraher; Elders E. H. Moore, R. C. Armstrong.

3. *Assembly's Home Missions*—The Revs. J. J. Douglass, *Chairman;* Chas. C. Carson; Elders E. W. King, J. R. Forgery.

4. *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—The Revs. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Tilden Scherer; Elder J. N. Fisher.

5. *Religious Education*—The Revs. D. C. Amick, *Chairman;* Warner H. DuBose, T. W. Clapp, Elders A. B. Rogan, Jas. A. Brown.

6. *Bible Cause*—The Revs. J. I. Knight, *Chairman;* C. G. McKaraher, Elder Frank Briscoe.

7. *Stewardship*—The Revs. George F. Johnson, *Chairman;* Chas. B. Boyles, *Secretary;* W. C. Young; Elders Arthur King, James Summers.

8. *Sabbath and Family Religion*—The Revs. T. W. Clapp, *Chairman;* W. T. Pearman; Elders J. L. Gray, F. R. DeVault.

9. *Men's Work*—The Revs. Chas. B. Boyles, *Chairman;* Thos. P. Johnston; Elders H. C. Alexander, S. H. Anderson, Henry E. Harris, Arthur King, F. H. Stinson.

10. *Women's Work*—The Revs. J. I. Knight, *Chairman;* E. M. Craig, Elder George C. Sells.

11. *Educational Institutions*—The Revs. Chas. C. Carson, *Chairman;* Robert Yost, T. H. Spence, Jr.; Elders J. D. Faucette, Chas. Massengill.

12. *Orphans' Home*—The Revs. T. H. Spence, Jr., *Chairman;* John W. Young; Elders Edgar Tufts, J. Fred Johnson.

13. *Evangelism*—The Rev. R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* W. K. Keys; Elders J. D. Hanson, J. L. Rogers.

14. *Sessional Records*—The Revs. Harvey A. McBath, *Chairman;* McCoy Franklin, J. A. Messer; and four elders appointed at each spring meeting.

15. *Vacancy and Supply*—The Revs. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman;* W. C. Young; Elder F. T. Nance.

16. *Program*—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, *Chairman*, and the representatives of the church entertaining Presbytery.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1. *Experimental Religion*—The Revs. W. C. Young, Warner H. DuBose, and J. J. Douglass.

2. *Theology*—The Revs. C. C. Carson, R. D. Carson, and S. H. Hay.

3. *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Revs. Thos. P. Johnston, Chas. B. Boyles, and D. C. Amick.

4. *Church History*—The Revs. C. B. Boyles and McCoy Franklin.

5. *Philosophy, Logic and Ethics*—The Revs. Tilden Scherer and Robert Yost.

6. *Natural Science and Secular Subjects*—The Revs. W. K. Keys and T. W. Clapp.

7. *Latin, Greek and Hebrew*—The Revs. C. G. McKaraher and T. P. Johnston.

TRUSTEES

1. *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Jas. A. Summers, 1927; Rev. S. H. Hay, 1928; F. H. Stinson, 1929; J. Fred Johnson, 1930; E. W. King, 1931.

2. *Plumtree School for Boys*— J. D. Faucette, Frank Taylor, Sam R. Sells, 1927; E. C. Guy, D. R. Beeson, Rev. T. P. Johnston, 1928; T. B. Vance, W. B. Burleson, Rev. Warner H. DuBose, 1929.

3. *Boone Fork Institute*—Rufus Gwinn, Rev. R. D. Carson, 1927; Sam R. Sells, Rev. C. G. McKaraher, 1928; W. S. Whiting, A. B. Rogan, 1929.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

The following candidates for the ministry are under the care of Holston Presbytery:

Doggett, Marshall W. Jr.	Kingsport, Tenn.
Ellis, Geo. H.	Bristol, Tenn.
Knight, Joe E.	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Miller, T. DeWolfe III	Stony Point, Tenn.
McKinley, Johnson E.	Quentin, Miss.
Rash, Ruel	Plumtree, N. C.
Rowe, John Dixon	Shulls Mills, N. C.
Stucky, Chas. L.	Plumtree, N. C.
Waddell, D. F.	Richmond, Va.
Whitlock, William	Fish Dam, Tenn.
Willis, Henry	Greenfield, Va.
Yelton, John	Shulls Mills, N. C.
Young, Troy	Micaville, N. C.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING LEAGUE

Rev. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman*	Box 98, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, *Treasurer*	Box 548, Bristol, Tenn.

CALLED MEETING

The Presbytery of Holston met in called session in King College, Bristol, Tennessee, September 15th, at 1.30 p. m., and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. K. Keys.

Enrollment

Ministers—T. H. Spence, Jr., T. P. Johnston, D. D., C. G. McKaraher, W. K. Keys, Warner H. DuBose, W. T. Pearman, R. D. Carson, D. D., C. C. Carson, D. D., C. B. Boyles, John Martin, George F. Robertson, D. D., George F. Johnson, T. W. Clapp, S. H. Hay, D. D., McCoy Franklin, J. I. Knight, Tilden Scherer, D. D., Harvey McBath, and W. C. Young.

Elders—E. V. Comerford, Cold Spring; George Sells, Johnson City; R. T. Beaty, Kingsport; F. T. Nance, Morristown; J. E. Nance, Rutledge, and J. L. Gray, Cove Creek.

The following call was read and found in order:

The constitutional requirements having been met, I call a meeting of Holston Presbytery to convene during the meeting of Synod at Bristol, Tennessee, on September 15th.

1. To dissolve the pastoral relations between Rev. John Martin and the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City.
2. To grant Rev. John Martin a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Abingdon.
3. To receive Rev. J. J. Douglass as a member of the Presbytery.
4. To receive any candidates for the ministry who may apply.
5. To transact any further business growing out of the above.

C. G. McKaraher, Moderator.

Rev. John Martin Dismissed

The pastoral relation between Rev. John Martin and the First Church of Johnson City was dissolved, with regret, and the brother granted a certificate of dismission tot he Presbytery of Abingdon.

Synod having granted Holston Presbytery permission to place the matter in the call, Presbytery released Rev. George F. Robertson, D. D., from the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion, and the Rev. T. W. Clapp was made the Chairman of the Committee.

Rev. J. J. Douglass Received

Rev. J. J. Douglass presented a certificate of dismission from Mecklenburg Presbytery, with some testimonials, which were received, and the brother enrolled a member of the Presbytery after the customary examination and the signing of the obligation.

A call from the Mossy Creek Church for the pastoral services of Rev. J. J. Douglass was read, found in order, placed in his hands and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to install Rev. J. J. Douglass, pastor of the Mossy Creek Church, the third Sunday morning of October:

Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., to preside, preach, and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., to charge the pastor; Mr. F. T. Nance to charge the people; Rev. W. C. Young, alternate to either minister.

Courtesy

Rev. M. W. Doggett, D. D., of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Candidates Received

Messrs. Ruel Rash, Charles L. Stucky, and Marshall W. Doggett, Jr., were introduced to the Presbytery, and after presenting the required testimonials from their sessions, and the customary examinations, were received under the care of Presbytery as candidates for the ministry.

Rev. M. W. Doggett led the Presbytery in prayer for the candidates.

After the reading and approval of the minutes, the Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Warner H. DuBose.

C. G. McKaraher, Moderator.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

FALL MEETING

Bluff City, Tenn., October 4, 1926.

The one hundred and seventh stated session of Holston Presbytery met in the Thomas Memorial Presbyterian Church, Bluff City, Tennessee, beginning October 4, 1926, at 7.30 p. m.

The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. C. G. McKaraher, and opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Young.

Enrollment

The following were present— Ministers, D. C. Amick, C. B. Boyles, C. C. Carson, D. D., R. D. Carson, D. D. (2), E. M. Craig, D. D., Warner H. DuBose, J. J. Douglass, S. H. Hay, D. D. (2), G. F. Johnson, T. P. Johnston, D. D., W. K. Keys, J. I. Knight, J. A. Messer, C. G. McKaraher, H. A. McBath, C. F. Newland, W. T. Pearman, George F. Robertson, D. D., Tilden Scherer, D. D. (2), W. C. Young.

Elders—Johnson City First, J. H. Newman; Kingsport First, F. L. Cloud; Meadow Creek, I. L. Ward; Morristown, J. D. Hasson (2); New Bethel, J. A. King; Newport, W. L. Pickard; Thomas Memorial, Joe Thomas; Spruce Pine, H. A. Womack (2); Windsor Avenue, J. C. Henson; Banner Elk, Dr. W. C. Tate (2); Blountville, C. D. Earhart (2); Bristol First, W. K. Carson; Cold Spring, F. S. Thomas; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray.

Organization

The Rev. H. A. McBath was elected Moderator.

Report of Program Committee

The Program Committee offered the following report which was adopted:

PROGRAM

Monday, Oct. 4, 1926

7.30 P. M.	Presbytery opened with Prayer.
	Enrollment.
	Election of Moderator.
	Report of Program Committee.
8.00 P. M	Opening Sermon by Rev. C. G. McKaraher.
	Presbyterial Communion.
	Adjournment.

Tuesday, Oct. 5th

9.00 A. M.	Devotional Exercises by Rev. J. A. Messer.
9.30 A. M.	Business Session.
11.30 A. M.	Presbyterial Sermon by Rev. Geo. F. Johnson.
12.30 P. M.	Recess.
2.00 P. M.	Business Session.
3.00 P. M.	Stewardship Report and Program.
4.00 P. M.	Business Session.
5.00 P. M.	Recess.
7.30 P. M.	Popular meeting in interest of Foreign Missions. Address by Rev. F. M. Eversole, of Korea.
8.30 P. M.	Business Session until Adjournment.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. C. G. McKaraher, from Ezek. 1:26: "And upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man."

Communion Service

Following the opening sermon, the Presbyterial Communion was administered by the Rev. George F. Robertson, D. D., assisted in the distribution of the elements by Elders F. L. Cloud, J. A. King, J. L. Gray and F. S. Thomas.

The Presbytery then adjourned until 9 a. m., after the benediction by Rev. S. A. McGhee, of the M. E. Church, South.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 9 a. m. The Devotional Service was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Messer.

The minutes of the last night's session were read and approved. Elders W. C. Tate, of Banner Elk, and H. A. Womack, of Spruce Pine, and C. B. Earhart, Blountville, appeared and were enrolled.

Standing Committees

The Moderator read the list of Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—C. G. McKaraher, Chairman; C. C. Carson, F. L. Cloud.
2. Leave of Absence—J.I. Knight, Chairman; W. L. Pickard, I. L. Ward.

3. Minutes of Presbytery—W. T. Pearman, Chairman; J. C. Henson.
4. Minutes of Assembly—W. C. Young, Chairman; Joe Thomas.
5. Nominations—D. C. Amick, Chairman; T. P. Johnston, J. H. Newman.
6. Resolutions—W. H. DuBose, Chairman; J. A. King.
7. Judicial—E. M. Craig, Chairman; C. B. Boyles, J. L. Gray.

The minutes of a called meeting, during the meeting of Synod, were read for the information of Presbytery.

Communications

A communication from Miss Howell Doggett, writing for her father, Rev. J. P. Doggett, expressing gratitude for a letter of sympathy from the Presbytery, through the Stated Clerk, was read and received as information.

A communication from Rev. C. R. Lacy, Stated Clerk of the Synod of Appalachia, was read and referred to the Committee on Stewardship.

A communication from Rev. W. S. Campbell, D. D., Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, was read and referred to the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion.

A communication from the *Presbyterian of the South* was referred to the Committee on Stewardship.

A communication from the Executive Committee of Home Missions was referred to the Committee on Assembly Home Missions.

A communication from Rev. J. D. Leslie, D. D., of the Assembly's Bureau of Vacancy and Supply, was read and referred to the Presbytery's Committee on Vacancy and Supply.

A communication from the Historical Society of Texas was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. C. B. Boyles, G. F. Johnson and Elder W. C. Tate.

A communication from the *Christian Observer* was referred to the Stewardship Committee.

A communication from the Executive Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was referred to the Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

A report from the Commissioners to the General Assembly in Pensacola, Florida, was read and received as information, the Commissioners commended for their diligence, and discharged.

Resolutions of Sympathy

The following resolutions of sympathy for Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., and J. P. Doggett, D. D., and their families, were read and adopted by a rising vote, and Presbytery led in a special prayer for the bereaved by Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D.:

The Presbytery has heard with pleasure the letter from Miss Howell Doggett, in appreciation of the letter written to her father by the Stated Clerk, instructed by the Presbytery at its last stated meeting. Since this time Brother Doggett has been bereaved of a beloved daughter; and the Presbytery wishes to express sympathy with him and his family in this sorrow, and we commend them to that grace which has ever proved sufficient for them.

We record our deep appreciation of the faithful service of Brother Doggett, and pray that he may be constantly comforted by the promises all of which are "yea" and "amen in Christ Jesus."

The Presbytery of Holston feels deeply its sympathy for our beloved brother R. D. Carson, D. D., and his family in the removal from her earthly home of Jean, the second daughter, a bright sweet girl of 14 years, after a brief illness. We commend this brother and his family to the God of all grace and pray that they may be sustained and comforted as God through Christ and His Holy Spirit alone can sustain and comfort.

Courtesy

Rev. J. J. Fix, D. D., and the Rev. D. M. McIver, of Abingdon Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following brethren were nominated as Commissioners to the General Assembly:

Principals—Ministers.	Alternates—Ministers.
Rev. Gilbert Glass, D. D.	Rev. McCoy Franklin.
Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D.	Rev. J. A. Messer.
Principals—Elders.	**Alternates—Elders.**
J. J. Thomas, Bluff City.	J. D. Faucett, First Bristol.
H. A. Womack, Spruce Pine.	E. B. Comerford, Cold Spring.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. George F. Johnson, on "Stewardship," from Rom. 14:12—"Every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Address by Dr. Fix

Rev. J. J. Fix, D. D., of the Presbytery of Abingdon, was given the floor and explained the Presbyterian League proposed for the young people.

Home Mission Chairman

Mr. J. D. Faucett was elected Chairman of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, and the Home Mission Committee empowered to elect their chairman in case Mr. Faucett should not be able to accept the chairmanship.

Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., and Elder J. H. Newman were appointed members of the Home Mission Committee, for this day, to insure a quorum.

Rev. J. J. Fix, D. D., was given the thanks of Presbytery for his address on the Presbyterian League, and the address referred to the Committee on Religious Education.

The Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved

The Rev. C. F. Newland asked Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Blountville Church and himself, that he might take a post-graduate course in Louisville Seminary. After hearing from the church, Presbytery dissolved the relationship.

The Rev. J. W. Roseborough, Jr., requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Spruce Pine Church and himself, on account of his ill health. After hearing

from the church, Presbytery dissolved the relationship and authorized the Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief to apply to the Executive Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief for such relief for Mr. Roseborough as may be needed. The Presbytery was led in prayer for Mr. Roseborough by Rev. W. K. Keys.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

Presbytery accepted the invitation for the spring meeting of Presbytery, from the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, and fixed the hour of the opening as 4.30 p. m., Eastern time, April 18, 1927.

Report of Committee on Nominations

The Committee on Nominations made a report which was adopted, and is printed in the front of the minutes under the head of "Organization."

The Rev. Wm. Evans, D. D., of Los Angeles, Calif., will be in Johnson City at the time of the next meeting, and will be asked to preach the Presbyterial sermon upon a subject of his own choice. His alternate is Dr. C. C. Carson.

Report on Vacancy and Supply

The report of the Committee on Vacancy and Supply was adopted as follows:

At the present time our Presbytery has the following vacancies: The Newland group, the Spruce Pine group, the Blountville group, and the New Providence Church. Earnest effort is being made to supply these fields as soon as possible.

We are trying to make use of the fine services of the Assembly's Committee on Vacancy and Supply as much as possible. A list of our vacant fields is kept in their hands and the names of available ministers are secured from time to time. We would recommend that all vacant churches, both large and small, make the utmost use of the services of the Assembly's Committee on Vacancy and Supply, and also of the same Committee of the Presbytery.

Dr. Craig's Address

Dr. E. M. Craig, Secretary of Synod's work, addressed the Presbytery in the interest of Synod's work. His address was referred to a special committee.

The Committee on the Address of Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., made the following report which was adopted:

Resolved:

1. That Holston Presbytery heartily approves the action of the Synod of Appalachia looking to the preparation of a Study Book of the Synod and Presbyteries with all the beneficences of these bodies.

2. That we request that the officers of our churches seek the coöperation of the Women's Auxiliary with the view of securing orders for this book at 50 cents per copy in paper binding and 75 cents in cloth, hoping that every officer and home may have a copy.

3. That each church notify Rev. E. M. Craig, Bristol, Va., of the number of copies desired, to be paid for when delivered.

Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., appeared and was enrolled.

The Presbytery of Holston approved the formation of a Presbyterial Young People's League and authorized the Chairman of the Committee on Religious Education and Rev. J. J. Fix, D. D., to take the necessary steps to organize such an organization to coördinate and coöperate local Young Peoples Societies.

Rev. C. B. Boyles was substituted for Rev. W. C. Young on the Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Report on Evangelism

The Committee on Evangelism made the following report which was adopted:

During the past summer remarkable evangelistic activity has been manifested in our Presbytery with very gratifying results. We trust that this evangelistic zeal may increase throughout the remainder of the church year. Attention is called to the fact that Synod, in session at King College, ordered a Synod-wide evangelistic campaign for this Synodical year. We recommend—

1. That Hoston Presbytery enter heartily into Synod's program calling for an evangelistic campaign in every church during the year.

2. That every church, large and small, begin immediately to plan for a meeting during the year.

3. That each pastor be strongly urged to hold at least one meeting in the Presbytery, outside his own church, during the year.

4. That special prayer be offered in all our churches for God's blessing upon this campaign as a whole; and that very definite preparation be made in each church for the services in that particular church. Special emphasis should be laid on the great essentials of a real revival—personal work, faith, and prayer.

Reception of Candidate

Mr. G. H. Ellis, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., appeared before the Presbytery, with credentials from his session recommending him to Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. These appearing satisfactory, he was examined as to his religious experience and motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory, and Mr. Ellis was received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, according to the Book of Church Order. A brief charge was delivered to the candidate by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, D. D., and he was recommended to the Committee on Christain Education and Ministerial Relief for aid needed in his study for the ministry. Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., in behalf of Mr. Ellis.

Reception of Licentiate

Mr. J. Leo Hall presented a certificate of licensure from Louisville Presbytery, and was received under the care of Holston Presbytery, and was enrolled as a licentiate.

Popular Meeting on Christian Stewardship

The Committe on Stewardship made a report. Pending its adoption the Presbytery heard from the following: Rev. H. A. McBath, "Promoting Stewardship in the Mission Church;" Rev. W. C. Young, "Promoting Stewardship in the Rural Church;" Rev. T. P. Johnston, D.D., "Promoting Stewardship in the Town Church."

The report was adopted as follows:

Your Committee submits the following report:

We recommend:

1. That the Presbytery accept its apportionment of $55,000.00 for Benevolences as recommended by the Synod.

2. That this amount be apportioned to the churches as follows:

"Askings" of the Churches for Year April 1, 1927—March 31, 1928

Arcadia	$ 300.00
Banner Elk	1,000.00
Bethel	25.00
Blountville	800.00
Blowing Rock	200.00
Bristol First	12,000.00
Brummetts	15.00
Buladean	100.00
Cold Spring	900.00
Cove Creek	150.00
Crossnore	300.00
Ebenezer	25.00
Estatoa	50.00
Forbes	25.00
Grassy Creek	50.00
Harris Memorial	50.00
Hughes	35.00
Jacks Creek	15.00
Johnson City First	12,000.00
Kingsport First	5,000.00
Leesburg	300.00
Micaville	100.00
Meadow Creek	500.00
Mooresburg	150.00
Morristown	9,000.00
Mossy Creek	650.00
Mount Sterling	30.00
New Bethel	200.00
Newdale	100.00
Newland	150.00
Newport	1,000.00
New Providence	1,000.00
Paint Gap	80.00
Paperville	100.00
Pineola	125.00
Plumtree	250.00
Rheatown	250.00
Rogersville	5,000.00

Russellville	250.00
Russ Memorial	50.00
Rutledge	350.00
Salem (Whitesburg)	125.00
Shulls Mills	100.00
Smoky Mountain	25.00
Spruce Pine	500.00
Strawberry Plains	100.00
Thomas Memorial	300.00
Vians Valley	75.00
Weavers	100.00
White Pine	150.00
Windsor Avenue	850.00
Total	$55,000.00

3. That Benevolences be distributed on the following percentage basis:

	Per Cent.
Foreign Missions	25
Assembly's Home Missions	10
Synod's Home Missions	6
Presbytery's Home Missions	34
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	6
Publication and Sunday School Extension	2
American Bible Society	1-2
Assembly's Training School	1-2
Synod's Educational Institutions	12
Orphans' Home	4
Total	100

4. That during the month of November the Biblical teachings of Stewardship be presented to our people through study classes or other methods adapted to the local conditions; and that the stewardship of both life and possessions be emphasized. We heartily recommend the book "Royal Partnership," by M. E. Melvin, for study classes, and the "Larger Stewardship," by C. A. Cook, for parallel reading.

5. That Presbytery endorse "Church Paper Week," Nov. 7-14, and urge pastors to encourage an every family canvass in their respective congregations during that week, to secure new subscribers for our church papers; and that we approve Synod's recommendation that Nov. 14 be known as "Appeal Day," on which day a special collection be taken with a view to having our Synodical paper, "The Appalachian Appeal," sent to every home at 25 cents per year.

6. That the week of February 14 to 20, 1927, be set apart as Loyalty Week, as recommended by the General Assembly, the purpose of which will

be to present loyalty to our Lord as the basis of increased church activity in the field of personal service and gifts; the opportunity for a self-denial offering to be distributed among the budget causes; and that each church be directed to collect and distribute its offering exactly as it does the budget offering, so as to even up and round out the entire budget, leaving the opportunity, however, for any individual to designate his or her offering of self-denial to any particular cause.

7. That the first Sunday of March, 1927, be designated as "pay up" day, instead of the last Sunday in March as recommended by the General Assembly, so that the treasurers of the churches may have ample time to forward all benevolent funds before the end of the church year.

8. That the Every Member Canvass for 1927-1928 be set for March 13, 1927, which is the second Sunday in March, in lieu of the former practice of setting apart the third Sunday of March.

Respectfully submitted,

George F. Johnson, Chairman.
Chas. B. Boyles, Secretary

Educational Institutions

The report of the Committee on Educational Institutions was adopted as follows:

1. We recommend that the Presbytery of Holston heartily endorse the action of the Synod of Appalachia relative to the King College campaign and that we record on our minutes the recommendations in the report of Synod's Committee on Educational Institutions.

[*Clerk's Note*—The minutes were held until Nov. 15th, awaiting this matter, but the copy not having come by that date the minutes were printed. For these recommendations see the Minutes of the Synod of Appalachia, 1926.]

2. That an opportunity now be given to any representatives of our institutions to speak on the subject of Christian Education, as bearing especially on their own work.

Addresses

Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., addressed the Presbytery in reference to the campaign for King College.

Mr. Edgar Tufts addressed the Presbytery in behalf of education for the mountain young people.

Presbytery listened to an address from Mr. J. W. Holcomb in behalf of Grandfather Orphanage.

Rev. W. K. Keys addressed the Presbytery on the subject of "Standardization of the Presbytery Schools."

Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., appeared and was enrolled.

Efficiency Survey Committee

The Presbytery appointed a special Efficiency Survey Committee of five to study carefully the whole Home Mission and Educational Work of the Presbytery and to recommend the best permanent policy to be adopted.

The following were appointed on the Committee: Rev. T. P. Johnston, D.D., Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick, Mr. J. D. Faucett, Mr. F. T. Nance, Mr. Don Beeson.

Resolution of Thanks

The following resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote:

The Presbytery of Holston wishes to record its appreciation of the gracious hospitality of the members of the Thomas Memorial Church and the citizens of Bluff City. Our meeting has been a delightful one, long to be remembered. We heartily congratulate the officers and members of the Thomas Memorial Church on the beautiful and commodious building that they have erected to the glory of God. We pray that God's richest blessings will rest upon the church, and that as years pass by they will see many souls won to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and King.

Assembly's Home Missions

The report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was adopted as follows:

Nothing looms so large in the present task of the Church as the spiritual conquest of America. Large areas of territory are unreached by the gospel. Thousands of communities are practically destitute of religious privileges. Millions of our own kith and kin, in fact the vast majority of our population, are still beyond the pale of the Church, without Christ and without hope. Are we discharging our obligation to those whom God has placed closest to us in the relationships of life?

Nothing takes on such importance in the wide sweep of its far-reaching consequences as the necessity of transforming the national life of our country. It bears the reproach of leading all nations of the world in crime. Its national life can no longer be hidden within its borders. It casts its dark shadow across the horizon of every country of the globe today. Its religious status

stands in the way, as nothing else does, of world evangelization. It provokes the taunt of the heathen, "Physician, heal thyself." A Christianized America would constitue today the strongest argument and present the greatest appeal in the interests of Christianity which could be urged upon the peoples of the earth.

The most potent factor in changing the character of our national life, as well as rescuing the perishing in our own midst, is the Home Mission agency and activity of the Church. The marvelous success of Assembly's Home Missions bears the stamp of the divine approval. The increase in its mission churches and the growth and influence of its missionary institutions would be the pride of the whole Church if the outstanding facts were fully known. No denomination in this country is obtaining better results for its Home Mission investments than our own Church.

The increased demands for assistance and the compelling opportunties at this time when the Executive Committee is crushed by an unusual experience of debt, seems the irony of fate. Or is it the ringing challenge of divine Providence to go "forward" in the face of mountains of difficulty and seas of disaster, threatening not simply its progress but its own spiritual life?

The fixed policy of the Home Mission Committee has always been to conduct its work on a strictly cash basis. Its appropriations are always based on the receipts of the previous year. It had a right to expect the same response as in the past, since its receipts have uniformly exceeded the previous year. The unexpected decrease in receipts came suddenly like a flash of lightning out of a clear sky, resulting in a decline in two years of more than one hundred thousand dollars!

This accounts for our embarrassing debt—for the first time in our experience. It necessitated scaling appropriations, causing great distress in many Home Mission homes, retrenchment in some quarters and the loss of promising prospects in others, at a time when every consideration called for advance.

Our only recourse is pitiful appeal to the Presbytery. Assembly's Home Missions is not a private enterprise nor an Atlanta institution. Its work is the responsibility of the whole Church. Its successes are to the credit and advantage of the denomination. Its failure is loss to the whole Church. Its success in the Kentucky mountains or in the great West is the success of every Presbytery, and should be the pride of the whole Church.

May we not appeal to the Presbytery to pause in the midst of its business, and share with us the distress of the present emergency, and "take it to the Lord in prayer?"

May we not appeal to the Presbytery to accord our work the just proportion of percentage determined and assigned it by the Assembly as representing the relative importance of the cause? The scaling of the percentage of this one cause, making it bear exclusively the burden of the cut, has been the cause of our misfortune. If the Presbytery does not accord our claim generous

consideration, it will mean still further scaling of appropriations next spring, and still greater disaster to the cause of missions and the evangelization of our country.

May the Lord richly bless your meeting and wisely guide your decisions in the interests of the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Carson, Acting Chairman.

Minutes of Presbytery

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Presbytery was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Presbytery find they are in perfect order and would commend the Stated Clerk upon the excellency of his work.

W. T. Pearman, Chairman.

The Rheatown Church was allowed to employ Rev. W. T. Pearman until the spring meeting of Presbytery as stated supply.

Minutes of the Assembly

The report of the Committee on Assembly's Minutes was adopted as follows:

Your committee reports that the only matter calling for the attention of Presbytery that is not provided for by various committees of Presbytery is the report of Committee on Protestant Relief in Europe. In this report it is recommended:

1. That the funds contributed by Southern Presbyterians be used for churches and institutions of the Orthodox Reformed faith.
2. That Reformation Sunday, Oct. 31, 1926, be designated as the day for taking the offering for Protestant Relief in Europe.
3. That the churches of our Assembly be asked to contribute this year the sum of $80,000 to this cause. *Joe J. Thomas, for the Committee.*

The Committee to which the communication from the Presbyterian Historical Society was referred reported, recommending that no action be taken at this time. The report was adopted.

Rev. George F. Robertson D. D., was granted leave to labor outside of the bounds of the Presbytery until the next stated meeting.

The Presbytery took recess until 7.30 p. m.

SECOND DAY — NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 7.30 p. m., with prayer by Rev. W. T. Pearman.

Leave of Absence

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Leave of Absence makes the following report:

Excused after morning session: Dr. E. M. Craig, to meet the Presbytery of Knoxville; Rev. C. G. McKaraher, to visit his sick father; Elder F. L. Cloud. After 4 p. m.: Rev. D. C. Amick, on account of sickness of wife; Rev. J. J. Douglass; Dr. W. C. Tate; Rev. J. A. Messer; Elder W. L. Pickard.

J. I. Knight, Chairman.

Courtesy

Rev. S. M. Eversole, of Asheville Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Foreign Mission Report

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read. Pending its adoption the Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. F. M. Eversole of our Korean Mission. The Presbytery was led in prayer for Foreign Missions by Rev. J. I. Knight.

The report was adopted as follows:

Your Committee begs leave to report:

We are informed by the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions that the Committee and our missionaries in Mexico are in full sympathy with the Mexican government, in its endeavor to enforce its laws against the opposition of the Catholic hierarchy. This is encouraging and means the dawning of a new day for Evangelical Missions in Mexico.

Rev. C. Darby Fulton has accepted the work of Field Secretary of Foreign Missions. Mr. E. D. Grant succeeds Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., as editor of the Foreign Mission section of the *Presbyterian Survey*.

Owing to the lack of sufficient funds to adequately finance the Foreign Mission work, our Executive Committee has been unable to replace vacancies among the workers caused by deaths and resignations, thereby reducing the force from 515 to 506.

We recommend—

First, That we be now led in a special prayer that pastors and people be awakened to a sense of their responsibility for this vast and suffering part of our Kingdom work; that the prayer also be for Rev. C. D. Fulton and Mr. E. D. Grant, as they assume new responsibilities.

Second, That the churches of our Presbytery organize Church Schools of Missions, to study in January the text book on Brazil and the other books recommended for the schools of missions, and that the General Missionary Conference at Montreat be commended to the churches for those who are to lead the mission study classes.

Third, That our Sunday Schools be asked to study and contribute to Korea during the year.

Fourth, That our young people's societies be urged to devote all their Foreign Mission offerings to the support of the special missionaries assigned to the society.

Fifth, That the book "Our Prayer Each Week," of the Executive Committee, be commended to our Sunday Schools and young people's societies for use in their serivces.

Sixth, That our churches arrange, whenever practicable, with the Educational Department for visits of furloughed missionaries to the churches.

Seventh, That the week ending February 5, 1927, be observed by our churches as a Special Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, in accordance with the recommendation of our General Assembly.

Eighth, That Presbytery express by a rising vote its thanks to the following: To our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions for sending Rev. F. M. Eversole to address us; to Rev. F. M. Eversole for his interesting and elightening address; to the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, for their stimulating challenge to the churches of our beloved denomination to pay off the debts of our Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Young, Chairman.

Mrs. Miller's Address

Mrs. C. A. Miller, of the Russellville Church, was introduced to the Presbytery and gave a lecture on the Jews of Jerusalem, illustrated by costumes. The Presbytery expressed its appreciation of the lecture by a rising vote.

Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., on account of a death in his congregation, was granted leave of absence after the afternoon session.

The minutes of the Presbytery were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. K. Keys, to meet in regular session in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson, City, Tenn., April 18, at 4.30 p. m. (Eastern time).

H. A. McBath, Moderator.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.
Thomas P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

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ORGANIZATION

Moderator—The Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., Rogersville, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, D. D., Kingsport, Tennessee.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tennessee.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tennessee.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tennessee.

Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist—The Rev. Walter K. Keys, Bristol, Tennessee.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Mr. J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* The Revs. S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, Warner H. DuBose, E. M. Craig, Geo. F. Johnson; Elders Frank Taylor, *Secretary;* F. L. Cloud, Sam R. Sells, H. E. Harris.

2. *Foreign Missions*—The Revs. W. C. Young, *Chairman;* Chas G. McKaraher; Elders E. H. Moore, R. C. Armstrong.

3. *Assembly's Home Missions*—The Revs. J. J. Douglass, *Chairman;* Chas C. Carson; Elders E. W. King, J. R. Forgery.

4. *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—The Revs. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Tilden Scherer, W. R. Smith, Jr.; Elder J. N. Fisher.

5. *Religious Education*—The Revs. D. C. Amick, *Chairman;* Warner H. DuBose, T. W. Clapp; Elders A. B. Rogan, Jas. A. Brown.

6. *Bible Cause*—The Revs. J. I. Knight, *Chairman;* C. G. McKaraher, Elder Frank Briscoe.

7. *Stewardship*—The Revs. George F. Johnson, *Chairman;* Chas. B. Boyles, *Secretary;* W. C. Young; Elders Arthur King, James Summers.

8. *Sabbath and Family Religion*—The Revs. T. W. Clapp, *Chairman;* J. Leo Hall; Elders J. L. Gray, F. R. DeVault.

9. *Men's Work*—The Revs. Chas. B. Boyles, *Chairman;* Wm. C. Frierson; Elders H. C. Alexander, S. H. Anderson, Arthur King, F. H. Stinson, Dr. E. H. Sloop.

10. *Women's Work*—The Revs. J. I. Knight, *Chairman;* E. M. Craig, Elder George C. Sells.

11. *Educational Institutions*—The Revs. Chas. C. Carson, *Chairman;* Robert Yost, T. H. Spence, Jr.; Elders Chas. Massengill, C. D. Thomas.

12. *Orphans' Home*—The Revs. T. H. Spence, Jr., *Chairman;* John W. Young; Elders Edgar Tufts, J. Fred Johnson.

13. *Evangelism*—The Revs. R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* W. K. Keys, E. M. Craig; Elders J. D. Hanson, J. L. Rogers.

14. *Sessional Records*—The Revs. McCoy Franklin, *Chairman;* J. A. Messer, W. C. Frierson, and four elders appointed at each spring meeting.

15. *Vacancy and Supply*—The Revs. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman;* W. C. Young; Elder H. G. Kyle.

16. *Program*—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, *Chairman*, and the representatives of the church entertaining Presbytery.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1. *Experimental Religion*—The Revs. W. C. Young, Warner H. DuBose, and J. J. Douglass.
2. *Theology*—The Revs. C. C. Carson, R. D. Carson, and S. H. Hay.
3. *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Revs. Thos. P. Johnston, Chas. B. Boyles, and D. C. Amick.
4. *Church History*—The Revs. C. B. Boyles and McCoy Franklin.
5. *Philosophy, Logic and Ethics*—The Revs. Tilden Scherer and Robert Yost.
6. *Natural Science and Secular Subjects*—The Revs. W. K. Keys and T. W. Clapp.
7. *Latin, Greek and Hebrew*—The Revs. C. G. McKaraher and T. P. Johnston.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Boys' School: The Revs. R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* C. C. Carson, Warner H. DuBose, D. C. Amick, *Secretary*; Mr. Sam R. Sells.

To Confer with Trustees of Boone Fork Institute: Mr. Geo. C. Sells, *Chairman*, Rev. Walter K. Keys, Elder J. L. Gray.

TRUSTEES

1. *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. S. H. Hay, 1928; F. H. Stinson, 1929; J. Fred Johnson, 1930; E. W. King, 1931; Jas. A. Summers, 1932.
2. *Plumtree School for Boys*—E. B. Ward, D. R. Beeson, Rev. T. P. Johnston, 1928; T. B. Vance, Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., Rev. Warner H. DuBose, 1929; Frank Taylor, Geo. C. Sells, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1930.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

The following candidates for the ministry are under the care of Holston Presbytery:

Doggett, Marshall W. Jr.	Kingsport, Tenn.
Ellis, Geo. H.	Bristol, Tenn.
Knight, Joe E.	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Kernan, Chas. W.	Plumtree, N. C.
Miller, T. DeWolfe III	Stony Point, Tenn.
McKinley, Johnson E.	Quentin, Miss.
Rash, Ruel	Plumtree, N. C.
Rowe, John Dixon	Shulls Mills, N. C.
Stucky, Chas. L.	Plumtree, N. C.
Waddell, D. F.	Richmond, Va.
Whitlock, William	Fish Dam, Tenn.
Willis, Henry	Greenfield, Va.
Yelton, John	Shulls Mills, N. C.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING LEAGUE

Rev. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman* ..... Box 98, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, *Treasurer* ..... Box 548, Bristol, Tenn.

CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the moderator, the Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian Church at Johnson City, Tenn., at 1.00 p. m., Feb. 8, 1927, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Warner H. DuBose.

Enrollment

Ministers: H. A. McBath, Warner H. DuBose, T. W. Clapp, D. C. Amick, S. H. Hay, Jno. W. Young, C. B. Boyles, E. M. Craig, Chas. C. Carson, J. I. Knight, Walter K. Keys, and Thos. P. Johnston. Elders: J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; J. H. Newman, Johnson City; F. L. Burleson, Plumtree.

The following call was read and found in order:

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1927, at 1.00 p. m. (E. T.) to transact the following business:

1. To receive the Rev. W. R. Smith into the Presbytery.
2. To arrange for his installation as pastor of the Spruce Pine Church.
3. To hear a report of the Trustees of the Plumtree School.
4. To consider certain changes in the percentages of benevolences for the coming year, that if possible we may place our educational institutions on Presbytery's budget.
5. To transact any other business growing out of the above.

H. A. McBath, Moderator.

Rev. W. R. Smith Received

The Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Roanoke, which was received. After the customary examinations and the signing of the obligation, Mr. Smith was enrolled.

A call from the church at Spruce Pine, N.C., for the pastoral services of Mr. Smith was read, found in order, placed in Mr. Smith's hands and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Smith at Spruce Pine: The Rev. W. K. Keys to preside, propound the constitutional questions, and charge the people; the Rev. T. W. Clapp to preach; the Rev. H. A. McBath to charge the pastor; Elders Lester Cox and H. A. Womack to complete the commission. The time of installation was left to the commission.

Courtesy

The Rev. R. C. Long, of King's Mountain Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Plumtree School

Presbytery authorized the Plumtree authorities to continue the work of the school at Plumtree in temporary quarters for the remainder of the present school year.

Presbytery instructed the Plumtree authorities to solicit no gifts for permanent buildings or endowment except as subject to the action of the Presbytery in its regular spring meeting.

Presbytery accepted the resignation of Mr. Sam R. Sells as a trustee of the Plumtree School.

Schedule of Percentages for Benevolences

Presbytery rescinded the former Schedule of Percentages for Benevolences and adopted the following schedule for the church year beginning April 1, 1927:

Percentages 1927-1928

	Per Cent.
Foreign Missions	24.2
Assembly's Home Missions	11.88
Synod's Home Missions	6.
Presbytery's Home Missions	28.
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	5.5
S. S. Extension and Publication	1.54
Bible Cause	.44
Assembly's Training School	.44
Synod's Educational Institutions	12.
Presbytery's Educational Institutions	6.
Orphans' Home	4.

The minutes were read and approved, and the meeting closed with prayer by Dr. Chas. C. Carson.

H. A. McBath, Moderator.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Holston met in the Newport Church, Newport, Tenn., on Tuesday, March 15, 1927, at 1 p. m. There were present: Ministers—W. B. Doyle, J. A. Messer, W. T. Pearman and D. C. Amick. Elders—W. L. Pickard, Newport, and Robert Rupert, Meadow Creek. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Rev. W. B. Doyle, the only ex-moderator present, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The call for the meeting was read and found in order, and is as follows:

> The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery in the Presbyterian Church of Newport, Tenn., at 1.00 p. m., March 15, 1927, to transact the following business if the way be clear:
>
> 1. To dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. W. T. Pearman and the Meadow Creek Church.
> 2. To dismiss Brother Pearman to Augusta Presbytery.
> 3. To complete any business growing out of the above.
>
> *H. A. McBath, Moderator.*

The Rev. W. T. Pearman offered his resignation as pastor of the Meadow Creek Church and asked that the pastoral relationship between him and the Meadow Creek Church be dissolved to be effective March 31, 1927. The church was represented by Elder Robert Rupert, who reported that the church concurred with Rev. W. T. Pearman's request. The pastoral relation was dissolved and brother Pearman was granted a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of Augusta.

The minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. W. T. Pearman.

W. B. Doyle, Moderator.
D. C. Amick, Acting Clerk.

SPRING MEETING

Johnson City, Tenn., April 18, 1927.

The one hundred and eighth session of Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, beginning April 18, 1927, at 4.30 p. m., Eastern time.

The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Harvey A. McBath, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Gilbert Glass, D. D.

Enrollment

The following were present—*Ministers*: The Revs. D. C. Amick, C. B. Boyles, C. C. Carson, D. D., R. D. Carson, D. D., T. W. Clapp, E. M. Craig, D. D., Warner H. DuBose, J. J. Douglass (2), McCoy Franklin, Wm. C. Frierson, Gilbert Glass, D. D., S. H. Hay, D. D., J. P. Hall (2), J. Leo Hall (2), Geo. F. Johnson, Thos. P. Johnston, D. D., W. K. Keys, J. I. Knight, J. A. Messer, C. G. McKaraher, H. A. McBath, Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., Tilden Scherer, D. D. (2), W. R. Smith Jr., Jno. W. Young, W. C. Young, Robert Yost, D. D. (2). *Ruling Elders:* Banner Elk, F. H. Stinson; Bristol First, E. M. Kaylor; Cold Spring, C. D. Thomas; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Crossnore, E. H. Sloop; Johnson City First, W. B. Harrison; Kingsport First, A. N. Dryden (2); Leesburg, F. R. DeVault (2); Micaville, Troy Young; Mossy Creek, J. R. Moser; New Bethel, D. A. Gross; Newport, W. L. Pickard (2); New Providence, S. P. Miller; Providence, C. B. Carson; Plumtree, F. L. Burleson; Rheatown, Nic. P. Earnest; Rogersville, H. G. Kyle; Rutledge, J. E. Nance; Straw Plains, A. C. Powell (2); Thomas Memorial, Joe J. Thomas; Weaver, Sam Peavler; Windsor Avenue, Jas. A. Brown.

Organization

The Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., was elected moderator The Rev. C. McCoy Franklin was elected reading clerk.

Courtesy

The Rev. Wm. C. Frierson, of Guerrant Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Report of the Program Committee

The Program Committee offered the following report, which was adopted:

PROGRAM
(Eastern Time)

MONDAY, APRIL 18

4.30 P. M.	Presbytery opened with prayer. Enrollment of representatives. Election of Moderator and Reading Clerk. Announcements. Recess.
8.00 P. M.	Opening Sermon.....Rev. H. A. McBath Presbyterial Communion .....Rev. Gilbert Glass, D. D.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

9.00 A. M.	Devotional Service.....Rev. D. C. Amick
9.30 A. M.	Business Session.
11.00 A. M.	Presbyterial Sermon .....The Rev. Chas. C. Carson, D. D.
11.45 A. M.	Business Session.
12.30 P. M.	Recess. Dinner at Church.
1.30 P. M.	Recess—Committees meet at this hour.
3.00 P. M.	Report of Special Committee on Survey of Educational Institutions. T. P. Johnston, Chairman.
4.00 P. M.	Business.
8.00 P. M.	Popular meeting in interest of Presbytery's Home Missions—Mr. J. D. Faucette, presiding.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

9.00 A. M.	Devotional Service.....Rev. Geo. F. Johnson
9.30 A. M.	Business Session.
12.30 P. M.	Dinner at Church.
1.30 P. M.	Business. Adjournment.

Reception of the Rev. W. C. Frierson

The Rev. Wm. C. Frierson presented a certificate of dismission from Guerrant Presbytery, and, after the customary

examination and the signing of the customary obligation, was enrolled a member of the Presbytery.

The call of the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, for the services of Rev. Wm. C. Frierson, as associate pastor, was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

The following commission was appointed to install Rev. Wm. C. Frierson, associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, at a time to be fixed by the commission:

Rev. Robt. Yost, D. D., to preside and preach the sermon; Rev. D. C. Amick and Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., to deliver the charges, as they decide; Rev. Warner H. DuBose, alternate. Elder E. M. Kaylor, with Elder Frank Taylor, alternate. Time to be agreed upon by the commission.

It was made the first order of the day, April 20, to ordain Rev. J. Leo Hall.

After prayer by Rev. Wm. C. Frierson, Presbytery took recess until 8 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 8 p. m.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. H. A. McBath, from Exodus 3:3, "I will turn aside and see this great sight, why this bush is not consumed."

Communion Service

Following the opening sermon the Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. Gilbert Glass, D. D., assisted in the distribution of the elements by Elders C. B. Carson, J. L. Gray, N. P. Earnest, James A. Brown, Charles Thomas, Judge Hugh Kyle, Milton Kaylor, and W. B. Harrison.

Presbytery then adjourned until 9 a. m., after the benediction by the Rev. Gilbert Glass, D. D.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 9 a. m. The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. J. Leo Hall, who spoke from the text, I Cor. 2:2, "For I determined to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The minutes of a called meeting, held in Johnson City, Tenn., at 1 p. m., Feb. 8, 1927, were read for the information of the Presbytery.

The minutes of a called meeting, held in Newport, Tenn., Mar. 15, 1927, at 1 p. m., were read for the information of the Presbytery.

Standing Committees

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures: Rev. H. A. McBath, Chairman; E. M. Kaylor, E. H. Sloop.
2. Leave of Absence: Rev. C. B. Boyles, Chairman; C. B. Carson, F. L. Burleson.
3. Auditing: Nic P. Earnest, Chairman; S. P. Miller, D. A. Gross.
4. Minutes of Presbytery: Rev. E. M. Craig, Chairman; Rev. T. W. Clapp.
5. Minutes of Synod: Rev. J. J. Douglas, Chairman; Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr.
6. Nominations: Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman; Rev. J. I. Knight, Rev. T. P. Johnston.
7. Pastors' Salaries: Rev. G. F. Johnson, Chairman; Rev. J. W. Young, Rev. Gilbert Glass.
8. Resolutions: Rev. C. C. Carson, Chairman; Rev. J. A. Messer.
9. Judicial: Rev. G. F. Robertson, Chairman; Judge H. G. Kyle, Rev. Tilden Scherer.
10. Elders to assist in examining sessional records: J. L. Gray, J. J. Thomas, J. E. Nance, Jas. A. Brown.

The following persons were excused for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery: Revs. C. McCoy Franklin, Gilbert Glass, D. D., John W. Young, and Robert Yost, D. D.

The roll of the churches was called and the elders requested to bring forward their session minutes.

Report of Central Treasurer

The annual report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences for the Presbytery was read and adopted. His accounts were referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of Presbytery's Treasurer of Benevolences for Year Ending March 31, 1927

RECEIPTS

Churches	Congregation	S.S.	W. Aux.	C.E.S.	Men's Clb	Totals
Arcadia	$ 224.00				$	224.00
Banner Elk	666.79		$ 338.00			004.79
Bethel	15.25					15.25
Blountville	325.39		536.00			861.39
Blowing Rock	308.34	44.36				352.70
Bristol First	7,139.02	362.40	1,268.25		200.00	9,369.75
Brummetts	4.00					4.00
Bulsdean	39.00	26.25				65.25
Cold Spring	427.42	90.00	98.00			615.42
Concord	8.51					8.51
Cove Creek	246.26	66.41				312.67
Crossnore		54.89	83.00			137.89
Ebenezer	34.63		2.50			37.13
Grassy Creek	4.50					4.50
Hughes	8.00					8.00
Harris Memorial	20.00					20.00
Johnson City First	6,368.36	99.26	937.00			7,405.26
Kingsport First	1,321.39	553.61	625.00			2,500.00
Leesburg	170.00	4.00		5.00		179.00
Micaville	90.16					90.16
Meadow Creek	45.00					45.00
Mountsburg	30.00	17.12	52.53			99.65
Morristown	479.65					479.65
Mossy Creek	50.00					50.00
Mt. Sterling	5.00					5.00
New Bethel	104.21					104.21
Newdale	10.62					10.62
Newland	11.38	30.33	30.00			75.71
Newport	463.95	82.65	306.35			852.95
Point Gap	49.80	21.31				71.11
Paperville	11.62					11.62
Pleasant	23.00					23.00
Plumtree	97.05	14.39				111.44
Rogersville	2,700.00	139.21	67.50			2,907.71
Russellville	46.00	11.50	52.00			109.50
Ross Memorial	22.00	6.00				28.00
Rutledge	300.00					300.00
Salem (Whitesburg)	20.00					20.00
Shells Mills	30.00					30.00
Smoky Mountain	7.00					7.00
Spruce Pine	339.55	166.16				506.71
Strawberry Plains	11.50					11.50
Thomas Memorial	50.50					50.50
Vlass Valley	7.85					7.85
White Pine	20.00		23.00			43.00
Windsor Avenue	346.41	104.31	380.57	30.00		831.17
Totals from Pres.	$22,499.33	$3,343.14	$4,880.65	$35.00	$200.00	$29,948.98

Miscellaneous

On deficits of Assembly's Executive Committees from outside the bounds of Presbytery	$ 106.00	
Women's Home Mission Society, Franklin St. Church	600.00	
Contingent Fee, Woman's Auxiliary, Newport Church	10.00	716.00
		$29,880.98

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions		
To Edwin F. Willis, Treasurer	$7,737.28	
Kellersberger Fund	440.00	$8,177.28
Assembly's Home Missions		
To A. N. Sharp, Treasurer	2,598.57	
W. Aux. Birthday offering	52.95	2,651.52
Synod's Home Missions		1,453.02
Presbytery's Home Missions		
To Frank Taylor, Treasurer	9,206.37	
Special to Grace Hospital	10.00	9,216.37
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		
To John Stites, Treasurer	1,632.44	
Special for student at L. M. I.	35.00	1,667.44
Publication and Sabbath School Extension		760.62
American Bible Society		128.50
Educational Institutions		
To J. N. Fisher, Treasurer	2,714.04	
Assembly Training School	120.56	
Campaign Committee, S. & C.	180.00	3,014.60
Orphans' Home (Grandfather)		2,047.79
		$29,117.14

Miscellaneous

Church of the Pilgrims	$104.25		
Tenn. State C. E. Work	15.00		
Protestant Relief in Europe	57.76		
Lord's Day Alliance	11.94		
Near East Relief	28.35		
Highland School Building	2.50	$221.80	
Woman's Auxiliary Contingent Fee		10.00	231.80
			$29,348.94
Balance carried forward			532.04
			$29,880.98

CHAS. B. BOYLES, Treasurer.

Church and Manse Building League

The report of the Treasurer of the Church and Manse Building League was read and adopted. The accounts were referred to the Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's Report, Church and Manse Building League

Balance on hand at spring meeting of Presbytery, 1926		$ 519.50
Receipts since spring meeting of Presbytery, 1926		717.15
		$1,236.65
Disbursed:		
Office Expense	$ 4.65	
Harris Memorial Church Building	886.71	891.36
Balance in Bank		$345.29

Chas. B. Boyles, Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

The report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery was read and adopted. His accounts were referred to the Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's Report (April 10, 1926—April 15, 1927)

Receipts			
Brought forward		$ 220.05	
Church assessments		1,138.40	$1,358.45
Disbursements			
Salaries:			
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk and Treasurer	$150.00		
C. B. Boyles, Central Treasurer	300.00		
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	20.00	$ 470.00	
Stated Clerk's Office Expense:			
Printing and mailing Minutes	140.80		
Printing Manuals	42.18		
Sessional report blanks	28.60		
Programs	3.75		
Postage and envelopes	9.25	224.58	
Central Treasurer's Office Expense:			
Bonding Fee	12.50		
Report blanks	8.50		
Postage	9.00		
File	.50	30.50	
Miscellaneous:			
Synod's Assessment	115.16		
Expenses Survey Committee	36.65	151.81	
Total disbursements		$876.89	
Balance in bank April 15		481.56	$1,358.45

Recommendations:

1. That the Presbytery urge all churches to pay their Presbyterial assessments promptly and fully. In this way the rate can be kept low.
2. That the rate of assessment for 1928 be 20c per member as listed in the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. P. Johnston, Treasurer.

Communications

An invitation from the Union Theological Seminary, to attend the inauguration of Rev. B. R. Lacy, Jr., D. D., as President of the Seminary, was read and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Rev. C. F. Newland was granted a certificate of dismission to Transylvania Presbytery.

A communication from Montreat Normal School was read and referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions.

A communication from Rev. J. D. Gardner, relative to a certificate of dismission, was read and referred to the Stated Clerk, to answer.

Installations

The report of the commission to install Rev. J. J. Douglass as pastor of Mossy Creek Church was read, adopted, and the commission discharged.

The commission appointed by Presbytery in September last to install Rev. J. J. Douglass as pastor of the Mossy Creek Church, met at 10.30 a. m. Oct. 17, 1926, and was opened with prayer. Present, R. D. Carson, D. D., and Elder F. T. Nance. Rev. J. J. Douglass was formally installed as pastor of the Mossy Creek Church. Dr. R. D. Carson presided, preached the sermon, propounded the questions and delivered the charge to the pastor. In the absence of Dr. Young, the charge to the congregation was delivered by F. T. Nance. After the reading and approval of the minutes the meeting adjourned with prayer.

F. T. Nance, Secretary.

The report of the commission to install Rev. W. R. Smith pastor of Spruce Pine Church was read, adopted, and the commission discharged.

On Sunday, March 13, 1927, the Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., was installed as pastor of the Spruce Pine Presbyterian Church by a commission of Holston Presbytery consisting of the following members: Revs. T. W. Clapp, H. A.

McBath, and Walter K. Keys, and Ruling Elders Dexter Cox and H. A. Womack. The commission was called to order with prayer and organized as follows: Rev. Walter K. Keys to preside and Elder Womack to act as clerk. The installation sermon was preached by the Rev. T. W. Clapp based on the text, "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." The charge to the pastor was made by Rev. H. A. McBath and that to the people by Rev. Walter K. Keys. A response on behalf of the people was made by Elder H. A. Womack. The meeting adjourned with prayer.

H. A. Womack, Clerk.

Ordination of Rev. J. Leo Hall

Rev. J. Leo Hall, a licentiate, appeared for ordination. Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., and Rev. Walter K. Keys addressed the Presbytery, speaking of the strong spiritual influence of Mr. Hall upon the student body of King College. The customary examinations were made and sustained as satisfactory.

The call of the First Presbyterian Church for the services of Rev. J. Leo Hall, as assistant pastor of the church, was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

Presbytery heartily commended the sermon of Mr. Hall, delivered during the devotional service, as being eminently spiritual, and accepted it as satisfactory part of the ordination.

Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Rev. J. Leo Hall, Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., presiding and propounding the constitutional questions, and Rev. Chas. C. Carson, D. D., offering the ordination prayer.

Mrs. Robert Louise Hall and Miss Anna Louise Hall, the mother and sister of Rev. J. Leo Hall, were introduced to the Presbytery.

The following commission was appointed to install Rev. Leo Hall assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol. Dr. Robert Yost, Dr. Tilden Scherer, Rev. Walter Keys, and Elder J. D. Faucette, with Dr. E. M. Craig alternate to either minister and Elder E. M. Kaylor alternate to Mr. Faucette. The time of installation and the special duties to be arranged by the commission.

Reception of Candidate

Mr. C. W. Kernan appeared before the Presbytery, with credentials from the session of the Plumtree Church, and, after

the customary examination, was received under the care of the Presbytery, as a candidate for the ministry. Presbytery was led in prayer in behalf of Mr. Kernan by the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., who also delivered the charge to Mr. Kernan.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., from Matt. 28:6, "He is risen, as He said."

Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following brethren were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly: Principals—Ministers, Rev. Gilbert Glass, D. D., Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D. Principals—Elders, J. J. Thomas, Thomas Memorial; H. A. Womack, Spruce Pine. Alternates—Ministers, Rev. C. McCoy Franklin, Rev. J. A. Messer. Alternates—Elders, J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; E. B. Comerford, Cold Spring.

Fall Meeting

Presbytery accepted the invitation of Crossnore Church for the fall meeting of Presbytery. The time, Oct. 3, 7:30 p. m.

After prayer by Rev. Gilbert Glass, D. D., the Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m.

Report of Survey Committee

The Efficiency Survey Committee's report was read, and the Presbytery was then led in special prayers for divine guidance, in the consideration of the report, by Rev. W. C. Young and Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D. The report was received, the recommendations considered seriatim and adopted, as amended, and the report as a whole adopted, and the committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Efficiency Survey of Educational Institutions

Since the appointment of this committee at the last meeting of the Presbytery, one of our members, Ruling Elder F. T. Nance, of Morristown, has been called by death. With thankful acknowledgement of his Christian usefulness, we bow in humble submission to the divine providence which has called this faithful servant of God to his eternal reward. Of the four remaining members, three visited the schools of the Presbytery on March 31 and April 1, last. It is our understanding that we were to inquire into:

1. Accessibility;
2. Property values of each school;
3. Outstanding obligations against the school;
4. Relation of the school to the Presbytery;
5. Its service as a school.

Then, having considered all of the facts, to make recommendations. With this understanding, we submit the following report:

Boone Fork Institute

1. Boone Fork Institute is situated at Shull's Mills, N. C., on almost impassable mud roads.

2. Your committee interviewed the Rev. Charles G. McKaraher, President, and Mrs. McKaraher. This property originally consisted of a tract of 87 acres, more or less; but fifteen months ago a part of the original land containing a dwelling house was sold to Mrs. McKaraher for $5,000. The remaining tract of about 26 acres (according to Mr. McKaraher) contains the grist mill and school in one building and the dormitory in a second building. The property is well kept and in good condition. This property is valued by Mr. McKaraher at $20,000, but your committee considers $15,000 a conservative estimate of its value. There is no endowment.

3. Against this are notes and accounts amounting to $1,085. This does not include a sum of $900 borrowed from Mr. Sam R. Sells, which Mr. McKaraher considers an obligation of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery.

4. The deed to this property is in the name of the trustees of the Shull's Mills Presbyterian Church, the same being at present Messrs. C. G. McKaraher, W. S. Whiting and Rufus Gwinn. Presbytery appoints three additional trustees to assist in control of the school. The Presbytery has no legal title rights in it at all. Since 1921 the Presbytery has put into this school thru its Home Mission Committee a little more than $8,200. About $3,800 of this was for the purchase of the property and erection of buildings; the remainder was for teachers' salaries and support. It discontinued its appropriations after 1925.

5. This school had one teacher, viz., Mrs. McKaraher, serving without pay, and sixteen students last year. There were nine students on March 31. The boys appeared to be bright and well-mannered. Mr. McKaraher serves as pastor of the local church, which reports 20 resident members.

Lees-McCrae Institute

1. Lees-McCrae Institute is situated at Banner Elk, N. C., on a state maintained highway which is to be hard-surfaced this year.

2. Your committee interviewed Mr. Edgar Tufts, Superintendent. This school is a department of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, which holding corporation also owns the Grace Hospital and the Grandfather Orphange. The entire property consists of a tract of about 800 acres, with the buildings of these three departments upon it, and may be valued at about $250,000. The school proper has seven buildings, three of which are fireproof, of native stone construction, and, with the hospital, is located upon three hundred acres of the above tract. The school has an endowment of $87,212.

3. There are no outstanding obligations against this property. Sufficient funds are in hand to meet current obligations.

4. The school is owned by and is under the control of the trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, who are appointed jointly by the Presbyteries of Concord and Holston. Therefore, one-half interest in this property belongs to Holston Presbytery. The Presbytery has not given any direct support to the school. The Assembly's Home Mission Committee has given $1,200 a year, which heretofore has gone thru the Presbytery. This school will share in the 6 per cent of the benevolence fund assigned to educational institutions for this year.

5. This school in the past 28 years has sent out more than 2,000 girls; its enrollment the past year was 202. There were nearly 200 girls at the school when your committee visited it. Its effect upon the community has been to strengthen the influence of the Presbyterian church in that section. It has an able faculty and prospects for abundant future usefulness.

Plumtree School for Boys

1. Plumtree School for Boys is located at Plumtree, N. C., just off the state maintained highway. Your committee interviewed Mr. Clapp, Superintendent, and Dr. Burleson, Treasurer.

2. This school consists of the following pieces of property:

(*a*) A tract of ground of 30 acres, upon which is a frame dining room and two small frame shacks. These buildings are in poor condition. A frame cottage is under construction for the principal, but is practically finished. The main school building was recently burned. These buildings are worth perhaps, $2,000. This tract is valued at $3,000.

(*b*) A tract of ground known as the Oak Knob tract, of 800 acres, valued at about $15 an acre.

(*c*) A farm of 80 acres, located about two miles above the school on the highway, valued at about $100 an acre.

(*d*) A tract of 40 acres adjoining the school tract, of very low value, possible $10 an acre. The school has also notes due from Mr. J. P. Hall, amounting to $2,000, and an endowment of $15,500.

3. There are outstanding obligations in notes amounting to $2,025 against this property.

4. This property is owned by a board of trustees appointed by the Presbytery of Holston. The Presbytery has never given regular support to this school, but should this school be continued it would share in the 6 per cent designated for educational institutions this year.

5. This school has sent out several hundred boys, about 12 or 14 of whom are Presbyterian ministers. Its enrollment the past year was about 75, but since the burning of the building most of these boys had left, and there were about 30 when your committee visited this school. They were not well kept in appearance, but several of them appeared to have splendid possibilities. The community is not strongly Presbyterian, and our church seems to have made little progress among the Plumtree people. Mr. Clapp has served faithfully as a minister and teacher, and deserves the highest commendation for his work.

Recommendations

Viewing the whole situation as impartially as we can, it is the opinion of your committee that the Presbytery has been very unbusiness-like in its dealings with its educational institutions. By allowing three such institutions, it has made divided appeals necessary. It has accepted the oversight of an institution which it did not own. It has also accepted the ownership of an institution which it did not support.

We believe that if the Presbytery is to continue its educational work along useful and efficient lines, it must centralize its work and give a more earnest support to this work. We recommend:

First, That the Presbytery commend the efficient and satisfactory management and work of the Lees-McCrae Institute, and that this institute be commended to the liberality and prayerful support of our people.

Second, We recommend that the Presbytery instruct the Trustees of Plumtree School for boys to liquidate the assets of the school as promptly as is practical, and to hold these resources subject to the order of the Presbytery.

Third, We recommend that the Presbytery discontinue its claim to the supervision of the Boone Fork Institute, but take steps to secure the financial interest it has put into the school property, should this property be disposed of.

Fourth, We recommend that the Presbytery continue its present policy of giving 6 per cent of its benevolence funds to its educational institutions, with the possibility of increasing this amount as opportunity affords.

Fifth, We recommend that the Presbytery take steps to establish a school for boys at the time and place and under the name and management which may seem most practical and advisable. We recommend that a committee be appointed to consider this whole matter and report back to Presbytery at a regular or called meeting.

Sixth, Finally, we recommend that with the adoption or rejection of this report your present committee be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. Awick.
D. R. Beeson.
J. D. Faucette.
Thos. P. Johnston.

The nomination of a new committee, on a School for Boys, was referred to the Nominating Committee.

The Stated Clerk was requested to furnish the church papers an item concerning Presbytery's educational institutions.

Pastors' Salaries

The report of the Committee on Pastors' Salaries was adopted as follows:

The reports from churches regarding the payment of pastors' salaries is encouraging. Thirty-seven churches made reports. Of this number seven reported unpaid balances for the year just closed amounting to $330.79. Four churches reported balances due the pastor for previous years amounting to $582.28. With the exception of eight churches, the thirty-seven churches closed their books for the year with pastors' salaries paid in full.

Your committee recommends that the matter of collection or settlement be referred to the Home Mission Committee for such action as may seem wise to them, in conference with the pastors' involved.

George F. Johnson, Chairman.

The roll of the Presbytery was called, and reports made by the ministers concerning the filling of evangelistic appointments for last year, and willingness to serve in the coming year.

Rev. George F. Robertson, D. D., was granted leave to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery until next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery granted Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., the privilege of speaking about the Synod's Home Mission Book following the popular meeting of the Home Mission Committee tonight.

Assembly's Home Missions

The report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Assembly's Home Missions is glad to report a slightly improved financial situation over last year. The total receipts for the year were $571,818.65, a gain of $29,673 over the income from the same sources in 1926, but $5,013 less than the total income for 1925.

By a severe reduction in appropriations to the Presbyteries and missions and postponing all building operations, all obligations for the year were paid and the bank debt was reduced from $86,500 to $60,521.

The committee would emphasize again the far-reaching and many-sided work of the Assembly's Home Missions. This committee is aiding, either directly or in coöperation with the Presbyteries and Synods, in the support of 757 workers—evangelists, teachers, physicians, nurses and Bible women. This army of home missionaries is conducting 855 mission enterprises—churches, schools, missions, hospitals, dispensaries, with 387 outstations and unorganized preaching points in the mountains, among the negroes, the immigrants, the Indians, the Mexicans, the Jews, and the unchurched millions in crowded cities and in lonely country places.

It is impossible to determine the number of people touched directly or indirectly by the Assembly's Home Mission enterprises. When it is realized, however, that the work is conducted in nearly 1,241 communities, and nearly one-fourth of the churches of the Assembly are aided by Assembly's Home Mission funds; that every pupil in a mission school means a contact with a family, and the multitudes reached by the evangelists are considered, the far-reaching influence of the Assembly's Home Mission work upon the life of the church and the nation will be better understood.

Thru the efforts of these workers 6,879 persons were added to the church upon profession of faith, and 3,842 were received by certificate.

It is also gratifying to note that with the help of the Assembly's Committee, twenty-four new churches were organized during the past year, and fifty home mission churches were brought to self-support. The Presbyteries aided by the Assembly's Committee report the organization of seventy-nine new Sunday schools and 190 opportunities for the organization of new churches.

Before the close of the year the committee notified all the Presbyteries and missions expecting aid that the inadequate funds would necessitate another reduction in appropriations, and requested each Presbytery and mission to reduce its application to the lowest possible figure. After this reduction was made by the Presbyteries and institutions the applications for assistance totalled $815,267, and this was urged as the irreducible minimum for the various Assembly's Home Mission enterprises this year.

The annual Home Mission Day in the Sunday school has been changed from November to the last Sunday in June. The committee is asking the Sunday schools to make a special offering on this date to complete the sorely needed building at Highland School, Guerrant, Kentucky. The coöperation of all our schools is earnestly desired.

The following recommendations are offered:

1. That the Sunday schools be urged to study home missions as a part of the church's great missionary responsibility, and that the gifts on Home Mission Day, Sunday, June 26, 1927, be applied to the Highland School Building, Guerrant, Kentucky.

2. That the Young People's Societies be urged to apply their home mission offerings to the Blue Ridge Academy, which school the General Assembly has assigned them as their special responsibility.

3. That the Presbytery endorse the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, November 13-20, and urge its observance in all the churches as an occasion for giving information and advancing the interests of this growing work.

4. That the Presbytery urge all pastors to preach upon home missions in November, the Home Mission month, and all churches not taking the every member canvass for benevolences be urged to make an offering for this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Douglass, Chairman.

Woman's Work

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was adopted as follows:

Your committee respectfully reports that sessional reports show:

Contributions:

Foreign Missions	$ 3,641.75
Assembly's Home Missions	1,076.34
Synod's Home Missions	309.36
Presbytery's Home Missions	1,222 04
Congregational Home Missions	755.79
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	345.36
S. S. Extension and Publication	144.12
Educational Institutions	1,079.75
Bible Cause	101.03
Orphans' Home	850.72
Current Expenses	1,547.71
Auxiliary Special Benevolences	1,047.20
Miscellaneous Contributions	1,286.75
Contingent Funds paid for Presbyterial and Synodical	437.50
Grand Total	$13,945.42
Amount per capita	10.54

1. Are the organizations under control of session? Yes, 100 per cent.
2. Do they study the activities and needs of all our church agencies? 96 per cent do
3. Are they affiliated with the Presbyterial Auxiliary? Yes, 100 per cent.
4. How many:
   1. Prayer Bands? 52.
   2. Mission Study Classes? 81
   3. Stewardship Study Classes? 4.
5. Do they make a canvass for:
   (1) The Presbyterian Survey? 60 per cent do.
   (2) Church Papers? 50 per cent do.
6. What per centage has the Auxiliary reached on the "Standard of Excellence?" 65 per cent.

Total number of Auxiliaries	26
Total number of members	1324
Family altars	302
Tithers	355

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. Knight, Chairman.

After prayer by the Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., Presbytery took recess until 8 p. m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 8:00 p. m.

Presbytery's Home Missions

A popular meeting in the interest of Presbytery's Home Missions was held, with Mr. J. D. Faucette, chairman of Presbytery's Home Missions Committee, presiding. The report of the Presbytery's Home Missions Committee was read by the Rev. W. K. Keys, Superintendent and Evangelist, and pending its adoption the Presbytery was addressed by Mrs. E. H. Sloop, who told of the work accomplished at Crossnore, N. C.; Mr. J. L. Gray, who spoke of his five years' experience in mountain mission work; the Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., who spoke of his impressions of the task of home mission work; the Rev. T. P. Johnston, D. D., who gave a view of the work as a member of the Presbytery's Home Missions Committee.

The report was adopted as follows:

The attention of all the ministers, church officials, and church members of Holston Presbytery is called to the following report of the work of the Presbytery's Committee of Home Missions:

First, we would record our sense of deepest loss in the death of Mr. Frank T. Nance, of Morristown, Tenn. For a number of years Mr. Nance had served as a member of this committee and his place in our circle will be hard indeed to fill. Vitally interested in the whole program of our church, with a glowing love for the Master and a passion for the winning of souls, he was always willing to sacrifice of his time and himself in promoting the Kingdom's advance. Even when the hand of affliction was laid upon him, and his strength began to fail, he came at the call of duty and shared in the responsibilities of the committee. His keen business insight, his careful weighing of all the issues of the work, his readiness to heartily give his support to every project which held bright prospects of fruitage, loyalty to the tenets and policies of our church, his unswerving faithfulness to every trust committed unto him, his gracious greeting and winning personality, his ever-present spirit of charitableness and Christ-likeness, and many other of the admirable characteristics of his life, we recall as we herein record the fact of his promotion to a place so close to the Master whom he loved so much and served so well here on earth.

During the past year your committee suffered another loss in the removal of the Rev. John Martin from the bounds of our Presbytery. For eighteen months Mr. Martin had served as chairman of the committee most efficiently and acceptably. Being a native of Scotland, he was an adept in making every dollar count for the most in the work. The Presbytery should realize something of the valuable services of Mr. Martin in tiding our Home Mission work over the period of greatest slump in benevolences without any serious curtailment and with no debt whatsoever. With the going of our thrifty chairman the committee was faced with the necessity of reorganization. Realizing the value of sound business judgment in our Home Mission work, as in all other activities, and, at the same time, recognizing the spirit of faithfulness and devotion to the cause of Home Missions in the hearts of two of the lay members of the committee, Mr. J. D. Faucette and Mr. Franck Taylor, they were elected chairman and secretary-treasurer of the committee respectively.

The year just past has been a good one in the Home Mission work of our Presbytery. Altho greatly handicapped by the insufficiency of funds to adequately provide for the work and workers, we are happy to report that no retreat was ordered, but that rather some new outposts were established. Just here we would pay tribute to the unselfishness of the men and women who are carrying on the Lord's warfare under the banner of our church in this wonderful mountain territory. They are not made of the kind of stuff which lifts the flag of truce or sounds the call to retreat even tho the battle wage fierce around them. In this struggle with the powers of the lower worlds, they refuse to give an inch. What matter if their salaries be pitifully small, what matter if the mud be deep and the mountains steep, what matter if they face

opposition from without and within, what matter if their lives be lonely and their comforts few, what matter any of these things to these good soldiers of Jesus Christ? One of them, turning his back upon a good salary in a delightful position, came to one of the poorest coves five years ago. Not only has his life been poured out there, but much of the earnings of his earlier years have been invested for the Master there. But how great are the dividends which he is receiving from the hearts and lives of his people? Another of these soldiers of the Cross, one who volunteered many years ago and has never left the firing line, sent her pay check in full for at least two months out of the twelve to the building fund of the church which is being built in her cove. Many other stories of the sacrifices and devotion of those who man the trenches for God in Holston Presbytery might be told.

May we call your attention to the results of the Home Mission work of Holston Presbytery along several of the most important lines of endeavor.

Sunday Schools.

In Holston Presbytery as a whole the Sunday school enrollment exceeds the church membership by more than 1,200. In only one other Presbytery of the Assembly is there a greater excess of Sunday school enrollment over church membership than in ours—Kanawha Presbytery of the Synod of West Virginia. On the other hand, in the entire Assembly the ratio is reversed—there being a much larger church membership than Sunday school enrollment. In the Home Mission fields of Holston Presbytery there are more than 45 Sunday schools with an enrollment of about 3,400 scholars. Perhaps the most impressive and far-reaching feature of these Sunday schools in their local environment is that they are evergreen schools. In most of the rural sections Sunday schools have been periodic and very intermittent in their existence. The permanency and perpetuity of our schools make a profound impression upon the people and teach them a much needed lesson in perseverance and steadfastness. While all of the Sunday schools have prospered this year, there are some with enviable records. Paint Gap, with a total enrollment of 297, had an average attendance for six months of more than 225. Cove Creek won the rally day banner for the largest offering for Sunday school extension in the Presbytery. Spruce Pine, thru the first Sunday offerings, gave almost $200 to the Orphanage last year. In a dozen or more coves the way is wide open for us to organize new Sunday schools. The Presbytery needs very much a full-time Sunday school and Young People's work director.

Young People's Work.

In the mission churches, with very few exceptions, active young people's work is being done. This is an innovation to much of this section of country. Yet one might go far and visit many of the larger churches and fail to find such great interest or enjoy such good programs. Many of the young people of our mountains are potential leaders if only there is opened up to them a channel of development. Such a channel is being opened to them thru the Christian Endeavor work of our church. Last year many of these young

people attended the Synodical Conference at Banner Elk, and even more of them are planning to attend this year.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

Last summer more than 20 Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held in the mission stations of Holston Presbytery, touching the lives of more than 1,000 children. Four young ladies from the Training School were engaged in this work for the summer, and many volunteer workers assisted. It is doubtful if there is a type of work being done thru the church which has greater potentialities in it than this vacation Bible school work. In connections with these schools for the children, either Teacher Training or Bible Study classes are usually conducted in the community. We are planning to enlarge upon this department of our work this summer.

Mission Schools.

In addition to our high schools we are still assisting in the elementary schools at several places. Teachers have been kept at the mouth of Bad Creek, on Little Rock Creek, and on Pig Pen Creek for several years. At these places it is hard for the little children to reach the public schools. It is probable that all work of this type will soon be discontinued inasmuch as the public schools are more and more becoming adequate to all the needs. At several places we still coöperate with the public schools in supplementing the term or furnishing additional teachers—Buladean, Cove Creek, and Hughes Chapel, and in two of the Cocke County schools. It seems that this plan of coördinating our efforts with those of the public school authorities is both practicable and profitable under present conditions. The most notable example of this type of school is the Crossnore School. Altho not connected with our committee we are proud of the fine record of this fine school.

Pastorates Aided.

The committee assisted in the support of 13 ministers who preached at 33 churches and 24 mission points. In almost every case, the preacher has more to do than it is possible for one man to get done. For instance, Rev. John Young has nine or ten preaching points scattered over two counties. Remembering the rainy weather of the past winter, you may visualize something of the faithfulness of this man of God and the dependability of his prancing steed when you learn that, with very few exceptions, every appointment has been met. We need very much at least three additional ministers to help share the burden of those already on the fields and to enter into the numerous other fields so white unto the harvest. Another large and widely scattered field is that served by Rev. Harvey McBath. During most of the winter the only method of reaching two of his places was to employ the antiquated art of walking, or rather wading thru mud almost knee-deep. Down in Tennessee another of our preachers, Rev. W. C. Young, serves a field scattered over several counties, the extremities of which are more than 60 miles apart. All of these pastorates receiving aid from the committee have been fruitful this year. Less than a year ago Rev. J. J. Douglass came to the work in Jefferson and Grainger

counties which with this new year becomes wholly self-supporting. Under the shepherdship of Rev. J. I. Knight the Holston Valley-Shady Valley work is fast approaching self-support. Altho their pastor, Rev. T. H. Spence, has been absent for the last six months, the Banner Elk field has made much progress and will soon be self-supporting. Under the recent leadership of Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., the Spruce Pine Church is undertaking great things for God. A larger budget than ever before presented was subscribed in full, and in addition the people are beginning the building of a handsome manse for their preacher. The Shulls Mill-Blowing Rock field reports progress. Altho supported by the Assembly's Committee directly as a part of the Mountain department, we must call attention to the faithful and fruitful work which has been done for the past several years in Cocke County, Tenn., by Rev. J. Allen Messer. Altho he is only a layman, it is doubtful if there is a more faithful preacher of the pure Word of God to his people than Mr. J. L. Gray, who is in charge of the large field near the foot of Roan Mountain in Carter County, Tenn. This has been a great year in the work of Mr. Gray's field from every standpoint. There should be a full-time minister in this field to assist Mr. Gray and his faithful co-workers. We regret to announce that Rev. W. T. Pearman recently resigned as pastor of the Meadow Creek-Chuckey field in the midst of a fruitful ministry. The Newland-Pineola field has been vacant for the past year, but was served most acceptably last summer by Mr. Dewey Greenhoe, of Louisville Seminary. The Plumtree-Hughes field has been ministered unto faithfully by Rev. T. W. Clapp assisted by Mr. Decatur Waddell last summer and Mr. C. W. Kernan since the beginning of the school last fall. During the past summer Mr. Frank Jones, of Louisville Seminary, assisted in the work on Rock Creek in Mitchell county. Another student of the same Seminary, Mr. Wm. Thorington, served the Paperville-Weavers field during the summer and held two evangelistic services in mission churches.

Vacancies Filled.

During the year just past Rev. J. W. Roseborough, pastor of the Spruce Pine Church, suffered a nervous and physical breakdown. We are glad to know that his condition is much improved according to the last reports. The church was fortunate in securing a pastor without long delay in the person of Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr. The only other field to become vacant during the past year is the Meadow Creek and Chuckey Churches. We hope to place a Seminary student in this field for the summer. The Newland-Pineola-Linville field has been vacant for more than a year, but is now eagerly looking forward to the coming of their pastor-elect, Mr. E. F. Camp, of the Senior class, Union Seminary, Richmond.

Early in the year Rev. J. J. Douglass came to the Jefferson-Grainger field and under his ministry wonderful progress has been made. With the opening of King College, J. Leo Hall, a graduate of Louisville Seminary, came to the Paperville and Weavers Churches. The New Providence Church, altho not connected with our committee directly, has recently called Mr. John C. B. McLaughlin, of the Senior class, Richmond, who has accepted the call much

to the delight of the people. Mr. McLaughlin will give a large part of his time to the development of mission work. Several students, college and seminary, will be used in the work during the summer. Just here we should note that the Blountville group of churches, now self-supporting, has recently called Rev. Dan H. Graham to the pastorate and he has accepted the call and will begin his ministry with them in the late summer.

Building Program.

Perhaps the only feature of the Home Mission work of Holston Presbytery which could be called discouraging is the building and equipment situation. In so many places we need homes for the workers, churches for worship, and repairs on the buildings we now have. Yet so far as our budget is concerned there is little with which to meet these needs. We are glad to report that little by little some of these most pressing needs are being met. The Banner Elk Church recently purchased a manse, modern in every detail, for their pastor to occupy on his return from abroad. At Spruce Pine a beautiful site has been given for the building of a manse by one of the members, Mr. W. W. Bailey, and almost enough has already been subscribed thru the local Building and Loan Association to build the manse. On Rock Creek, at Buladean, property is being secured on which there is a house in which our preacher may live. During the past year a teachers' cottage has been built on Little Rock Creek in Mitchell county. Perhaps, the most notable building project of this year has been the Harris Memorial Church on Pig Pen Creek in Yancey county. The construction of this church out of native stone has made progress. The walls are almost completed. It will take about $1,000, in addition to what is already in hand, to complete this church. Only two or three of the churches or ministers of Holston Presbytery have given anything toward this most fitting memorial to that great pioneer of God in this section, Rev. John Abner Harris. Within the last month the people on Hampton Creek in Carter county, Tenn., have requested Presbytery to organize a church in their community, a beautiful site has been given for a building, and quite a bit of money necessary to build it has been subscribed. In this community with about two hundred people, there is no church of any denomination. At a number of places repairs have been made on the buildings and just now a general painting and repair campaign is going on at several places. We need so much a source of definite income for this feature of the work. This might have been provided thru the Church and Manse Building League had it been adopted generally by the churches. The fact is that by most pastors and churches it has been ignored completely. Is there any possible channel of relief for this situation? With a comparatively small sum each year our buildings might be made a source of inspiration and pride to our church and the communities in which they are located. Instead, in many cases the buildings, or rather the lack of them, is a blot upon our name.

Financial Status.

It is an iron-clad policy of the committee to refuse to go in debt for the carrying on of the work. In fact, no work is undertaken and no funds are

paid out without the official approval of the committee in regular session. We are happy to report that we have closed the year past without debt and with a small balance to start the new year's work. This has been done by confining our efforts almost entirely to the work previously established, turning a deaf ear to many a plea for help, and practicing the utmost economy in the administration and promotion of all the departments of the work. With many fields open to our ministry, many workers eager to serve in these beautiful mountains, our progress is blocked by lack of sufficient funds to launch out into new fields of conquest. If our cause received its full percentage and our needs were given a sympathetic hearing before the people of our churches, beyond a doubt the Presbyterians of Holston Presbytery would make better provision for the work here in their own communities—in our Jerusalem.

Evangelism.

Last and best of all, we bring to you the announcement that the past year has been a great soul-winning year in the home mission work of Holston Presbytery. Very few of the churches, no matter how small, fail to report some additions during the year. Notable increases have been made in the fields served by Revs. Harvey McBath, John Young, T. H. Spence, Robert Smith, J. I. Knight, J. J. Douglass, and Mr. J. L. Gray. Meetings were held in many of the churches by the pastors and visiting ministers. In several cases the ministers of our own Presbytery failed to hold the meeting assigned them. During the year the Presbytery's evangelist held twelve meetings with about 200 professions and as many additions to the church. The increase in membership in our mission churches and stations has approximated 20 per cent during the year. Had the same rate of increase been made by our self-supporting churches, Holston Presbytery would have held an unusual record in the Assembly. We are laying special emphasis on the duty of soul-winning, not just during the annual meeting, but day in and day out by all the workers on the field. Personal evangelism, or better still the Andrew plan of soul-winning, is playing a large part in the building up of our work thruout the Presbytery. We are looking forward to a soul-winning conquest, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, during this new year that will reach almost every cove and crest of our mountains.

Such, in brief, is the story of the home mission work of Holston Presbytery during the year 1926-27. Much has been left untold. Many a romance of service, many an epic of sacrifice, has been written in the eternal records during this year by our workers themselves. In this report nothing has been said of what is being done in the high schools, orphanage and hospital which are also a part of the work of our Presbytery. Special reports will tell the story of these wonderful institutions. Is it not evident that our Presbytery occupies an unusual position in the great home mission harvest-field of our church? Our task is great. We need your heart-interest, your loyal and liberal support, most of all your earnest prayers.

Recommendations

1. That the churches of Brummetts, Jack's Creek, and Forbes be dropped from the roll, and the members therein be enrolled in the nearest churches.

2. That all churches making an increase in their pastor's support be heartly commended, and that the goal of whole self-support be kept constantly before all fields.

Respectfully submitted,

Presbytery's Home Mission Committee,

Walter K. Keys, Supt.

Dr. Craig's Address

The Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., Synodical Secretary, addressed the Presbytery in the interests of *The Appalachian Appeal* and the Synodical Mission Study Book, "*Highways and Byways of Appalachia.*"

Banner Elk Property

Presbytery authorized the session of the Banner Elk Church to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing a local board of trustees to hold the title to the present church property and also to any property that may be purchased by the congregation in the future. Said board of trustees after being elected are authorized to obtain title to the present church property from the board of trustees of Concord Presbytery who now hold said title.

Lees-McRae Institute

The report of the Lees-McRae Institute was adopted as follows:

We respectfully submit the following report of the Lees-McRae Institute department of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.

The session soon closing has been the biggest and most successful in the history of the school. The total enrollment is 210—87 per cent of whom are from Holston Presbytery.

The faculty has of necessity been increased, totaling this year 15 in number. Both graded school and high school work is taught. All the work of a state accredited high school is given, and in addition complete course in Bible required of all pupils. Courses in home economics, music, sewing, weaving and stenography are offered as elective.

Financially the school has had a successful year. The larger number of students enrolled has naturally swelled the budget of expenditures over that of last year. We are glad to report, however, that this additional expense has been taken care of thru the generosity of friends and with the additional payments from students' fees.

With the completion of a new dormitory by the opening of the fall term of next session, we can look forward to an even greater increase of enrollment.

Summary of operating income and expenditures based on business year ending December 31, 1926:

Financial Statement for Year Ending December 31, 1926

	Receipts	*Expenditures*	*Gain*	*Loss*
Students' Fees	$ 8,113.65		$ 8,113.65	
*Contributions	8,027.10		8,027.10	
Productive Enterprise	6,553.84	7,891.85		$ 1,338.01
Endowment funds	4,391.57		4,391.57	
Other income and Exp.	723.94	1,883.41		1,159.47
Administration		4,272.73		4,272.73
Household	687.50	3,841.19		3,153.69
Education	590.62	5,248.75		4,658.13
Plant operation and Reserve for depreciation		5,265.56		5,265.56
Totals	$ 28,998.22	$28,403.49	20,442.32	$19,847.59
Excess receipts over expenditures			$ 594.73	
Cash balance, January 1st, 1926			173.06	
Cash balance, January 1st, 1927			$ 769.79	

*Note—This includes an appropriation of $1,200 from Assembly's Home Mission Committee coming thru Holston Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar H. Tufts, Treasurer.

Grandfather Orphans' Home

The report of Grandfather Orphans' Home was adopted as follows:

Report of activities for the calendar year 1926.

During the year $762.46 was received from churches, auxiliaries, Sunday schools and C. E. Societies in Holston Presbytery.

The amount of $603 was contributed by individuals in this Presbytery.

Operating Income

Per Capita Payments	
Support of parents and guardians	$ 782.00
Productive Enterprises	
(1) Farm and garden $146.00; (2) Shop $543.80	689.80
Contributions	
(1) *General Funds* Churches, Auxiliaries, Sunday schools and C. E. Societies $1,594.59; General Benevolences of Holston Presbytery $1,806.34; Individuals and General Public $2,055.31	5,456.24
(2) *Special Funds* Blowing Rock collection $2,669.00; Thanksgiving Offering $1,343.18	4,012.18
Other Sources	
(1) Fixed Income (endowment) $350.00; (2) Other income $1,894.78	2,244.78
Sundries	
(1) Clothing $193.35; (2) Miscellaneous $322.03	515.38
	$13,700.38
Cash balance, year beginning January 1st, 1926	13.40
	$13,713.78

Operating Expenses

Administration (Dept. A)		
(1) Salaries, supplies and other purposes	$2,483.19	
Institutional Care of Children (Dept. B)		
(1) Household $4,947.28; Health $279.95; Education $1,276.95	6,504.18	
Plant Operation and Maintenance (Dept. C.)		
(1) Fuel $282.63; (2) Replacement and repairs $242.37; (3) Other, $232.52	757.52	
Productive Enterprises		
Farm and Garden (1) Salaries and wages $533.66; (2) Supplies $1,259.78; (3) Replacement and repairs $387.57	2,181.00	
Other (Shop) (1) Salaries $613.59; (2) Supplies $297.78; (3) Replacement and repairs $32.04	943.41	$12,869.30
Cash balance, year beginning January 1st, 1927		$ 844.68

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Holcomb, Superintendent.

Report of Nominating Committee

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted. (This report appears in the front of the minutes under the heading "Organization.") On Presbyterial sermon, this committee nominated the Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., to preach, with the Rev. J. J. Douglass as alternate. The subject: "The Spirit of Jesus."

With the benediction by the Moderator, Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9.00 a. m. tomorrow.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 9.00 a. m.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. D. C. Amick.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Men's Work

The report of the Committee on Men's Work was adopted as follows:

There are four organizations of "The Men of the Church" reported with a total enrollment of 278. These are all under the control of the sessions of the respective churches to which they belong and are studying the activities and needs of the church. They have paid towards their current expenses $186 and towards the benevolences of the church as follows:

Presbytery's Home Missions	$250.00	
Orphans' Home	40.00	$290.00
Miscellaneous	8.00	$298.00

According to the reports of these organizations they are just beginning to conform to the Assembly's plan, but many of the men are doing personal and evangelistic work. *Chas. B. Boyles, Chairman.*

Leave of Absence

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was adopted as follows:

Your committee recommends that the excuse of Rev. T. W. Clapp for non-attendance at the fall meeting of Presbytery be accepted. We further recommend that the following be excused: Rev. Leo Hall, Tuesday, 2.00 p. m.; at the close of the afternoon service Tuesday, Rev. Gilbert Glass, D. D., Rev. C. G. McKaraher, Elder Joe Thomas; at the close of the night service Tuesday, Elders Nic P. Earnest, E. H. Sloop; 9.00 a. m. Wednesday, Rev. John W. Young and Elder J. L. Gray; 10.00 a. m. Wednesday, Rev. T. W. Clapp and Elder F. L. Burleson; 11.00 a. m., Wednesday, Elders H. G. Kyle, S. P. Miller, and F. H. Stinson. Respectfully submitted,

Chas. B. Boyles, Chairman.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief reported verbally thru its chairman, with the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That the appropriation of relief funds be same as for the past year, the chairman being authorized to make revision from time to time to meet changing needs.

2. That the name of Troy Young be removed, at his own request, from the roll of candidates for the ministry. Mr. Young will labor for the Lord as a layman. Respectfully submitted,

S. H. Hay, Chairman.

Minutes of Presbytery

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Presbytery was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Presbytery beg to report that we have examined the minutes and find them accurately kept and would commend the Stated Clerk for such painstaking service. *E. M. Craig, Chairman.*

The Committees on Judicial Business and Minutes of Synod reported no business coming before them, and were discharged.

Courtesy

The Rev. E. J. Vance, D. D., Presbytery of Holston U. S. A. was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Stewardship

The report of the Stewardship Committee was adopted as follows:

An every member canvass has been, or is being, conducted in 36 of our churches. These churches have subscribed $54,025 for local church work,

and $41,482 for benevolences. Six churches increased their pastors' salaries during the year, the total increase amounting to $604.

Many churches have not been careful to ascertain the number of tithers in the congregation and the number of homes in which family worship is regularly held. This should be done in order that we may have before us some indication of our spiritual wealth. The number of tithers reported is 434 and the number of family altars indicated is 206.

We recommend:

1. That two-thirds of the 6 per cent designated for educational institutions of the Presbytery be given to Lees-McRae Institute, and one-third be held by the central treasurer until the fall meeting of Presbytery.

2. That our treasurer be instructed to send the above proportion of the fund direct to the treasurer of Lees-McRae Institute.

3. That Presbytery confirm the endorsement given the Near East Relief by the General Assembly, and favor continued coöperation by our churches, Sabbath schools, and Christian Endeavor societies.

4. That Rev. Chas. B. Boyles be reëlected secretary of Stewardship for the ensuing year.

George F. Johnson, Chairman.
Chas. B. Boyles, Secretary.

Vacancy and Supply

The report of the Committee on Vacancy and Supply was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Vacancy and Supply reports that the following fields have secured pastors during the past year: The Jefferson City-Rutledge-Strawberry Plains group in the coming of Rev. J. J. Douglas as pastor; Spruce Pine-Grassy Creek became vacant with the resignation of Rev. J. W. Roseborough, but were fortunate in soon securing Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., as pastor; Mr. Leo Hall, graduate of Louisville Seminary, has been serving the churches of Paperville and Weavers, and acting as assistant pastor of the First Church, Bristol; Rev. W. C. Frierson came from the pastorate of the Blackey (Kentucky) Church to become associate pastor of the First Church, Johnson City, succeeding Rev. John Martin. The Blountville-Thomas Memorial-Arcadia-New Bethel group became vacant last fall with the resignation of Rev. C. F. Newland, but have recently extended a call to Rev. Dan H. Graham. Mr. Graham has accepted the call and will begin work in the latter part of the summer. The Newland-Pineola-Linville group, vacant for the past year, was served during the summer by Mr. Dewey Greenhoe, of Louisville Seminary. This group has recently extended a call to Mr. E. F. Camp of Union Seminary, and Mr. Camp has signified his willingness to come to this field after his graduation in May. The New Providence Church has been vacant for more than a year, but is now looking forward to the coming of the pastor-elect, Mr. John C. B. McLaughlin, of the senior class, Union

Seminary. The Meadow Creek-Rheatown group become vacant with the resignation of Rev. W. T. Pearman recently. This is the only vacant field in the Presbytery, and we expect to place a student in these churches for the summer.

The committee recommends that, just as soon as possible, an additional minister or two be placed in our mission work to relieve the hard-worked pastors and to enable us to make some outreach into new territory. Also we urge all fields, vacant or becoming vacant, to use every means available to secure pastors as soon as possible. Vacant fields do not make much progress.

Walter K. Keys, Chairman.

Evangelism

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Evangelism reports that there has been a decided falling off in additions by profession of faith in the Presbytery as a whole as compared with last year. A number of churches report no additions at all while some of the larger churches report very few. On the other hand in a number of churches and fields the increase has been gratifying indeed. The percentage of increase by confession was much larger in the smaller and mission churches, while the increase by certificate is greater in the self-supporting churches.

A number of ministers held the assigned meetings in the Presbytery, while others for reasons acceptable unto the Presbytery were unable to do so. The following ministers have volunteered for the holding of meetings, unless providentially hindered, during the new year; T. W. Clapp, R. D. Carson, E. M. Craig, C. C. Carson, W. H. DuBose, McCoy Franklin, S. H. Hay, G. F. Johnson, T. P. Johnston, J. I. Knight, J. A. Messer, C. G. McKaraher, H. A. McBath, G. F. Robertson, W. R. Smith, W. K. Keys, W. C. Young, J. P. Hall, J. W. Young, Leo Hall, W. C. Frierson and D. C. Amick. These ministers will be assigned to their fields of effort by the Evangelistic Committee after communication with the various fields.

Your committee recommends:

1. That earnest evangelistic zeal be fostered in all the churches during the year.

2. That personal evangelism, or the spirit of personal soul-winning, be emphasized and special training be given our people in this grace.

3. That a meeting be held in every place, where it is at all possible, and that the Presbytery enter heartily into the spirit of the Synod-wide evangelistic campaign.

R. D. Carson, Chairman.

Superintendent and Evangelist

The report of the Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist was received as follows:

The following report is submitted to the Presbytery of Holston in session in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., by the Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist of the Presbytery. This report covers the activities of the church year April 1, 1926, to March 31, 1927.

Sermons preached, 302.
Addresses, etc., 25.
Meetings held, 13.
Additions to the church by profession, 132.
Additions to the church by letter, 70.
Total additions for year, 202.
Total additions to church since beginning the work, Feb. 1925, 378.
Miles traveled during year (approximately), 18,000.

Expenses and Collections.

Traveling expenses	$ 468.54	
Postage, printing, etc	61.44	
Total	$ 529.98	
Collections on fields		$291.28

Walter K. Keys, Superintendent.

Sessional Records

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was adopted as follows:

Your Committee of Sessional Records begs to report that the records of the following churches have been examined and approved: Bethel, Bristol First, Cold Spring, Cove Creek, Crossnore, Ebenezer, Estatoa, Johnson City First, Kingsport, Leesburg, Micaville, Mooresburgh, Morristown, Mt. Sterling, Newport, Rogersville, Russelville, Rutledge, Salem, Shulls Mills, Smoky Mountain, Windsor Avenue.

The following are approved with exceptions noted:

Banner Elk: Quarterly meeting not held; minutes of session not read and approved; church report not recorded.

Mossy Creek: Only three meetings during year; meeting of April 27, 1927, not shown opened or closed with prayer.

New Bethel: Quarterly meeting not held; minutes of session not read and adopted.

Newdale: Meeting of April 17, 1927, not opened or closed with prayer.

Newland: No meetings of session shown.

Pineola: Quarterly meeting not held.

Spruce Pine: Does not show meetings opened or closed with prayer.

Weaver: Session book has not been presented to Presbytery since 1925 spring meeting.

H. A. McBath, Chairman.

New Church

A petition containing 33 names asking for the organization of a Presbyterian church on Hampton Creek, Carter county, Tenn., was received. The petition was granted and the following commission appointed to organize said church if the way be clear: Rev. T. W. Clapp, Rev. J. P. Hall, Rev. W. K. Keys, Rev. W. C. Frierson (alternate); Elders George C. Sells, J. L. Gray (alternate).

Auditing Committee Report

The report of the Auditing Committee was adopted as follows:

To the Presbytery of Holston at the spring meeting in Johnson City 1927:

We, your Auditing Committee, beg leave to report as follows: We have examined the financial records of the Treasurer, Rev. T. P. Johnston, D. D., and found them correct. We have also examined the records of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences, Rev. C. B. Boyles, and found them correct, also his records as treasurer of the Church and Manse Building League.

Respectfully submitted,

Nic P. Earnest, Chairman.

Statistical Report

The report on Statistics, prepared by the Stated Clerk, was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly.

Statistics

Ministers, 33.	Elders, 222.
Churches, 50.	Deacons, 211.
Candidates, 12.	Received on confession, 271.
Installations, 3.	Received by certificate, 268.
Pastoral dissolutions, 3.	Communicants, 5456.
Churches dissolved, 3.	Adult baptisms, 170.
Churches restored to roll, 1.	Infant baptisms, 54.

Total Sunday school enrollment, 6,335.

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$14, 205
Assembly's Home Missions	4,364
Christian Ed. and Ministerial Relief	2,361
S. S. Extension and Publication	1,279
Assembly's Training School	198
Bible Cause	1,448
Synod's Home Missions	1,909
Orphans' Home	3,559
Educational Institutions	13,168
Presbytery's Home Missions	10,421
Total to regular benevolences	$ 52,912
Pastors' Salaries	32,179
Current Expenses	35,337
Congregational H. M.	6,085
Building Expense	24,429
Miscellaneous contributions	5,493
Grand total to all causes	$156,435

Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

Religious Education

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was adopted as follows:

We wish to submit our report in two sections: first, a report on Sabbath schools, and second a report on Young People's work.

Sabbath Schools—General

It is with gratitude that we report a Sunday school enrollment which is 30 per cent greater than the total membership of the churches. And it is with regret that we report a decreased interest in Sunday school activity for the past year. There are 59 schools reporting, a decrease of two from last year, and an enrollment of 6,720. Six churches—Hughes, Paperville, Rheatown, Vians Valley, Weavers and White Pine—either neglected to make a report or have no schools. Only 5 schools are providing for the training of workers, and only 6 are holding workers' conferences.

The total amount contributed for the year was $8,509, a decrease of $841, which decrease was confined entirely to the benevolent causes. It is with gratitude that we can report that there was an increase of $290 in contributions to the orphanage and a greater number of schools gave to this cause.

Sabbath School Recommendations

We recommend:

1. That better trained teachers and workers be developed by teacher training courses, either thru local schools or correspondence courses.

2. That each church be urged to provide for at least one week of training for its Sunday school workers, because the greatest need of the church is better trained workers in the Sunday school.

3. That as many one day Sunday school conferences be held as possible in districts and groups which are on account of distance and expenses unable to send workers to standard training schools, and that the Home Mission Committee be urged to allow the Committee on Religious Education $100 for expenses, if that much is needed to finance this program.

4. That each church be urged to study its community and its needs looking to the location of one or more outpost schools.

5. That each school observe Rally Day in October and make an offering for Sunday School Extension.

6. That each school be urged to carry out the Presbytery's recommendation that the orphanage be given special offerings.

7. That the statistical report on Sabbath schools be printed in the back of the minutes.

Young People's Work—General

We wish to call attention to the fact that there has been an increase of three in the number of societies, and an increase in membership of 78. The senior societies decreased two in number and 121 in membership, while the intermediate societies increased 6 in number and 258 in membership.

We wish to call the attention of pastors and leaders to the fact that there was a decrease in $200 in contributions, which was totally confined to the benevolent causes.

Recommendations

We recommend:

1. That each church be urged to send representative young people from its membership to the young people's conferences at Banner Elk and Montreat.

2. That the committee call the attention of the leaders of Young People's Societies in the local church to the fact that credit for contributions can only be given when sent thru regular channels.

Young People's Work—Statistical

	Societies	*Members*
Senior Christian Endeavor	17	677
Intermediate Christian Endeavor	10	338
Junior Christian Endeavor	9	211
Boys' Groups	1	27
Girls' Groups	1	11
Other forms	2	37
Total in Y. P. Societies	40	1,301

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 38.00
Assembly's Home Missions	1.00
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	5.00
Publication and Sabbath School Work	1.00
Orphans' Home	60.00
Presbytery's Home Missions	2.00
Current expenses	236.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Total for all purposes	$543.00

D. C. Amick, Chairman.

Resolutions

An appropriate resolution of thanks was read and adopted by a rising vote.

The Presbytery expressed its appreciation of the scholarship offered by the Montreat Normal School, and referred the recipient to the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

The Presbytery acknowledged, with appreciation, the invitation of the Trustees and Faculty of Union Theological Seminary, to attend the inauguration of the Rev. B. R. Lacy, Jr., D. D., as President of the Seminary. It expressed appreciation of the great work of this beloved School of the Prophets, and the hope that a number of the members of our Presbytery could attend on this occasion of spiritual inspiration.

The minutes of today's session of Presbytery were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned with song and the benediction, by the Moderator, to meet in adjourned session in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., May 10, at 1.30 p. m., Eastern time.

R. D. Carson, Moderator.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING

Johnson City, Tennessee, May 10, 1927.

The Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tenn., in adjourned session, on May 10, 1927, at 1.30 p. m., Eastern time, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.

Enrollment

The following were present: *Ministers*—The Revs. D. C. Amick, C. B. Boyles, C. C. Carson, D. D., R. D. Carson, D. D., T. W. Clapp, E. M. Craig, D. D., Wm. C. Frierson, S. H. Hay, D. D., J. Leo Hall, J. P. Hall, T. P. Johnston D. D., W. K. Keys, C. G. McKaraher, H. A. McBath, W. R. Smith, Jr., W. C. Young. *Ruling Elders*—Banner Elk, F. H. Stinson: Bristol First, E. M. Kaylor; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Crossnore, E. H. Sloop; Johnson City First, W. B. Harrison; Leesburg, F. R. DeVault; Plumtree, F. L. Burleson.

The Rev. H. A. McBath Dismissed

The Rev. H. A. McBath requested a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between the Micaville Church and himself, that he might accept calls to Lebanon and Rocky Creek Churches in Knoxville Presbytery. Presbytery heard from the representatives of the Micaville Church who stated that the congregation concurred with regret in the request of Mr. McBath. Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relation, accepted Mr. McBath's resignation from the Presbytery and granted him a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of Knoxville. The Moderator and the Stated Clerk were appointed a committee to write a letter of commendation to accompany the certificate of dismission of Mr. McBath to Knoxville Presbytery.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., in behalf of the Rev. H. A. McBath and his work in his new field, and also for the recovery of the Rev. Warner H. DuBose, who was operated on today for appendicitis.

Committee on Boone Fork Institute

A committee consisting of Mr. Geo. C. Sells, chairman, the Rev. W. K. Keys, and Elder J. L. Gray was appointed to consult with the Trustees of the Boone Fork Institute, to represent the Presbytery in the disposition of the affairs of the institute.

Report of the Committee on School for Boys

Majority and minority reports were read from the Presbytery's Committee on a School for Boys. After a full discussion of both reports, the Presbytery adopted, without a dissenting vote, the following minority report:

We, your committee appointed to investigate the situation and make a recommendation with reference to the location of a School for Boys, beg leave to submit the following report:

First, We recommend that the operation of the Plumtree School for Boys, located at Plumtree, N. C., be discontinued, and that the Plumtree School be transferred from its present location to Banner Elk, N. C.

We requested the trustees of Lees-McRae Institute for Girls to give us a hearing, which they did at Banner Elk on Tuesday evening, May 3, practically all of the board being present. It was our purpose, before making any recommendation, to first ascertain whether or not the removal of this school to Banner Elk would be agreeable to the trustees and officials of the Lees-McRae Institute. By a unanimous vote, the following resolution was adopted:

"The Trustees of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association heard with sympathy and interest the report of the representatives of the Special Committee of Holston Presbytery on a School for Boys, indicating the purpose of the committee to recommend the placing of such a school at or near Banner Elk, N. C., as a part of the work of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association. The trustees expressed their willingness to include such a school in the work of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, in the event that the Presbytery shall desire it, and they await with interest a definite proposition from the Presbytery."

Your committee has been lead to this decision for the following reasons:

Banner Elk seems to be an ideal location for such a school, it being in the heart of the mountains, but reached by good highways, a new one having been recently surveyed and its construction will begin immediately.

The School for Girls at Banner Elk has been an unqualified success under the leadership of Dr. Edgar Tufts and later his son, Edgar Jr.

This institution embraces a school for girls with adequate building and equipment, a recently constructed hospital under the supervision of Dr. Tate, and an orphanage under the immediate supervision of Mr. Holcomb. The Lees-McRae Institute for Girls owns more than 300 acres of land, upon which

these institutions are located, so it would not be necessary to buy further land for the location of a school for boys.

Your committee is not wholly favorable to coëducation and it is not our purpose to recommend strictly a coëducational school at Banner Elk. After going over the property we are of the opinion that it would be feasible to erect a school for boys at a distance of from one-half to three-quarters of a mile from the present school for girls. By this arrangement the sexes would be kept entirely separate except during recitation hours. By this arrangement the present efficient corps of teachers could conduct both schools without extra expense. The entire arrangement would be economical, as not only would the expense of one corps of teachers be saved, but the present administrative force would be all that would be required for the conduct of both schools.

The Banner Elk School for Girls is no experiment. Its administration has been economical, wise and successful. It is widely and favorably known and with its established reputation the work of financing the school will be made easier. Your committee is of the opinion that $75,000 would be necessary to erect and equip the building which would meet the present situation. Our judgment is that a school that would care for from fifty to sixty boys would be sufficiently large. Our idea is that boys for a school of this kind should be carefully selected and that only those who appear to be fitted for Christian leadership and who will, when educated, consecrate their lives to the service of the church, should be granted admission to this school.

Second, We further recommend that these steps be taken by Presbytery to initiate this program:

(1) That it indorse and approve the transfer of the school for boys from Plumtree, N. C., to Banner Elk, N. C., as above outlined.

(2) That it authorize a campaign for at least $75,000 to erect the necessary buildings and that it appoint a committee of the Presbytery to take charge of this campaign and to push it to a successful conclusion as soon as may be possible.

(3) That it continue as long as necessary the board of trustees of Plumtree School for Boys, and that this board be requested and empowered to work out with the board of the Lees-McRae Institute for Girls all of the necessary details to bring about the consolidation of these schools; that the present assets of the Plumtree School for boys be converted into cash, as early as practical, and that the proceeds thereof be transferred to a fund to be used exclusively for the erection of a building for boys at Banner Elk; that the present permanent endowment for scholarships of the Plumtree School for Boys be transferred to the trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association when this consolidation has been consummated.

We cannot close this report without strongly recommending to Presbytery the importance of this undertaking. Any half hearted endorsement and coöperation will not meet the needs of the hour. Not only in our judgment should Presbytery endorse this movement, but it should pledge itself heartily

to such financial assistance as may be necessary to establish and maintain the work. Without such assistance it is our judgment that our church should abandon the field altogether.

(Clerk's note: In the above report, the terms "Trustees of Lees-McRae Institute" and "Trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association" refer to the same body. The latter is the legal name of this body.)

The special Committee on the School for Boys, consisting of the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., Chairman, Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., Rev. Warner H. Du Bose, Rev. D. C. Amick, and Mr. Sam R. Sells, was continued, to take charge of the campaign referred to in the above report, and push it to a successful conclusion.

The minutes of today's meeting were read and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, to meet in adjourned session at the call of the Moderator.

R. D. Carson, Moderator.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

CHURCHES REPORTING SABBATH SCHOOLS	Number of Schools	MEMBERSHIP: Total Regular Pupils	Cradle Roll	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	Total Membership	Pupils Admitted to Church During Year	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS ($'s): Foreign Missions	Assembly's H. M.	Chris.Ed. & Min. Rel.	Pub. and S. S. Work	Assembly's Training School for L. W.	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Mis.	Orphans' Homes	Educational Instit'ns.	Presbytery's H. M.	Current Expenses	Misc. Contributions	Total
								$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Arcadia	1	26		4	30													8		229
Banner Elk	2	245	17	38	25	325	18	12			27				43			146		
Bethel	1	100				100														
Bristol-ville	1	70				70									22			35	8	65
Blowing Rock	1	75			8	78									44			35	33	107
Bristol First	2	341			7	87									198			30		856
Buladean	2	205	25		39	369			27		40				16			591	8	64
Cold Spring	1	100			7	107	6		3		7				48			30		199
Cove Creek	4	700		10		100	18				55							96		135
Crossnore	5	162	5		18	185	17				66				55			69		145
Ebenezer	1	73			4	86	4				20							70		
Eastoa	1	23	4		3	30														
Grassy Creek	1	25			3	28			5									20		20
Harris Memorial	1	52			6	65												15		15
Hughes	3	765	47	20	64	896	23	17	92						4			12		21
Johnson City First	2	351	80	18	35	634	13	277	37	22	94	8	2	2	22	89	125	616	401	1,323
Lenoir First	1	50			5	55										15	44	860		1,414
Mizpah	1	115			10	125	1									6		15		21
Meadow Creek	1	48			4	48										26		38	2	66
Morganton	1	31			4	35	3		128	56	90	54	44	19	17	109	11	125	5	267
Morrisburg	2	366	13		27	408						17			71		128	34	41	664
Mossy Creek	1	73				73									109		11			
Mt. Sterling	1	75				75														
New Bethel	1	48			6	51												25		25
New Dale	1	85	9		5	102						21			50			81		159
Newland	1	143	21		22	186	12		10			18		1	47		26	393	27	524
Newport	1	83	2		10	95				2					124			60		204
New Providence	1	246	34		4	284	22					6			15			65		86
Paint Gap	1	144			6	150														
Paperville	1	197			21	212									14			20		20
Pinetree	5	13			2	15	1											20		40
Providence	1																	6		6
Rhentown	2	257	20	37	28	342	9		83			82			12			338	464	987
Rogersville	1	35			7	42												70		112
Russellville	1	34	27		6	67			1						4			20		20
Ruse Memorial	1	90			6	96												20		26
Rutledge	1	150			6	156												20		25
Salem	1	55			4	59												20		20
Shulls Mills	1	86				96									182			104	54	340
Smoky Mountain	1	64	7	5	12	88	10											52		52
Spruce Pine	1	124	4		7	135	6											50		50
Strawberry Plains	1	34			5	39														
Thomas Memorial																				
Valley																				
Watauga Valley																				
Wesley																				
White Pine																				
Windsor Ave.																				
Grand Total	59	5721	302	144	431	6628	228	572	192	97	519	2	46	42	1287	183	186	4390	1065	8581

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Moderator—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, D. D., Kingsport, Tennessee.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, D. D., Kingsport, Tennessee.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tennessee.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tennessee.

Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist—The Rev. Walter K. Keys, Bristol, Tennessee.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Mr. J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* The Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, Warner H. DuBose, E. M. Craig, G. F. Johnson; Elders Frank Taylor, *Secretary;* F. L. Cloud, Sam R. Sells, H. E. Harris.

2. *Foreign Missions*—The Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young, *Chairman;* Chas. G. McKaraher; Elders E. H. Moore, R. C. Armstrong.

3. *Assembly's Home Missions*—The Rev. Messrs. J. J. Douglass, *Chairman;* Chas. C. Carson; Elders E. W. King, J. R. Forgery.

4. *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—The Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Tilden Scherer, W. R. Smith, Jr.; Elder J. N. Fisher.

5. *Religious Education*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, *Chairman;* Warner H. DuBose, T. W. Clapp; Elders A. B. Rogan, Jas. A. Brown.

6. *Bible Cause*—The Rev. Messrs. J. I. Knight, *Chairman;* C. G. McKaraher; Elder Frank Briscoe.

7. *Stewardship and Men's Work*—The Rev. Messrs. G. F. Johnson, *Chairman;* Chas. B. Boyles, *Secretary;* W. C. Frierson; Elders Arthur King, James Summers, H. C. Alexander.

8. *Sabbath and Family Religion*— The Rev. Messrs. J. C. B. McLaughlin, *Chairman;* E. F. Camp; Elders J. L. Gray, F. R. DeVault.

9. *Women's Work*—The Rev. Messrs. J. I. Knight, *Chairman;* E. M. Craig; Elder George C. Sells.

10. *Educational Institutions*—The Rev. Messrs. Chas.C. Carson, *Chairman;* Robert Yost, T. H. Spence, Jr.; Elders Chas. H. Massengill, C. D. Thomas.

11. *Orphans' Home*—The Rev. Messrs. T. H. Spence, Jr., *Chairman;* John W. Young; Elders Edgar Tufts, J. Fred Johnson.

12. *Evangelism*—The Rev. Messrs. E. M. Craig, *Chairman;* R. D. Carson, W. K. Keys; Elders J. D. Hasson, J. L. Rogers.

13. *Sessional Records*—The Rev. Messrs. McCoy Franklin, *Chairman;* J. A. Messer, W. C. Frierson, and four elders appointed at each spring meeting.

14. *Vacancy and Supply*—The Rev. Messrs. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman;* W. C. Young; Elder Joe J. Thomas.

15. *Program*—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, *Chairman*, and the representatives of the church entertaining Presbytery.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1. *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Warner H. DuBose.

2. *Theology*—The Rev. Messrs. C. C. Carson, R. D. Carson and S. H. Hay.

3. *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. P. Johnston, Chas. B. Boyles and D. C. Amick.

4. *Church History*—The Rev. Messrs. C. B. Boyles and McCoy Franklin.

5. *Philosophy, Logic and Ethics*—The Rev. Messrs. Tilden Scherer and Robert Yost.

6. *Natural Science and Secular Subjects*—The Rev. Messrs. W. K. Keys and T. H. Spence, Jr.

7. *Latin, Greek and Hebrew*—The Rev. Messrs. Warner H. DuBose and Thos. P. Johnston.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To Confer with Trustees of Boone Fork Institute: Mr. Geo. C. Sells, *Chairman*; Rev. Walter K. Keys, Elder J. L. Gray.

On Revised Directory of Worship: The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, *Chairman*; J. C. B. McLaughlin; Elder, J. D. Faucette.

TRUSTEES

1. *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. S. H. Hay, 1928; F. H. Stinson, 1929; J. Fred Johnson, 1930; E. W. King, 1931; Jas. A. Summers, 1932.

2. *Plumtree School for Boys*—E. B. Ward, D. R. Beeson, Rev. E. F. Camp, 1928; T. B. Vance, Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., Rev. Warner H. DuBose, 1929; Frank Taylor, Geo. C. Sells, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1930.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

The following candidates for the ministry are under the care of Holston Presbytery:

Doggett, Marshall W., Jr.	Kingsport, Tenn.
Ellis, Geo. H.	Bristol, Tenn.
Knight, Joe E.	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Kernan, Chas. W.	Plumtree, N. C.
Miller, T. DeWolfe, III	Stony Point, Tenn.
McKinley, Johnson E.	Quentin, Miss.
Rash, Ruel	Plumtree, N. C.
Rowe, John Dixon	Shulls Mills, N. C.
Stucky, Chas. L.	Plumtree, N. C.
Waddell, D. F.	Richmond, Va.
Whitlock, William	Fish Dam, Tenn.
Willis, Henry	Greenfield, Va.
Yelton, John	Shulls Mills, N. C.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING LEAGUE

Rev. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman*	Box 98, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, *Treasurer*	Box 548, Bristol, Tenn.

ADJOURNED MEETING

Johnson City, Tenn., June 9, 1927.

Holston Presbytery met in adjourned session in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tenn., June 9, 1927, at 10:30 a. m. eastern time, and was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., and opened with prayer by Elder Geo. C. Sells.

Enrollment

Ministers—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, C. B. Boyles, R. D. Carson, D. D., T. W. Clapp, E. M. Craig, D. D., W C. Frierson, Jos. P. Hall, T. P. Johnston, D. D., W. K. Keys, W. C. Young, and Elder J. L. Gray of Cove Creek.

A quorum being present, the following call for the meeting was read and found in order:

Pursuant to adjournment, I hereby call the Presbytery of Holston to meet in adjourned session in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tennessee, at 10:30 a. m., eastern time, June 9, 1927.

May 31, 1927. *R. D. Carson, Moderator.*

Report of Committee on Boys' School

The special Committee on Boys' School made a verbal report, stating that the Trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association had accepted the proposition of the Presbytery and would establish a Boys' Department. The following recommendations were adopted by the Presbytery:

1. That the direction of the campaign for funds for a boys' school be placed in the hands of the Board of Trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association instead of the special committee of Presbytery.

2. That the following amendment be accepted to the resolution of the adjourned meeting on May tenth calling for a campaign of $75,000 to be used in the erection of a Boys' Department at Banner Elk: "That the goal of this campaign be increased from $75,000 to $150,000 and that the Grandfather Orphanage be included in the campaign for one half of the above amount, or $75,000."

The special Committee on Boys' School was discharged and their diligence commended.

Item for Presbyterial Schools

Presbytery reconsidered the action taken formerly to hold two per cent of the benevolences in the hands of the central treasurer until the fall meeting. The central treasurer was directed to send the two per cent to the treasurer of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association designated for the Boys' Department.

The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston and D. C. Amick were excused in order to attend a meeting of the Trustee's of the Plumtree School for Boys.

Organization of Gray's Chapel

The commission to organize a church on Hampton Creek, Tenn., reported duty performed. The church was enrolled under the name of Gray's Chapel, P. O. Roan Mountain, Tenn., and the commission discharged.

On Sunday, May 29th, at Hampton Creek, Carter County, Tennessee, the Commission appointed by Holston Presbytery to perfect the organization of a Presbyterian Church, met at three o'clock in the afternoon, there being present: Rev. Walter K. Keys, Rev. J. P. Hall, Rev. T. W. Clapp, and Elders J. L. Gray and Geo. C. Sells.

The Commission organized by naming Rev. Mr. Keys to preside and Geo. C. Sells to act as Secretary.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Keys, who stated the purpose of the meeting, and Rev. J. P. Hall was introduced to the assembled congregation, and preached a sermon upon the subject "What a Good Man Is." Following the sermon by Rev. Mr. Hall, the Chairman suggested that it was proper to name the new organizations, and upon motion, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Church was named "Gray's Chapel."

Thereupon the following officers were elected: Elders—Mr. Arthur Perry, Mr. Marion Knight. Deacons—Mr. William Shell, Mr. Nolan Davis.

Following the election of the officers, Rev. Mr. Clapp delivered a charge to the officers and congregation. Following the charge the officers were ordained and installed and the meeting adjourned with prayer by the chairman.

Courtesy

Candidate John C. B. MacLaughlin of Lexington Presbytery was introduced to the Presbytery.

Presbytery took recess until 2:30 p. m.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:30 p. m.

Plumtree Trustees

The resignations of Dr. W. B. Burleson and Mr. E. C. Guy as members of the Board of Trustees of Plumtree School for Boys were read and accepted. The Rev. Messrs. W. K. Keys and T. P. Johnston with Elder J. L. Grey were appointed a committee to nominate additional trustees in their places. This committee nominated the Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., to succeed Dr. Burleson, and Mr. E. B. Ward of Spruce Pine, N. C., to succeed Mr. Guy. These nominees were elected.

Financial Report of Plumtree

The Rev. T. W. Clapp read a financial report of the Plumtree School for Boys, which was received and referred to the Board of Trustees of the Plumtree school for Boys.

The Minutes of today's meeting were read and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in adjourned meeting at the call of the Moderator, after prayer by Elder J. D. Faucette.

R. D. Carson, Moderator.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

SAFETY FILM

ADJOURNED MEETING

Johnson City, Tenn., July 29, 1927.

Pursuant to the Call of the Moderator, the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., Holston Presbytery met in adjourned session in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, July 29, 1927, at 9 a. m. The Presbytery was called to order by the last Moderator present, the Rev. W. K. Keys, and opened with prayer by the Rev. W. R. Smith.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—the Rev. Messrs. Warner H. DuBose, W. K. Keys, D. C. Amick, W. R. Smith, J. Leo Hall, W. C. Young, T. H. Spence, C. C. Carson, D. D., C. B. Boyles, E. M. Craig, D. D.

Ruling Elders—W. B. Harrison, Johnson City; F. H. Stinson, Banner Elk.

Messrs. Camp and McLaughlin Received

Letters of dismission to Holston Presbytery were presented by Candidates E. F. Camp, of Cherokee Presbytery, and J. C. B. McLaughlin of Lexington Presbytery. The letters were found in order, and the candidates enrolled under the care of Holston Presbytery.

Mrs. E. F. Camp and Mrs. J. C. B. McLaughlin, being present, were introduced to the Presbytery.

Call for Mr. Clapp

The Plumtree Church presented a call for the pastoral services of Rev. T. W. Clapp. The call was found incomplete, as the amount of salary was not specified and there was no record of the attest of the moderator of the congregational meeting. The call was returned to the church for correction.

Licensure of Candidates

The Presbytery proceeded to the examination of candidates E. F. Camp and J. C. B. McLaughlin for licensure.

For this meeting of the Presbytery the Rev. W. R. Smith was added to the Committee on *Theology*, the Rev. D. C. Amick to the Committee on *Church Government and the Sacraments*, the Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., to the Committee on *Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry*.

The examinations of Mr. J. C. B. McLaughlin were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial. In view of Mr. E. F. Camp having had two years at Emory College, Oxford, Georgia, and having had the full English Course at Union Theological Seminary his examinations were sustained, under the extraordinary clause, as satisfactory parts of trial.

The Presbytery took recess until 12:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 12:30 p. m.

Mr. McLaughlin's thesis on "The Trinity," and Mr. Camp's thesis on "Christ's Humiliation and Exaltation" were heartily sustained as satisfactory.

Mr. McLaughlin's popular lecture on the 51st Psalm, and Mr. Camp's popular lecture on Romans 5:8-11, were sustained as satisfactory.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., in behalf of Mr. Camp and Mr. McLaughlin.

The Presbytery listened to a sermon by Mr. McLaughlin from Heb. 9:13-14: "For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who though the Eternal Spirit offered Himself, without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God;" and a Sermon from Mr. Camp, from John 13:34 "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." The Presbytery sustained most heartily the sermons of both men.

The Moderator, being excused to attend a meeting of the Home Mission Committee, the Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., was called to the chair.

The exegesis of Mr. McLaughlin, upon 2nd Peter 1:16-21, and of Mr. Camp, upon the 51st Psalm, were heartily sustained as satisfactory.

The Presbytery then licensed Mr. Camp and Mr. McLaughlin to preach the Gospel; the Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., presiding and leading the Presbytery in prayer.

The examinations for licensure of Mr. Camp and Mr. McLaughlin were accepted as satisfactory examinations for ordination.

The following commission was appointed to receive and pass upon the call, and ordain and install Licentiate, J. C. B. McLaughlin as pastor of New Providence Church, August 14, 1927, at 10:30 a.m.: The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, D. D., W. K. Keys, J. Leo Hall, C. B. Boyles, Alternate to any of the ministers; Elder, Mr. A. B. Rogan, Rogersville; Alternate Elder, Mr. S. P. Miller, New Providence; Rev. Henry McLaughlin, D. D., being invited to be present to charge the pastor, and Rev. Lloyd Mac F. Courtney being invited to be present to charge the people.

The following commission was appointed to receive and pass upon the call, and ordain and install licentiate E. F. Camp as pastor of Newland and Pineola Churches, Aug. 21, 1927, at 11 a.m: The Rev. Messrs. J. C. B. McLaughlin, T. H. Spence, W. K. Keys, McCoy Franklin, Alternate to any minister; Elder, F. H. Stinson, Banner Elk; Alternate Elder, C. H. Hughes, Newland.

The Presbytery approved the transfer of property on May 7, 1925, from the trustees of Lees-McRae Institute to the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association and the Plumtree School for Boys; and the Board of Trustees of Lees-McRae Institute was granted authority by Holston Presbytery for any transfer of property in the future.

The Minutes of Presbytery were read and approved, after which Presbytery adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tennessee, Aug. 4, 1927, at one o'clock, p. m.

W. K. Keys, Moderator.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

Bristol, Tenn., Aug. 4, 1927.

Pursuant to its adjournment, the Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., at the call of the Moderator, at 1 p. m., eastern time, and was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., and opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. DuBose.

Rev. Charles B. Boyles was appointed Temporary Clerk.

Enrollment

The following were present: Ministers—The Rev. Messrs. W. H. DuBose, Chas. B. Boyles, Chas. C. Carson, D. D., R. D. Carson, D. D., Leo Hall, Tilden Scherer, D. D., W. K. Keys, J. P. Doggett, and W. R. Smith.

Ruling Elders—E. M. Kaylor, Bristol First Church and James A. Brown, Windsor Avenue Church.

The following were invited to sit as visiting brethren: The Rev. Messrs. J. B. Bittinger, D. D., of Winchester Presbytery, and E. C. Clyde, of Concord Presbytery, and Ruling Elder J. P. Edans, of Beaver Creek Church, Abingdon Presbytery.

Plumtree School for Boys

The following resolution presented by Rev. W. H. DuBose on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Plumtree School for Boys was adopted:

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Plumtree School for Boys be and the same is hereby authorized to turn over to Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, all or any portion of the endowment fund of the Plumtree school for Boys now in the possession of the Treasurer of said Board, if in the judgment of the Board it is deemed advisable to do so.

Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation Between Dr. C. C. Carson and the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol

The request of Dr. C. C. Carson for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the Bristol First Presbyterian Church was read. The Minutes of a Congregational meeting of the Bristol First Presbyterian Church were also read, showing that the congregation declined to concur in Dr. Carson's request.

The privileges of the floor were granted to the representatives appointed by the congregation of the Bristol First Church, Mr. E. W. King, Judge J. H. Caldwell, and Mr. John M. Fain, who expressed their appreciation of Dr. Carson and the hope that he would remain as their pastor.

Dr. C. C. Carson was then heard, expressing his conviction that the Spirit of God was calling him to the evangelistic work.

Presbytery was led in prayer by Rev. J. B. Bittinger, D. D.

The call of the General Assembly was read to the Presbytery (See page 78, Minutes of the General Assembly, 1927) and Dr. Carson stated that he accepted the call subject to the action of Presbytery.

It was moved and seconded that the Presbytery approve Dr. Charles C. Carson's acceptance of the call of the General Assembly, and dissolve the pastoral relation between Dr. Carson and the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tenn.-Va., the same to take effect on the 15th day of Sept., 1927. Pending the vote Rev. Messrs. W. H. DuBose, Walter K. Keys, J. B. Bittinger, D. D., R. D. Carson, D. D., Chas. B. Boyles, Leo Hall, and Tilden Scherer, D. D., spoke of their appreciation and love for Dr. C. C. Carson.

Rev. R. T. McDowell, pastor of the Virginia Avenue Methodist Church, of Bristol, was invited to sit as a visiting brother. Mr. McDowell spoke of the pleasant fellowship he had had with Dr. Carson.

The motion was then adopted with the understanding that this action also severs the relation between the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol and the Rev. J. Leo Hall, assistant pastor.

The following committee was appointed to draw suitable resolutions in regard to Dr. C. C. Carson: The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, D.D., W. H. DuBose, Leo Hall, and W. K. Keys.

The date for the fall meeting of Presbytery was changed at the request of the Crossnore Church from Oct. 3, 1927, to Sept. 26, 1927, 7:30 p. m.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator to meet in Crossnore Church Sept. 26, 1927, at 7:30 p. m., eastern time.

R. D. Carson, Moderator.
Chas. B. Boyles, Clerk pro tem.

FALL MEETING

Crossnore, N. C., Sept. 26, 1927.

The one hundred and ninth session of Holston Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Crossnore, North Carolina, beginning Sept. 26, 1927, at 8 p. m., eastern time.

After a praise service by the Crossnore Band and Choir, the Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., and was opened with prayer.

Enrollment

The following were present: Ministers—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, C. B. Boyles, R. D. Carson, D. D., E. M. Craig, D. D., E. F. Camp, Warner H. DuBose (2), McCoy Franklin, W. C. Frierson, D. H. Graham, S. H. Hay, D. D. (2), G. F. Johnson, T. P. Johnston, D. D., W. K. Keys, J. R. Knight, J. A. Messer, J. C. B. McLaughlin, Geo. F. Robertson, D. D., W. R. Smith, T. H. Spence, Jr., W. C. Young. Ruling Elders—Arcadia, S. A. Newland; Banner Elk, W. I. Greer; Blountville, J. E. Odell; Bristol First, J. D. Faucette; Cold Spring, E. B. Comerford; Cove Creek, Stephen Street; Crossnore, E. H. Sloop; Grassy Creek, S. T. Green (2); Johnson City First, T. B. Strain; Leesburg, B. F. Knight; Newport, H. C. Alexander; Rogersville, A. B. Rogan; Spruce Pine, J. B. Deaton; Thomas Memorial, W. H. Dettor.

Organization

The Rev. T. P. Johnston, D. D., was elected Moderator. The Rev. D. C. Amick was elected Stated Clerk, pro tem.

Courtesy

The following Ministers were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: The Rev. Messrs. W. J. Norton, of the Baptist Church, Crossnore; Robert Franklin, of the Methodist Church, Crossnore; F. A. Barnes, of Concord Presbytery and D. H. Graham, of Abingdon Presbytery.

Report of Program Committee

The following report, offered by the Program Committee was adopted:

Monday, September 26, 1927

7.30 P. M.	Presbytery opened with prayer. Organization. Opening Sermon by the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D. Presbyterial Communion.

Tuesday, September 27, 1927

8.30 A. M.	Devotional services led by the Rev. E. Frank Camp.
9.00 A. M.	Business Session
11.30 A. M.	Presbyterial Sermon by the Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D. Recess for Dinner.
2.00 P. M.	Business Session.
3.00 P. M.	Report of Stewardship Committee. Address by Rev. Warner H. DuBose. Address by Rev. Dan H. Graham. Address by Rev. Sam'l H. Hay.
3.40 P. M.	Business Session.
5.00 P. M.	Recess.
7.30 P. M.	Foreign Mission Report and popular meeting. Address by Dr. A. A. McFadyen, of China Mission. Business Session until adjournment.

Committee on Directory of Worship

The following were appointed a Special Committee to report on The Assembly's Revised Directory of Worship: The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, and John C. B. McLaughlin, and Elder J. D. Faucette.

Infant Baptism

Alice Naomi, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. McCoy Franklin, of the Crossnore Presbyterian Church, was administered the Ordinance of Infant Baptism, by the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., from Ezekiel, 33:32; "And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument, for they hear thy words, but they do them not."

Communion Service

Following the opening sermon the Presbyterial Communion was administered by the Rev. D. H. Graham and the Rev. W. R. Smith, assisted in the distribution of the elements by Elders J. D. Faucette, J. B. Deaton, J. E. Odell, E. B. Comerford, W. H. Dettor and S. A. Newland.

Presbytery then adjourned until 8:30 a. m., after the benediction by the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:30, a. m. The Devotional Service was conducted by the Rev. E. F. Camp, from I Cor. 1:18, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Minutes of an Adjourned Meeting, held in Johnson City, Tenn., June 9, 1927, at 10:30 a. m., were read for the information of the Presbytery.

The Minutes of an Adjourned Meeting, held in Johnson City, Tenn., July 29, 1927, at 9 a. m., were read for the information of the Presbytery.

The Minutes of an Adjourned Meeting, held in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., at 1 p. m., Aug. 4, 1927, were read for the information of the Presbytery.

Standing Committees

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—R.D. Carson, J. C. B. McLaughlin, J.D. Faucette.
2. Leave of Absence—W. C. Frierson, B. F. Knight.
3. Minutes of Presbytery—C. B. Boyles, S. A. Newland.
4. Minutes of General Assembly—W. K. Keys, E. B. Comerford.
5. Nominations—W. R. Smith, D. C. Amick, H. C. Alexander.
6. Resolutions—T. H. Spence, J. E. Odell.
7. Judicial—George F. Robertson, A. B. Rogan.

Communications

A communication from *The Christian Observer*, concerning Church Paper Week, was read and referred to the Committee on Stewardship.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the Rev. J. D. Leslie, D. D., concerning the Revised Directory of Worship, was read and referred to the Special Committee on the same.

A communication from the Rev. S. M. Tenney, D. D., Curator, was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Installations

The report of the commission to install the Rev. W. C. Frierson as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., was read, adopted, and the committee discharged.

The commission appointed by Presbytery at Spring Meeting on April 18, 1927, to install Rev. W. C. Frierson as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, met at 10:45 a. m., June 19, 1927, and was opened with prayer. Rev. D. C. Amick was elected Clerk of the commission. Present: Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., Rev. D. C. Amick, Rev. W. H. DuBose, and Elder Frank Taylor. The Commission was organized as follows: Rev. D. C. Amick to preside, propound the constitutional questions and to deliver the charge to the pastor. Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., preached the sermon and delivered the charge to the people. The Rev. W. C. Frierson was formally installed as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City. After reading and approving the minutes, the commission adjourned with prayer.

D. C. Amick, Clerk.

The report of the Commission to Ordain and Install Licentiate J. C. B. McLaughlin pastor of New Providence Church was read, adopted, and the commission discharged:

The commission met at the hour of morning worship at the New Providence Church and was opened with prayer by the chairman, Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.

Present: Ministers, R. D. Carson, D. D., Walter K. Keys, Chas. B. Boyles, and Rev. H. W. McLaughlin, D. D., of Lexington Presbytery; Elder S. P. Miller and Licentiate John C. B. McLaughlin.

Rev. Chas. B. Boyles was appointed clerk.

The call of the New Providence Church for the pastoral services of Licentiate John C. B. McLaughlin was read, found in order, and was placed in the hands of Mr. McLaughlin and accepted by him.

Elder A. B. Rogan, Principal Elder appointed by Presbytery, entered during the reading of the Scriptures and was enrolled. The sermon was preached by Rev. Walter K. Keys from Eph. 5:25-26. After the sermon the regular questions for ordination and installation were asked by the chairman, Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., and they being answered in the affirmative Licentiate John C. B. McLaughlin was regularly ordained by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery with prayer by Rev. H. W. McLaughlin, D. D., and was installed pastor of New Providence Church. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Dr. McLaughlin and the charge to the congregation by Dr. Carson followed by prayer by Elder A. B. Rogan. After a hymn the congregation was dismissed with the apostolic benediction by the newly ordained pastor.

The minutes were then read and approved and the commission adjourned with prayer by the chairman.

Attest: *R. D. Carson, Chairman.*
Chas. B. Boyles, Clerk.

The report of the Commission to Ordain and Install Licentiate E. F. Camp pastor of Newland and Pineola Churches was read, adopted, and the commission discharged.

Newland, N. C., August, 21, 1927, 11 A. M.

The commission appointed by Holston Presbytery, for the purpose of ordaining Mr. E. F. Camp a minister of the Gospel, and installing him as pastor of the Newland and Pineola Presbyterian churches, met at 11 o'clock a. m. with the following members present: Rev. Walter K. Keys, Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin, Rev. T. H. Spence, and F. H. Stinson, Elder. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. T. H. Spence, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin.

The installation sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin, at the close of the sermon Mr. Camp was ordained a minister of the Gospel. The call from the congregations was duly read in the hearing of Rev. Camp, and accepted by him. Rev. E. F. Camp was regularly installed as pastor of the church, Rev. T. H. Spence gave the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Walter K. Keys gave the charge to the congregation.

F. H. Stinson,
Clerk of the Commission.

Pineola, N. C., August 21, 1927, 8 P. M.

The Commission met again at the above named place, with Rev. Walter K. Keys, as Chairman, for the purpose of installing Rev. E. F. Camp as pastor of the Pineola Presbyterian Church.

Rev. T. H. Spence preached the installation sermon. Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin, gave the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Walter K. Keys gave the charge to the congregation.

F. H. Stinson,
Clerk to the Commission.

The commissions to install Rev. Leo Hall Assistant Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., and Rev. D. C. Amick, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Newport, Tenn., on the first Sunday of May, 1926, reported duty performed, and the Commissions were discharged.

Rev. J. Leo Hall Dismissed

The request of Rev. J. Leo Hall, for a letter of dismission to Louisville Presbytery, was granted.

Report to Synod

The report of the Stated Clerk to the Synod of Appalachia was read, approved, and ordered printed in the Minutes of the Presbytery.

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF HOLSTON

The Presbytery of Holston reports to the Synod of Appalachia in session in the Presbyterian Church of Rogersville, Tennessee, September 13, 1927, as follows:

*Holston Presbytery has 51 churches and 34 ministers; 12 candidates for the ministry; 222 elders, 211 deacons, and 5,456 communicants. There were added by examination 271 new members, and by certificate 268, a total of 539. The total Sunday school enrollment is 6,335.

Candidates Received: September 15, 1926, Ruel Rash and Chas. L. Stucky of the Plumtree Church; Sept. 15, 1926, Marshall W. Doggett, Jr., of the Kingsport First Church; October 5, 1926, G. H. Ellis, of Bristol First Church; April 19, 1927, Chas. W. Kernan of the Plumtree Church; July 29, 1927, E. F. Camp from Cherokee Presbytery and John C. B. McLaughlin from Lexington Presbytery.

Candidates Licensed: July 29, 1927, E. F. Camp and J. C. B. McLaughlin.

Licentiate Received: October 5, 1926, J. Leo Hall from Louisville Presbytery.

Ordinations: April 19, 1927, J. Leo Hall, at Presbytery at Johnson City. August 14, 1927, J. C. B. McLaughlin at New Providence Church. August 31, 1927, E. F. Camp at Newland Church.

Ministers Received: J. J. Douglass from Mecklenburg Presbytery, Sept. 15, 1926; W. R. Smith Jr., from Roanoke Presbytery, Feb. 8, 1927; Wm. C. Fierson from Guerrant Presbytery April 18, 1927.

Installations: October 17, 1926, J. J. Douglass at Mossy Creek; March 13, 1927, W. R. Smith, Jr., at Spruce Pine; June 19, 1927, W. C. Fierson at Johnson City First; August 14, 1927, J. C. B. McLaughlin at New Providence; August 21, 1927, E. F. Camp at Newland and Pineola N. C.

Ministers Dismissed: September 15, 1926, John Martin to Abingdon Presbytery; March 15, 1927, W. T. Pearman to Augusta Presbytery; April 19, 1927, C. F. Newland to Transylvania Presbytery; May 10, 1927, H. A. McBath to the Presbytery of Knoxville.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved: September 15, 1926, John Martin and Johnson City First; October 5, 1926, C. F. Newland and Blountville; also J. W. Roseborough, Jr., and Spruce Pine; March 15, 1927, W. T. Pearman and Meadow Creek; May 10 ,1927, H. A. McBath and Micaville; August 4, 1927, C. C. Carson and Bristol First.

Church Organized: May 29, 1927, Gray's Chapel.

Churches Dissolved: April 19, 1927, Brummetts, Forbes, and Jacks Creek.

Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

The Rev. D. H. Graham Received

The Rev. D. H. Graham presented a certificate of dismission from Abingdon Presbytery, which was received; after the customary examinations, and the signing of the customary obligation, he was enrolled a member of the Presbytery.

The call of the Blountville, Thomas Memorial, New Bethel and Arcadia Churches, for the pastoral services of the Rev. D. H. Graham was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

The following commissions were appointed to install Mr. Graham pastor of Blountville, Thomas Memorial, New Bethel, and Arcadia Churches:

October 30, 1927.

Blountville at 11:00 a. m. Arcadia 3:00 p. m.

The Rev. T. P. Johnston to preside, propound the constitutional questions and to charge the pastor. The Rev. Walter K. Keys to preach. The Rev. M. W. Doggett, of Abingdon Presbytery to charge the people. Elders, Chas. H. Masseengill and S. A. Newland.

November 6, 1927.

Thomas Memorial at 11:00 a. m. New Bethel at 3:00 p. m.

The Rev. Tilden Scherer to preside, propound the constitutional questions and charge the pastor. The Rev. R. D. Carson to preach. The Rev. M. W. Doggett, of Abingdon Presbytery, to charge the people. Elders, W. H. Dettor and John F. Gross.

Dr. Craig's Address

Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., addressed the Presbytery on the subject of Evangelism, *The Appalachian Appeal*, and the Synod's book, "*Highways and Byways of Appalachia*." The part referring to the book and paper was referred to the Committee on Stewardship.

The Sessional Records of Blountville Church, which were not at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, were received and referred to the Committee on Sessional Records.

It was made the second order of the day, this afternoon, to nominate Commissioners to the General Assembly.

A communication from the Rev. C. B. Boyles, in regard to the consolidation of the Committees on Men's Work and Stewardship, was read and referred to the Stewardship Committee.

Election of Clerks

Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., was called to the chair. The present Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk, and Central Treasurer were reëlected for a term of three years. The Moderator then resumed the chair.

Free Conversation on the State of Religion

The roll of the ministers and elders was called and reports made on the state of religion in the churches.

The Minutes of the Blountville session were approved, with the exception that the Minutes were not read and approved.

Presbytery took recess until 11:30 a. m.

Presbytery reconvened at 11:30 a. m.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial Sermon was preached by the Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., on "The Spirit of Jesus", from Romans 8:9, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

After the benediction by Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m., and was led in prayer by Elder J. D. Faucette.

Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following brethren were nominated as Commissioners to the General Assembly: *Principals—Ministers*, Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., Rev. T. P. Johnston, D. D.; *Principals—Elders*, H. C. Alexander, Newport; C. H. Massengill, Blountville; *Alternates—Ministers*, Rev. Warner H. DuBose, Rev. T. H. Spence; *Alternates—Elders*, B. F. Knight, Leesburg; Edgar Tufts, Banner Elk.

The following appeared and were excused for tardiness, Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., Rev. Warner H. DuBose, and Elder S. T. Greenlee, Grassy Creek.

Next Meeting of Presbytery

The invitation of the Blountville Church for the Spring Meeting was accepted by a rising vote; the time, April 16, 1928, 8:00 p. m.

Book Reviews

The Presbytery, under the leadership of the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., had a very helpful discussion of the most interesting books read during the year.

Stewardship Report

The Report of the Committee on Stewardship was read, received, and pending its adoption the Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. Warner H. DuBose on the subject, "Claiming the Young Life in the Service of Christ;" the Rev. D. H. Graham, on the subject, "Putting a Church Paper in Every Home;" and the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., on the subject, "Assembly's Schedule for Educational Mention of Benevolence Causes in the Churches."

The report was adopted as follows:

We would call attention to the fact that the figures in regard to the General Assembly and the Synod are quoted from the report that was made to the Synod of Appalachia at its recent session in Rogersville, Tenn., and that many of the recommendations which were adopted by the Synod are handed down in this report that Presbytery may adopt them and make them our policy also.

"The Church as a whole gave last year a total of $15,206,281, which was the highest figure in our history with the exception of the year preceding when the total was $9,149 greater. $5,380,916 was for regular and miscellaneous benevolences and $9,825,365 for current expenses.

The per capita giving in the Assembly was $12.24 for Benevolences and $22.35 for current expenses, totalling $34.59. The apparent per capita increase was owing mainly, of course, to the general pruning of church rolls which reduced our numbers more than 22,000.

The Synod of Appalachia gave $740,598 as compared wtih $706,476 the year preceding. $239,661 went for regular and miscellaneous Benevolences

and $500,967 for current expenses. The per capita giving in the Synod was $10.47 for benevolences and $21.88 for current expenses, totalling $32.35. It appears that the Synod lagged behind the Church at large in per capita giving."

Holston Presbytery gave last year a total of $156,435; $64,490 for the regular and miscellaneous benevolences, and $91,945 for current expenses. The per capita giving in the Presbytery for benevolences was $11.74 and for current expenses was $16.75, making a total per capita of $28.49.

It will be seen that the Presbytery's per capita giving was lower for benevolences than the Church at large, but greater than the per capita of the Synod.

Recommendations:

1. That the Presbytery take notice of and call attention of church officers to the reduction in the expenses of the stewardship department of the Assembly's work. The Committees on Stewardship and the Men-of-the-Church are now combined and are a promotional sub-committee of the Committee on Assembly's Work. The expenses of this sub-committee are now about half that of the two former committees.

2. That we impress upon pastors and sessions the importance of conducting Stewardship study classes, and "that the time for the study coincide with the study periods for Home Missions and Foreign Missions, and that the agencies concerned be instructed to give proper emphasis to Stewardship study." Also that during the study of our H. M. book "*Highways and Byways of Appalachia*," a canvass be made to get *The Appalachian Appeal* in every home.

3. That in the Presbytery the askings for regular benevolences for the church year 1928-29 be the same as last year, $55,000, the churches being asked to accept portions of it as follows, and to make every effort to secure pledges covering it.

Arcadia	$ 250.00
Banner Elk	800.00
Bethel	25.00
Blountville	800.00
Blowing Rock	400.00
Bristol First	12,000.00
Buladean	100.00
Cold Spring	900.00
Cove Creek	150.00
Crossnore	300.00
Ebenezer	25.00
Estatoa	25.00
Grassy Creek	25.00
Gray's Chapel	25.00
Harris Memorial	50.00
Hughes	25.00
Johnson City First	12,000.00
Kingsport First	5,000.00
Leesburg	325.00

Meadow Creek	500.00
Micaville	100.00
Mooresburg	125.00
Morristown	9,100.00
Mossy Creek	700.00
Mt. Sterling	25.00
New Bethel	300.00
Newdale	100.00
Newland	150.00
Newport	1,000.00
New Providence	1,000.00
Paint Gap	75.00
Paperville	50.00
Pineola	150.00
Plumtree	250.00
Providence	100.00
Rheatown	150.00
Rogersville	5,100.00
Russellville	200.00
Russ Memorial	50.00
Rutledge	350.00
Salem (Whitesburg)	100.00
Shulls Mills	100.00
Smoky Mountain	25.00
Spruce Pine	600.00
Strawberry Plains	50.00
Thomas Memorial	250.00
Vians Valley	50.00
Weavers	50.00
White Pine	75.00
Windsor Avenue	900.00
Total	$55,000.00

And that the percentages of distribution remain the same as in use this year, which are as follows:

Assembly Causes	*Per cent*	
Foreign Missions	24.2	
Home Missions	11.88	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	5.5	
Religious Education	1.54	
Training School	.44	
American Bible Society	.44	
Total	44	44
Synod's Causes	*Per cent*	
Home Missions (Synod's Work)	6	
Educational Institutions	12	
Total	18	18
Presbytery's Causes	*Per cent*	
Grandfather Orphans' Home	4	
Home Missions	28	
Schools (Banner Elk)	6	
Total	38	38
Grand Total		100

4. That Presbytery urge all donors to give mainly through the regular budget of the churches; but that the reminder be given also that whenever a special gift of any sort is made at any time it will go where designated over and above the regular budget money. It should be understood, however, by all the church members that the askings of Presbytery refer to the regular budget funds to be pledged in the annual every member canvass.

5. That the annual loyalty week in February be replaced by a week of prayer and self-denial for Home Missions in November and a week of prayer and self-denial for Foreign Missions in January.

6. That Presbytery endorse "Church Paper Week" and every church be urged during the week of Nov. 6-13, or as near thereto as practicable, to canvass the homes of the church and endeavor to secure subscriptions for at least one church paper and the Presbyterian Survey in every home.

7. That Presbytery adopt as its own the following sections of the Assembly's action:

a. That March 11th, 1928, be fixed as the time for the next annual every member canvass; and that our churches be urged to use that date to secure the needed pledges for their budget.

b. That before that date conferences on Stewardship be held in our churches where possible, and the sessions have the board of deacons or a committee prepare the budget for the local church.

c. That Presbytery, in this great matter of Stewardship, would remind members of the churches that stewardship first means the giving of oneself, and would call upon them to give themselves anew to prayer and soul-winning, that His kingdom may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

8. That the first Sabbath in March, 1928, be designated as "Pay-up" day for the pledges for the regular benevolences of the Church.

9. That Presbytery combine the two former committees on Stewardship and Men's Work, thus following the action of the General Assembly.

G. F. Johnson, Chairman.
Chas. B. Boyles, Secretary.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to write to the Churches, delinquent in Presbyterial taxes, that these taxes must be paid before any other bills or benevolences.

Report on Evangelism

The Report of the Committee on Evangelism was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Evangelism would report that the past year has been a fruitful year in the great business of saving the souls of men.

It is becoming more and more the custom of setting apart a definite season every year for a special definite effort in soul winning. Few churches in our bounds have failed in this effort. More than three hundred members have been received by profession of faith. A large number of our ministers have engaged to hold evangelistic meetings in our bounds during the present year. During the next few weeks a score or more of these meetings will be held and we hope that these ministers and congregations will be remembered at the throne of God's grace. We would call especial attention to the Day of Fasting and Prayer appointed by the General Assembly, Oct. 9th.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Carson, Chairman.

The Rev. Geo. F. Robertson D. D., was granted leave to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery until the next Stated Meeting.

Resolutions Pertaining to Dr. C. C. Carson

The Committee appointed to draw up resolutions with regard to the entering of Dr. Chas. C. Carson into the field of Evangelism, offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

Presbytery of Holston in dissolving the pastoral relation which has so long existed between Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., and the First Church of Bristol, Tenn., would

First: Record our gratitude to God for these years of faithful and fruitful service which he has given to God and to this church in the ministry of His Grace.

Second: We express our abiding confidence in Dr. Carson as a man, as a Christian and as a minister in the Gospel of our Lord.

Third: We commend him to the pastors and churches of our Assembly as one who will "Do the work of an Evangelist and make full proof of his ministry" in the new field of service to which he has been called by the highest court of our church.

Fourth: We express to him our love for him, and assure him that our prayers will follow him into his larger sphere of service in the special mission upon which he now goes in the service of our Lord.

R. D. Carson.
Warner DuBose.
Walter K. Keys.

Vacancy and Supply

The Report of the Committee on Vacancy and Supply was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Vacancy and Supply reports that several vacant fields have been supplied since the Spring Meeting of Presbytery. Messrs. John C. B. McLaughlin and E. F. Camp, graduates of Union Seminary, Richmond, Va., have been installed as pastors of the New Providence Church, and the Newland group respectively. Rev. Dan H. Graham has recently come to the Blountville group of churches. Rev. W. C. Fierson has been installed as associate pastor of the First Church, Johnson City. Rev. H. A. McBath resigned the pastorate of the Micaville group to go to Knoxville Presbytery. Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., resigned to become general evangelist of the Assembly, leaving the First Church, Bristol, vacant. Dr. Carson's resignation carried with it that of Rev. J. Leo Hall, as assistant pastor. Mr. Hall has accepted work in Louisville Presbytery. The only other vacancy in the Presbytery is the Meadow Creek Church, in Green County, Tenn. This Church during the summer was very satisfactorily supplied by Mr. Dewey Greenhoe, of the Presbyterian Seminary of Kentucky.

Walter K. Keys, Chairman.

The Special Committee on the Revised Directory of Church Worship was continued until the next Stated Meeting at its own request.

Hospital Sunday

The Presbytery requested the sessions of the churches to order an annual Hospital Sunday, and an offering on that day, for Grace Hospital, Banner Elk.

Courtesy

Dr. A. A. MacFadyen, of Suchowfu, China, was introduced to the Presbytery.

The Presbytery took recess until 7:30 p. m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, D. D.

Popular Meeting on Foreign Missions

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and received. Pending its adoption, the Presbytery was addressed by Dr. A. A. MacFadyen, of our Mission Station at Suchowfu, China.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE

Your Committee reports that the conditions of our Foreign Mission Work reveal both encouraging and discouraging features with the exception of China, where civil war and the nationalists movements have compelled temporary evacuation of our mission stations. Mission work evidences great progress and hopefulness for the future. One of our Missionaries in Africa reports a red letter year in the history of the Mission in Africa.

From Brazil, Mexico, Korea, and Japan have come reports of notable increase in attendance in our mission schools and Sunday schools. Miss Dowd's school, in Japan, reports 100 per cent. of its pupils to be professing Christians. The Golden Castle School has been certified the model school of the city by the Government Inspector of Education, and the Buddhist school to be the worst. The Theological Seminary of Kobe, Japan, had the largest enrollment in its history.

The financial stringency appears to be growing worse. The deficit of about $285,000 of our Executive Committee, April 1, 1927, has not been reduced. Up to September 1, the contributions from regular sources have been about one-half of the proportionate amount of the annual appropriation by the Assembly. There has been about $27,800 less contributed for the same period, as compared with last year.

The extra expense incurred in the withdrawal of our Missionaries in China was about $125,000; $25,633.01 is the amount of the emergency offerings from the churches for this purpose, almost $100,000 less than the actual expense incurred.

The Committee of 44, and the Foreign Mission Committee have been forced to announce a cut of $100,000, in the support of the various forms of

Mission Work in the fields. This means, in Mexico alone, a reduction of 29 per cent., involving the dropping of four unordained workers, the closing of twenty-two preaching places, the closing of four day schools and reducing attendances 40 per cent. Some of these workers are paid only $22.50 per month, and could not live on a reduced salary.

The proposed cut in support is postponed until April 1, 1928, in the hope that the people of God will contribute sufficient to make the retrenchment unnecessary.

We recommend:

1. That Presbytery call upon all its churches, societies, and individuals to greatly increase, and, where possible, double their Foreign Mission offerings of this year. If they do this, hundreds of trained workers can be retained, and scores of Mission Schools and outstations will not have to be abandoned.

2. That Presbytery be led in a special prayer by Dr. A. A. McFadyen, for God's blessing that the impending crisis in our Foreign Mission work may be averted.

3. That Presbytery do now make a free will offering for the Foreign Mission work.

4. That Presbytery tender to Dr. A. A. McFadyen our appreciation of his interesting and very helpful address, and our thanks to the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions for sending Dr. McFadyen to the meeting of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Young, Chairman.

The Presbytery was led in prayer for Foreign Missions, by Dr. A. A. MacFadyen, after which a free will offering, amounting to $25.63, was made to Foreign Missions.

Catechism Recital

A very interesting part of the evening program was a Catechism Recital, by pupils of the Crossnore Sunday School, under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Sloop. The Presbytery expressed its appreciation of the Recital by a rising vote.

The Rev. D. C. Amick made an oral report for the Trustees of the Plumtree School for Boys, which was received as information.

The resignation of the Rev. T. P. Johnston, D. D., as Trustee of the Plumtree School for Boys, was received and accepted, and the selection of his successor referred to the Nominating Committee.

Leave of Absence

The Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was read and adopted.

Your Committee on Leave of Absence respectfully makes the following report:

Granted leave of absence at 2 p. m. Tuesday—Dr. E. M. Craig, in order to attend Abingdon Presbytery; Rev. W. C. Frierson, in order to drive Dr. Craig's car. Elder T. B. Strain, of Johnson City.

B. F. Knight, Chairman.

Assembly's Minutes

The Report of the Committee on Assembly's Minutes was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Assembly's Minutes find that most of the outstanding actions of the El Dorado Assembly have already come before Presbytery in other reports, we would call attention to the forming of the Assembly's Work Committee, and would recommend that Presbytery pledge to this Committee the utmost sympathy, most earnest prayers, and undivided support in the vastly important work entrusted into their hands.

W. K. Keys, Chairman.

Bills and Overtures

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was adopted as follows:

In answer to the request by the Historical Society for our records, for safe keeping, we recommend that inasmuch as the Stated Clerk of Presbytery has access to and is using a fireproof vault, the question of storing Presbytery's records at Montreat be deferred to some future date.

R. D. Carson, Chairman.

Minutes of Presbytery

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Presbytery was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Presbytery's Minutes beg to report that the minutes have been examined carefully and found to be accurately kept. We recommend their approval and that the Stated Clerk be commended for his neatness.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. B. Boyles,
S. A. Newland,
Committee.

Nominations

The report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted as follows: (The bulk of this report appears under the head of "Organization" in the front of the minutes.) For the Presbyterial Sermon, the Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin, with the Rev. W. C. Frierson as alternate is nominated to preach at the spring meeting on the subject, "How to be Saved."

Resolutions

An appropriate resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

The Presbytery ordered a Popular Meeting in the interests of Sabbath Observance and Family Religion, to be held during the Spring Meeting under the direction of the Committee on Sabbath Observance and Family Religion.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted, after which Presbytery adjourned with song and the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in regular Stated Meeting in the Blountville Presbyterian Church, April 16, 1928, at 8 p. m.

T. P. Johnston, Moderator.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.
D. C. Amick, Stated Clerk, Pro tem.

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ORGANIZATION

Moderator—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tennessee.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, D. D., Kingsport, Tennessee.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tennessee.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tennessee.

Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist—The Rev. Walter K. Keys, Bristol, Tennessee.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, W. H. DuBose, J. R. Cunningham, W. R. Smith, Jr.; Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary;* H. E. Harris, W. W. Hufford; Deacon: Sam R. Sells.

Note: All elders on the following committees are appointed at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2. *Foreign Missions*—Ministers: W. C. Young, *Chairman;* F. A. Barnes. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

3. *Assembly's Home Missions*—Ministers: J. J. Douglass, *Chairman;* J. A. Messer. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

4. *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Tilden Scherer, W. R. Smith, Jr. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

5. *Religious Education*—Ministers: D. C. Amick, *Chairman;* W. C. Frierson, T. W. Clapp. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

6. *Bible Cause*—Ministers: J. I. Knight, *Chairman;* Dan Graham. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

7. *Stewardship and Men's Work*—Ministers: G. F. Johnson, *Chairman;* C. B. Boyles, *Secretary;* J. R. Cunningham. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

8. *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Ministers: J. C. B. McLaughlin, *Chairman;* F. A. Barnes. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

9. *Women's Work*—Ministers: E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* McCoy Franklin. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

10. *Educational Institutions*—Ministers: R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* Robert Yost, T. H. Spence, Jr. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

11. *Orphans' Home*—Ministers: T. H. Spence, Jr., *Chairman;* Jno. W. Young. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

12. *Evangelism*—Ministers: Dan H. Graham, *Chairman;* W. K. Keys, G. F. Johnson. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

13. *Sessional Records*—Ministers: McCoy Franklin, *Chairman;* J. A. Messer, W. C. Frierson. Four elders appointed at Presbytery.

14. *Vacancy and Supply*—Ministers: W. K. Keys, *Chairman;* W. C. Young. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

15. *Program*—The Stated Clerk and the representatives of the church entertaining Presbytery.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1. *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Warner H. DuBose.

2. *Theology*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and J. R. Cunningham.

3. *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. P. Johnston, Chas. B. Boyles and W. C. Frierson.

4. *Church History*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick and G. F. Johnson.

5. *Philosophy, Logic and Ethics*—The Rev. Messrs. Tilden Scherer and Robert Yost.

6. *Natural Science and Secular Subjects*—The Rev. Messrs. W. K. Keys and T. H. Spence, Jr.

7. *Latin, Greek and Hebrew*—The Revs. Messrs. F. A. Barnes and J. C. B. McLaughlin.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

To Confer with Trustees of Boone Fork Institute: Mr. Geo. C. Sells, *Chairman;* Rev. Walter K. Keys, Elder J. L. Gray.

TRUSTEES

1. *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. Geo. C. Sells, Arthur W. King, and John S. Powers.

2. *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—F. H. Stinson, 1929; J. Fred Johnson, 1930; E. W. King, 1931; Jas. A. Summers, 1932; Rev. S. H. Hay, 1933.

3. *Plumtree School for Boys*—T. B. Vance, Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., Rev. Warner H. DuBose, 1929; Frank Taylor, Geo. C. Sells, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1930; E. B. Ward, D. R. Beeson, Rev. E. F. Camp, 1931.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

The following candidates for the ministry are under the care of Holston Presbytery:

Ellis, Geo. H.	Bristol, Tenn.
Knight, Joe E.	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Kernan, Chas. W.	Plumtree, N. C.
Miller, T. DeWolfe, III	Stony Point, Tenn.
McKinley, Johnson E.	Quentin, Miss.
Rash, Ruel	Plumtree, N. C.
Rowe, John Dixon	Shulls Mills, N. C.
Stucky, Chas. L.	Plumtree, N. C.
Whitlock, William	Fish Dam, Tenn.
Willis, Henry	Greenfield, Va.
Yelton, John	Shulls Mills, N. C.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING LEAGUE

Rev. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman*	Box 98, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, *Treasurer*	Box 548, Bristol, Tenn.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator the Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, at 1:30 p. m., January 10, 1928, and was called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator. The roll call showed present: Ministers, D. C. Amick, C. B. Boyles, E. M. Craig, T. W. Clapp, Warner H. DuBose, W. C. Frierson, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, and W. K. Keys. Ruling Elders, T. B. Strain, First Church, Johnson City; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek.

Mr. Amick was appointed temporary clerk.

The call for the meeting was read and found in order as follows:

Kingsport, Tenn., December 31, 1927.

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, at 1:30 p. m., January 10, 1928, to transact the following business:

To receive the Rev. F. A. Barnes and arrange for his installation in the Micaville, N. C., field.

To complete all business growing out of the above.

Thos. P. Johnston, Moderator.

Reception of the Rev. F. A. Barnes

The Rev. F. A. Barnes presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Concord. Pending his reception he was given the usual examinations, which were sustained as satisfactory, and Mr. Barnes was received, enrolled, and directed to sign the usual obligation.

The churches of the Micaville, North Carolina, group requested the services of Mr. Barnes as Stated Supply until the next meeting of Presbytery. The request was granted and Mr. Barnes was given evangelistic powers by the Presbytery and also authority to moderate the sessions of the churches composing the Micaville group.

The minutes of the meeting were read and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned, and was closed with prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay.

Thos. P. Johnston, Moderator.
D. C. Amick, Temporary Clerk.

SPRING MEETING

Blountville, Tenn., April 16, 1928.

The one hundred and tenth session of Holston Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Blountville, Tenn., beginning April 16, 1928, at 8:00 p. m. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, D. D., and was opened with prayer.

Enrollment

The following were present—*Ministers:* D. C. Amick, F. A. Barnes, Chas. B. Boyles, E. F. Camp, R. D. Carson, T. W. Clapp, J. R. Cunningham, J. J. Douglass (2), Warner H. DuBose, C. McCoy Franklin, W. C. Frierson, Dan H. Graham, S. H. Hay (2), G. F. Johnson, Thos. P. Johnston, W. K. Keys, J. I. Knight, C. G. McKaraher, J. C. B. McLaughlin, J. A. Messer, Geo. F. Robertson, Tilden Scherer (2), W. R. Smith, Jr., T. H. Spence, Jr., Robert Yost, J. W. Young, W. C. Young. *Ruling Elders:* Arcadia, Leslie Newland; Banner Elk, Edgar Tufts (2); Blountville, J. B. Harr; Blowing Rock, W. L. Holshouser; Bristol First, J. D. Faucette; Cold Spring, N. T. Thomas; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Crossnore, Dr. E. H. Sloop; Johnson City First, Jno. S. Powers (2); Kingsport First, W. W. Hufford; Leesburg, B. F. Knight; Micaville, Troy Young; Morristown First, M. C. Caldwell (2); Mossy Creek, J. W. Zirkle (2); New Bethel, A. J. King (2); Newdale, R. L. Young; New Providence, R. C. Armstrong; Plumtree, F. L. Burleson; Rogersville, F. M. Fulkerson; Spruce Pine, J. A. Steele; Thomas Memorial, W. H. Dettor; Weaver, Sam F. Peavler (2); Windsor Avenue, Jas. A. Brown; Gray's Chapel, Arthur Perry.

Organization

The Rev. D. C. Amick was elected Moderator.

Program

The Program Committee offered a report which was adopted as follows:

PROGRAM

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1928

8:00 P. M. Presbytery opened with prayer
Organization
Report of Program Committee
Opening Sermon by the Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, D. D.
Presbyterial Communion

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

9:00 A. M. Devotional Services led by the Rev. W. C. Frierson
9:15 A. M. Address of Welcome—Mr. J. B. Harr
9:30 A. M. Business Session
11:30 A. M. Presbyterial Sermon by the Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin
Memorial to Dr. E. M. Craig
Recess for Dinner
2:00 P. M. Business Session
3:00 P. M. Popular Meeting in interest of Sabbath and Family Religion
Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin presiding
4:00 P. M. Recess for Committee Meetings
8:00 P. M. Popular Meeting in the interest of Presbytery's Home Missions, Mr. J. D. Faucette presiding

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

9:00 A. M. Devotional Services led by the Rev. F. A. Barnes
9:15 A. M. Business Session
9:30 A. M. Synod's Work, the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D.
10:45 A. M. Popular Meeting in interest of Men's Work
Rev. G. F. Johnson presiding.
11:30 A. M. Sermon by the Rev. Warner H. DuBose
Recess for Dinner
2:00 P. M. Business Session until adjournment
8:00 P. M. Sermon by the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.

Courtesy

The following ministers were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: The Rev. M. W. Doggett, D. D., of Abingdon Presbytery; J. R. Cunningham, D. D., of Suwanee Presbytery, and B. W. Cronk, D. D., of the Lutheran Synod.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, D. D., from the text John 13:30, "It was night."

Presbyterial Communion

Following the opening sermon, the Presbyterial Communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and D. C. Amick, assisted in the distribution of the elements by Elders J. D. Faucette, B. F. Knight, Robert Armstrong, and E. H. Sloop.

Presbytery then adjourned until 9 a. m., after prayer by the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 9 a. m. The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. W. C. Frierson, from 1st Tim. 6:1-16.

Address of Welcome

An address of welcome was delivered to the Presbytery by Elder J. B. Harr, of the Blountville Church, who spoke of the early days of Presbyterianism in Blountville. A fitting response was made by the Moderator in behalf of the Presbytery.

Courtesy

The Rev. J. J. Fix, D. D., of the Presbytery of Abingdon, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The printed minutes of the Fall Meeting of the Presbytery were distributed.

The minutes of a called meeting of Presbytery were read for the information of the Presbytery.

Standing Committees

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures:* T. P. Johnston, S. H. Hay, B. F. Knight.
2. *Leave of Absence:* T. H. Spence, Jr. and F. M. Fulkerson.
3. *Auditing:* W. W. Hufford and E. F. Camp.
4. *Minutes of Presbytery:* F. A. Barnes and J. A. Steele.
5. *Minutes of Synod:* Geo. F. Robertson and E. H. Sloop.
6. *Nominations:* W. H. DuBose, J. D. Faucette, and T. P. Johnston.
7. *Pastors' Salaries:* T. W. Clapp and R. C. Armstrong.
8. *Resolutions:* R. D. Carson and N. T. Thomas.
9. *Elders on Sessional Records:* Lesslie Newland, W. H. Dettor, Troy Young and Jas. A. Brown.
10. *Judicial:* G. F. Johnson and R. L. Young.

Communications

The reports of the commissions to install the Rev. Dan H. Graham as pastor of the Blountville, Arcadia, New Bethel and Thomas Memorial Churches were read, received and the commissions discharged.

Report of Commission to Install the Rev. Dan H. Graham at Blountville and Arcadia Churches

The commission appointed to install the Rev. Dan H. Graham at Blountville, met on Sunday morning, October 30th, 1927, at 11:00 a. m., with the following members present: the Rev. Messrs. Thos. P. Johnston, W. K. Keys, M. W. Doggett (of Abingdon Presbytery), and Elder C. H. Massengill.

The commission was called to order and opened with prayer. A sermon was preached by the Rev. Walter K. Keys. Rev. T. P. Johnston presided and propounded the constitutional questions, which having been satisfactorily answered Mr. Graham was declared duly installed as pastor of the Blountville Church. A charge to the pastor was delivered by Mr. Johnston and a charge to the congregation by Dr. Doggett. The service was closed with prayer, and the benediction pronounced by the pastor-elect, Mr. Graham.

Thos. P. Johnston.

The above named commission met at Arcadia Church at 3:00 p. m. October 30th, 1927, and was called to order and opened with prayer. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Thos. P. Johnston; the Rev. Walter K. Keys presided and propounded the constitutional questions, following which Mr. Graham was duly installed as pastor of the Arcadia Church. A charge was delivered to the pastor by Mr. Keys, and a charge to the congregation by Dr. M. W. Doggett. The pastor-elect, Mr. Graham, made a prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Thos. P. Johnston.

Report of Commission to Install the Rev. Dan Graham at Thomas Memorial and New Bethel Churches

The commission met at the Thomas Memorial Church, Sunday morning November 6, 1927, at 10:30 o'clock. Present, Revs. R. D. Carson and Tilden Scherer and Ruling Elders W. H. Dettor and John F. Gross.

The commission was called to order by Dr. Carson and was led in prayer by Dr. Scherer.

It was reported that on account of a death in the Thomas Memorial congregation which would make necessary the services of Rev. Dan Graham at the funeral services in the afternoon at the hour appointed for the installation service in the New Bethel Church, the New Bethel congregation had been invited to meet with the Thomas Memorial congregation at the 11 o'clock hour for the purpose of holding a joint service. Accordingly the two congregations met in joint service.

The service was opened with the doxology. The invocation was offered by Dr. Scherer. The Scripture lesson was read from the 30th chapter of I Samuel. Dr. Carson led in prayer. Dr. Carson preached the sermon from the text I Sam. 30:24. Prayer at the conclusion of the sermon was led by Rev. Dan Graham, pastor elect.

Dr. Carson presided and propounded the constitutional questions. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Dr. Scherer. The charge to the congregations was delivered by Dr. Carson.

After reading and approval of minutes commission adjourned with prayer.

R. D. Carson, Moderator.
Tilden Scherer, Clerk.

The Presbytery granted a certificate of dismission to Candidate D. F. Waddell, to Granville Presbytery.

The resignations of the Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., and Messrs. E. W. King and J. D. Faucette, as trustees of Holston Presbytery, were read and accepted, and the filling of these places referred to the Committee on Nominations.

A communication from Rev. J. D. Leslie, D. D., Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, concerning the conduct of his office, was read and received as information. The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery was requested to write Dr. Leslie a letter of commendation, pledging coöperation on the part of the Presbytery.

A communication regarding the Bureau of Vacancy and Supply, from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, was read and referred to the Committee on Vacancy and Supply.

Newland and Pineola Churches, upon their own request, were excused from 1926 Presbyterial taxes.

Treasurer's Report

The report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery was read, received, and together with his books and accounts referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of T. P. Johnston, Treasurer of Holston Presbytery

APRIL 16, 1927—APRIL 14,1928

Receipts

Balance brought forward	$ 481.56	
Church Assessments	1,240.00	
		$1,721.56

Disbursements

Salaries:			
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk and Treasurer	$150.00		
Chas. B. Boyles, Central Treasurer of Benevolences	300.00		
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	20.00	$470.00	
Stated Clerk's Office Expense:			
Printing and Mailing Minutes	173.14		
Postage	6.80		
Sessional Report Blanks	6.62	185.56	
Central Treasurer's Office Expense:			
Bonding Fee	12.50		
Office Supplies	8.75		
Postage	8.40	29.65	
Miscellaneous			
General Assembly's Assessment	460.64		
Historical Foundation Assessment	57.58		
Synod's Assessment	27.28		
Expense Survey Committee	15.65	561.15	1,247.36
Balance in Bank April 14, 1928			474.20
Total			$1,721.56

Respectfully submitted,
Thos. P. Johnston, Treasurer.

Report of Central Treasurer

The report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences was read, received, and together with his books and accounts referred to the Auditing Committee:

HOLSTON PRESBYTERY BENEVOLENCES
RECEIPTS

	Congregation	S. S.	W. Aux.	C. E.	Men's Club	Miscl.	Totals
Arcadia	$ 247.00						$247.00
Banner Elk	186.83	4.50	$ 170.00				361.33
Bethel	6.00						6.00
Blountville	555.68		106.05				661.73
Blowing Rock	55.00	49.66	5.00				109.66
Bristol First	6,539.78	326.18	2,480.07		174.50		9,520.53
Bulsdean	80.83	35.00					115.83
Cold Spring	360.48	73.00	70.00				503.48
Concord	8.51						8.51
Cove Creek	180.00						180.00
Crossmore	234.25	71.00	193.50				498.75
Ebenezer	8.75						8.75
Estaton	95.15						95.15
Grassy Creek	17.00						17.00
Gray's Chapel	25.00						25.00
Harris Memorial	31.00	3.00					34.00
Hughes	2.00						2.00
Johnson City First	5,979.21	10.00	1,423.28	18.77			7,431.26
Kingsport First	2,090.43	605.77	746.30	33.50			3,476.00
Leesburg	192.54						192.54
Meadow Creek	2.10		10.00				12.10
Micaville	43.15						43.15
Mooresburg	25.50	19.62	70.00				115.12
Morristown	216.89						216.89
Muddy Creek			438.93				438.93
New Bethel	159.25						159.25
Newdale	29.05						29.05
Newland	26.52	45.82	19.00				91.34
Newport	555.00	78.00	270.55				903.55
Paint Gap	50.06	19.23					69.29
Paperville	55.41						55.41
Pisgah	2.46		8.50				10.96
Plumtree		8.07					8.07
Providence	23.50						23.50
Rheatown	236.70						236.70
Rogersville	2,704.30	111.59	243.00				3,058.89
Russellville	14.00	6.00	62.00				82.00
Ross Memorial	12.00	4.46					16.46
Salem (Whitesburg)	12.00		2.70				14.70
Smoky Mountain	5.00						5.00
Spruce Pine	287.73	195.88					483.61
Strawberry Plains	83.00						83.00
Thomas Memorial	165.00						165.00
Vlass Valley	18.08						18.08
Weaver	58.62						58.62
White Pine	32.00		18.00				50.00
Windsor Avenue	307.27	104.23	467.75	34.00			913.25
Holston Presbytery						25.63	25.63
Personal						1.00	1.00
	$21,920.03	$1,771.01	$6,804.63	$86.27	$174.50	$26.63	$30,783.07

Miscellaneous

Newport Auxiliary Contingent Fee	$ 10.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Franklin St. Church, Baltimore	600.00
Balance carried over from previous year	582.04
Total	$ 31,925.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions		
Regular Fund	$9,686.25	
Emergency Fund	173.55	
Kellersberger Fund	455.00	
Auxiliary Birth-Day Offering	25.00	$10,339.80
Assembly Home Missions		
Regular Fund	$2,999.18	
Emergency Fund	197.56	3,196.74
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		1,382.22
Publication and S. S. Extension		
Regular Fund	$ 358.25	
Rally Day Offerings	229.76	588.01
Assembly Training School		104.23
American Bible Society		114.14
Synod's Home Missions		1,432.68
Educational Institutions		
Synod's Regular Fund	$2,590.17	
Synod's Campaign Fund	165.00	
Presbytery's Schools	1,575.03	4,330.20
Orphans' Home (Grandfather)		2,003.40
Presbytery's Home Missions		8,106.38
Total		$31,599.00
Miscellaneous		
Church of the Pilgrims	$ 6.25	
Tennessee State C. E. Pledge	15.00	
Newport W. Auxiliary Contingent Fee	10.00	
Charity Ward in King's Mountain Memorial Hospital	7.00	
Protestant Relief in Europe	97.21	
Lord's Day Alliance	1.00	
Near East Relief	13.05	
On Assembly's Deficits	175.00	325.31
		$31,925.11

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. B. BOYLES, Treasurer.

Church and Manse Building League

The report of the Treasurer of the Church and Manse Building League was read, received and, together with his books and accounts, referred to the Auditing Committee.

Church and Manse Building League

Balance on hand at spring meeting of Presbytery 1927		$ 345.29
Receipts since spring meeting of Presbytery 1927		$1,337.11
Total		$1,682.40
Disbursed:		
Buladean Manse	$ 50.00	
Gray's Chapel	15.00	
Virginia Building, Lees-McRae Institute	10.00	
Harris Memorial Church	1,407.07	1,482.07
Balance on hand		$ 200.33

Note—Bills payable, so far as known to your Treasurer, amount to $11.50. Of the amount on hand $200 is designated by the donor for specific work and cannot be used otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,
Chas. B. Boyles, Treasurer.

The Presbytery execused Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., for tardiness.

Reception of the Rev. J. R. Cunningham, D. D.

The Rev. J. R. Cunningham, D. D., presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Suwanee, together with resolutions concerning Dr. Cunningham, which were received. After the customary examinations and the signing of the obligation, Dr. Cunningham was received and enrolled.

A call from the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tenn., for the pastoral services of Dr. Cunningham was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. Presbytery was led in prayer by Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., for a blessing on the new pastorate.

The following commission was appointed to install Dr. Cunningham pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., May 13, 1928, at 2 p. m.: The Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., to preside and preach the sermon; the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., to charge the pastor; the Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., to charge the congregation; Elder C. H. Massengill, clerk of the commission.

The roll of absentees from the last meeting of the Presbytery was called, and the brethren referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

Commissioners to the Assembly

The following brethren were elected commissioners to the General Assembly: *Principals*—Ministers, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston; Elders, H. C. Alexander, Newport; C. H. Massengill, Blountville; *Alternates*—Ministers, Warner H. DuBose, T. H. Spence; Elders, B. F. Knight, Leesburg; Edgar Tufts, Banner Elk.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

A verbal report from the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was made, received as information, and the following recommendation adopted:

We recommend that the appropriations of relief funds be the same in all particulars as for the past year, with authority granted Presbytery's committee to make changes in amounts, if changing needs are discovered during the year.
S. H. Hay, Chairman.

The Presbytery, led by the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., engaged in a helpful discussion of the Temptations of the Minister. Presbytery expressed its appreciation to Dr. Hay, for bringing to it the thoughtful discussion.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin, on "How to Be Saved," from Acts 16:30—31, "And he brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

Memorial to Dr. Craig

A memorial to the late Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., was read and adopted by a rising vote, after expressions of love and re-

spect by a number of the members of the Presbytery. The Moderator led the Presbytery in a prayer for the bereaved family and other relatives.

EDWARD M. CRAIG, D. D.

Dr. E. M. Craig, a member of Holston Presbytery and Secretary of Synod's Work of Appalachia Synod, completed his earthly tasks March 18, 1928.

It is fitting that we should pause at this time and express our appreciation of this man of God.

Dr. Craig was graduated from Union Theological Seminary and Hampden-Sidney College in 1893, and was ordained the same year by Roanoke Presbytery, becoming pastor of the churches at Pamplin and Concord in Virginia. After four years of service there he was called to Cartersville, Georgia, serving later the churches at Bessemer, Dothan, Columbus and Ozark in Alabama. For a time he was evangelist of North Alabama Presbytery. For seven years he was pastor at Prattville, Alabama. From there he was called to Albany, Ga., and at the end of three years began a six years pastorate in Hickory, N. C. In December 1925 he was called to the office of Secretary of Synod's Work of the Synod of Appalachia where he labored until the hour of his translation.

It is not difficult to tabulate these facts. But it is an impossible task to tabulate the harvest, as yet incomplete, of these thirty-five years of faithful seed sowing.

It is a stroke of priceless good fortune to be well born. Such was the prize with which Dr. Craig started life. His parents knew God with a pious intimacy. And it was so that Dr. Craig's first taste of religion was at his mother's breast. His childhood and youth, the formative years of his character, were spent in an atmosphere charged with reverence and faith.

It was but natural and Christian therefore that the unfeigned faith that he saw in his parents should be accepted as his own. So early in life, at the age of twelve, he publicly declared his allegiance to Christ his Saviour and Master eternally. At the age of fifteen he dedicated his life to the Gospel ministry, and having put his hand to the plow only the touch of death could release it.

He was richly blessed in his home life, Mrs. Craig sharing in fullest sympathy all his ambitions for the Kingdom of God. Today all his children walk with God, and revere their father's memory calling him blessed. No mortal can tell how far beyond the home circle the light of his faith and life threw its beams. The hearts that were comforted and inspired by that light, they know and God knows.

These seem to your committee the marked characteristics of Dr. Craig: Unwavering loyalty and fidelity to his task; the utmost expenditures of his energy in the employment of his gifts and talents; a passionate love for the Kingdom of God; an unfaltering trust in his Heavenly Father; and a happy, contented, Christlike disposition, free from all malice and bitterness.

Therefore, be it resolved: That we express our appreciation of such a life, that we declare the Church to have sustained a real loss in his home going; that we pray for the abiding and enlarging influence of his labors; that we express to Mrs. Craig and the children our Christian sympathy and love, praying that they may be filled with the comfort and peace of God in the midst of memories that bless and burn.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this report and these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Holston Presbytery, also that a copy be sent to Mrs. Craig.

Robert Yost,
Walter K. Keys,
Geo. F. Johnson,
Committee.

Courtesy

Rev. J. R. Offield, of the Presbytery of Winston-Salem, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

After prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay, Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m. with prayer by the Moderator.

Assembly's Home Missions

The report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was read, and adopted as follows:

Report on Assembly's Home Missions

It is superflous to say that the cause of Assembly's Home Missions is of strategic importance in the work of the Southern Presbyterian Church. No investment of our church has paid richer spiritual dividends; and this work has made a distinctive contribution to the education of the people in remote and hitherto undeveloped sections of the South. Realizing deeply the overwhelming significance and importance of this most important department of our work, we, your committee, earnestly urge and request that even more generous support be given this work in all churches of the Presbytery. The future of all missions centers largely in the support we give to this basic work. For from this source is radiated the light of the great spiritual truth that must ultimately liberate the world, and we should not be unmindful of the fact that from our mission territory we may yet bring some outstanding great missionary with the Pauline vision and with the Pauline passion for souls. Those

who have been brought from great darkness into great light may catch the highest vision of Calvary and hear most clearly the challenge of the Risen Christ which referred no less to Samaria than to Jerusalem and Judea and the uttermost parts of the earth.

The success of any missionary undertaking is not measured by the amount of money contributed for its support, but by the service that is rendered. While the year ending March 31 was one of decreasing Home Mission income, it was a year of effective service in every department of the committee's many-sided work.

The receipts for the year available for appropriations were $507,258. This is $21,363 less than was received from the same sources last year.

Legacies and designated gifts for objects not in the budget were $60,334.

The total receipts, including regular and designated, were $567,594. This is $4,224 less than the total received last year.

By drastic cuts in appropriations, April 1, 1927, and by declining urgent appeals for enlargement during the year, all appropriations were paid, and the debt of $60,500 was reduced to $41,000.

Also $29,994 was received for flood relief, which was sent to the Presbyteries affected as a special gift from Assembly, and not counted on the Committee's appropriations.

As the appropriations for the year beginning April 1, according to the Assembly's instructions, could not exceed the total receipts for the year ending March 31, all Presbyteries were officially notified of the necessity of reducing their applications for assistance to the lowest possible amount. After these reductions had been made by the Presbyteries and Missions, the applications from the various departments of the work aggregated $812,952.

A bare outline of its activities will show something of the variety and magnitude of Assembly's Home Missions, and the heavy financial burden that has been laid upon the Executive Committee. More than 700 missionaries—evangelists, pastors, teachers, physicians, nurses, community workers—serve 777 churches, schools, community centers and hospitals for mountaineers, Indians, negroes, foreigners, Jews, and the unchurched multitudes in town and country, and are supported entirely by the Assembly's Committee or in coöperation with the Synods and Presbyteries.

During the year 29 new churches and 68 Sunday schools were organized and 23 churches were brought to self-support. Through the agency of the Assembly's Home Missions, 5,225 were received into the church upon profession and 3,017 by letter. Is there any other work of the church that yields larger returns on the amount invested?

Home Missions lies at the very heart of the church's life. To withhold support from this fundamental cause is to cripple the chief agency of denominational expansion. Will not every church that has reduced the percentage for Assembly's Home Missions restore this cause to the rightful place in its benevolent budget that the necessary funds may be provided for its enlarging work.

The following recommendations are offered:

1. That the Sunday Schools be urged to study Home Missions as a part of the Church's great missionary responsibility, and Sunday, June 24, be observed as Home Mission Day with an offering for this cause.

2. That the Young People's Societies be urged to use the Assembly's Home Mission Programs, and that their Home Mission offering be applied to the Blue Ridge Academy, The Hollow, Virginia, which school the General Assembly has assigned them as their special Home Mission responsibility.

3. That November be designated as the time for Home Mission study and preaching, and that all churches, Auxiliaries, Societies and Sunday Schools be urged to observe the Annual Week of Prayer for Home Missions, November 11-18, with free-will offerings for Assembly's Home Missions.

4. That all Churches, Auxiliaries and Societies be urged to recognize the distinctive work and claims of Assembly's Home Missions, and that this cause be given its proper share of the benevolent contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

John Jordan Douglass, Chairman.

Stewardship

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Stewardship submits the following report:

An every-member canvass was taken by 37 churches, fourteen churches using the volunteer plan. Nineteen churches report that a budget was prepared and presented to the congregation previous to the canvass. The total amount subscribed by the 37 churches reporting: to Benevolences, $36,836; to Local Work, $55,951.

Five churches report an increase in pastor's salary, the total amount of $1,250. The churches are Blountville, Crossnore, Banner Elk, Piney Flats, and Johnson City First.

Some of the best news gleaned is concerning the number of tithers and of families who have the family altar. Reports show an increase of 105 tithers over last year, a total this year of 539 tithers. There was an increase of 48 family altars, total 254.

We recommend:

1. That all benevolent funds be forwarded to the Central Treasurer every month, if possible.

2. That our churches follow the recommendation of the General Assembly, if feasible, in the appointment of two church treasurers, one for benevolences and one for current expenses, so that all funds received by them may be promptly disbursed and used for the purpose intended by the giver.

3. That our ministers give greater emphasis in their preaching to the grace of giving and the benefits of family prayer.

George F. Johnson, Chairman.

Word having been received of the serious illness of the father of the Rev. J. J. Douglass, the Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. W. K. Keys, in behalf of the Rev. J. J. Douglass and his father.

Sabbath and Family Religion

A popular meeting in behalf of the Sabbath and Family Religion was held, under the chairmanship of Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin, with the following speakers: Mr. J. L. Gray, who spoke of what the family contributes to religion; Mr. J. Fred Johnson, who spoke of the importance of religion to the family; Rev. E. F. Camp, who spoke on the significance of the Christian Sabbath; Rev. F. A. Barnes, who spoke of the importance of the Sabbath in the redeemed family of God; Rev. George F. Robertson, D. D., who spoke of the Divine warrant for the Sabbath.

The Presbytery took recess until 8 p. m., after prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 8 p. m., with prayer by the Moderator.

Presbytery's Home Missions

A popular meeting, in the interest of Presbytery's Home Missions, was held, with Mr. J. D. Faucette, Chairman of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, presiding. The report of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was read, received, and discussion of its recommendations postponed until tomorrow morning. Holston Presbytery, over one hundred years of age, was symbolized by a man costumed as an old man, Father Holston. His family of Home Mission workers, and the members of the Home Mission Committee, assembled on the platform, were introduced to the audience by the Superintendent and Evangelist, Rev. W. K. Keys.

Rev. T. W. Clapp made an address on the preacher's work in the field; Mr. J. L. Gray spoke of how to make a Sunday school go and grow; Mrs. E. F. Camp spoke on work among

the young people; Rev. W. C. Frierson described the work in a Daily Vacation Bible School; Rev. McCoy Franklin told of the work done in the Crossnore, N. C., school; the work of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, at Banner Elk, N. C., was described by the principal of the Lees-McRae Institute, Mr. Edgar Tufts; Rev. W. R. Smith, pastor of the Spruce Pine Church, told how his church had become self-supporting.

Presbytery extended to the Spruce Pine Church and its pastor, by a rising vote, its appreciation of the work done.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 a. m., after prayer by Mr. J. D. Faucette.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 9 a. m The devotional service was led by Rev. F. A. Barnes who spoke from Acts 1:6—8.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Presbytery's Home Mission Report

The recommendations of the report on Presbytery's Home Missions were read, considered seriatim, and adopted. The report as a whole was then adopted as follows:

PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS

The Home Missions Committee of Holston Presbytery presents the following report of the work done under its direction during the year 1927-28:

First, we would remind all the members of Presbytery of the tremendous Home Mission responsibility which is ours. Never before have so many doors been opened to us, nor so many golden opportunities presented to our church as today. The eyes of the world are upon our section as never before. We are entering upon a great industrial experience such as our fathers never dreamed of and the outcome of which none of us can foresee. Avenues of service and highways of soul-winning are lying on every hand. Yet, in most cases, our feet are chained and our hands are tied because of the inadequacy of our funds. While business interests are daily investing millions in this territory, instead of the few thousands of former days, the Home Mission work of our Church has had to survive on a steadily decreasing budget for the last three years. Is it any wonder that there are those who daily sing a funeral dirge over the Church?

Second, we are glad to report that real progress has been made in the Home Mission work of your Presbytery in spite of the limited financial sup-

port which it has received. As a whole the past year has been satisfactory. Your Committee has tried to direct the work committed to their care and to administer the funds placed in their hands faithfully and wisely. Several members of the Committee have made one or more trips to various sections of the field during the year. Regular meetings have been held at two month intervals, and no money has been expended nor has any work been promoted without the approval and authority of the Committee. We have been fortunate in having practically all of our fields occupied by consecrated, loyal workers who have rendered profitable and sacrificial service in the Master's harvest-field. We would commend them to the earnest, prayerful interest and sympathetic support of all the members of our churches.

May we now call your attention to some of the activities of your Home Mission work and the fruits thereof:

Preachers and Preaching

During the year we have assisted in the support of a dozen ministers serving thirty churches and about twenty mission points. Some of these are pastors of self-supporting churches who do mission work in the surrounding sections—Rev. J. I. Knight, Holston Valley, Tenn.; Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin, Stony Point, Tenn.; and Rev. J. J. Douglass, Jefferson City, Tenn. Others are located at a strategic point with one strong central church and a number of missions around—Rev. W. R Smith, Spruce Pine, N. C., and Rev. T. H. Spence, Banner Elk, N. C. The other preachers are in charge of groups of churches and missions—Rev. J. W. Young, Buladean, N. C., with nine points; Rev. F. A. Barnes, Micaville, N. C., with four churches; Rev. T. W. Clapp, Plumtree, N. C., with seven points; Rev. E. F. Camp with five; Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn., with six, and Rev. J. A. Messer, Hartford, Tenn., with five preaching points. During the past summer Mr. Dewey Greenhoe of Louisville Seminary preached at the Meadow Creek and Rheatown churches and Ebenezer mission. God has abundantly blessed the preaching of these prophets of His as they have declared the Word of Life to thousands of hungry souls. Almost two thousand sermons have been preached by these men during the year.

Sunday School and Community Work

Within the bounds of our Presbytery there are twenty men and women who give practically all their time to Sunday school and community work. As to what the fruits of their work have been we can best judge by looking at the Sunday school enrollment of our Presbytery. Last year our reports showed a total enrollment of 6,335 as against a church membership of 5,456. Few of our larger churches, if any, have a Sunday school enrollment as large as their membership. Hence the mission churches explain the fact that our Presbytery has next to the largest comparative Sunday school enrollment among all the Presbyteries of the Assembly. This enrollment in the mission

churches totals 3,500 which is about double the membership of the churches. Among those who are carrying on this work are Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Young, and Miss Lucy Abrams, Roan Mountain, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Piercy, Newland, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Troy Young, Bakersville, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Abrams, Honeycutt, N. C., Misses Emma Milburn and Daisy Thrift, Paint Gap, N. C., Miss Osma Newton, Toledo, N. C., Miss Mary Armstrong, Buladean, N. C., and Miss Bessie West, Plumtree, N. C. Other workers have assisted.

Young People's and Daily Vacation Bible School Work

There are about ten active young people's societies in our Home Mission points. Several of these are doing outstanding work, and many future leaders of the church are being trained thru them. Beyond a doubt, the most satisfactory way of reaching the children and young people of our mountains is thru the Daily Vacation Bible schools. We have been enlarging this program in our Presbytery for the past three years. Last summer about twenty-five schools were held by some ten or twelve special workers assisted by many of our regular workers. More than 1,200 children were enrolled, and the attendance was excellent. For this summer we are planning a further extension of this work. Its possibilities are boundless.

Mission Schools

Following the lead of the public school systems, we have adopted a policy of consolidation in our mission school work. We realize that there is no longer a need for general educational work by the Church inasmuch as the States have made such wonderful progress in their educational programs within the past decade. At only two points have small one-room schools been taught—one by Miss Julia Walker at Bad Creek and the other by Miss Osma Newton at Green Mountain. At several places we coöperate with the public schools in furnishing teachers and supplementing the school terms, namely, Cove Creek, Buladean, Pig Pen Creek, and in some of the Cocke County schools. A notable example of the success of this type of school is the Crossnore school, which is not connected with your Committee, but is doing a great educational work in the Western North Carolina mountains. State and Church have worked hand in hand in developing this fine school.

Your Committee would call special attention to the very satisfactory outcome of the policy of consolidation in our high school activities. At the beginning of the year it was decided to concentrate all this work at Banner Elk thereby discontinuing all other schools with which the Presbytery has any connection. The boys' department at Banner Elk, hastily provided for in temporary buildings, has proved a great success, while the school as a whole is having one of the most successful years of its existence. We would remind you that permanent buildings must be provided for the boys and a larger income for the school must be assured if it is to grow and keep step with the demands of the educational world.

Orphanage and Hospital

While Grandfather Orphanage and Grace Hospital are not under the direction of your Home Missions Committee, they are your institutions, and they are doing more than can ever be measured to lift the burdens and relieve the suffering of humanity. Special reports of their work will be given to Presbytery. We would call your attention to the fact that neither orphanage nor hospital have the equipment which is needed to carry on their work. The orphanage fire traps must be replaced by fire-proof buildings. We are just as much responsible for the safety and welfare of the children there as we are for those in our own homes. The hospital must be enlarged to meet the ever increasing demands made upon it as it plays the part of the Good Samaritan to hundreds and thousands of suffering mountain people.

Vacancies

During the year we have been fortunate in securing a number of consecrated workers for our fields. Rev. E. F. Camp came from Union Seminary, Richmond, to the Newland group, and Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin, from the same school to the Hawkins County work. Rev. H. A. McBath resigned early in the year from the Micaville field, for which we secured, without a very long period of vacancy, Rev. F. A. Barnes. During the summer Mr. Wm. Painter supplied this field. At present the only vacancy we have is the Meadow Creek group which is being temporarily provided for by Rev. D. C. Amick of Newport and the men of the Newport Church Your Committee has authorized the placing of a preacher at Roan Mountain to minister in the field occupied by Mr. J. L. Gray and to open up new work. This is a field of great promise and we hope soon to find God's man for it.

Buildings

This has been a notable year in our Home Mission work so far as buildings are concerned. With no provision in our regular budget for this department of our work, we have been able thru special appropriations to assist in a number of worthy building projects. A house and several acres of land was purchased at Buladean for a manse. Rev. John W. Young lives here. At Spruce Pine a beautiful, modern manse was built during the year. Work on the Harris Memorial Church has gone forward slowly but surely, and it will soon be completed. Gray's Chapel on Hampton Creek in Carter County has been built this year. This is a beautiful church of native stone situated near the foot of the Roan Mountain in a lovely cove in which there was no church at all. During the year we received a special legacy to be used in promoting the work at Russ Memorial Chapel on Bad Creek. A part of this money will be used in building an adequate place for worship and community activities. A number of buildings should be erected during this year, especially churches at Pineola and Meadow Creek. At other places the buildings should be repaired and enlarged—Paint Gap, Linville, Little Rock Creek, and Buladean. We need very much a definite source of income for this work and a permanent loan fund to be used in aiding worthy building projects.

Finances

We are glad to report that the year was closed with all obligations met and some balance with which to begin the new year's work. We have been granted the same appropriation by the Atlanta Committee as of last year, i. e., $15,000 on a basis of $1.50 for each dollar sent to that committee, plus special contributions to Banner Elk and Plumtree of $2,400, making a total of $17,400. This means that we must send $10,000 to Atlanta to get back the sum which has been appropriated to us. Contributions sent to either Assembly's Home Missions or Presbytery's Home Mission are counted in the $10,000. In other words, one dollar sent to either of these causes means one dollar and fifty cents for our own mission work. Both of these causes failed to receive the percentages allotted them of the total benevolences, i. e., 11.66 per cent and 28 per cent respectively. This is due largely to the fact that in some churches other causes are given specially designated sums, while these causes come in for only their part of what is left. Presbytery's Home Missions was cut from 34 per cent to 28 per cent last year, and it is essential to the very life of our work that the full 28 per cent be given to the cause. The total expenditures of the Committee during the past year were something in excess of $20,000. When we add to this the budgets of the school orphanage and hospital at Banner Elk, we find that more than $75,000 is needed to carry on the work of our Presbytery.

Evangelism

The supreme test of our work before God lies not so much in the number of dollars spent, nor buildings erected, nor workers employed, nor the members added to the Presbyterian Church, but rather in the numbers of souls won for Christ. While it is impossible to fully tabulate the results of the work in terms of soul-winning yet it is evident that gratifying results have been obtained. Twenty or more meetings were held during the year. Eleven meetings were conducted by the Superintendent and Evangelist—ten within the Presbytery and one without, with about 200 professions and 150 additions to the church. A number of fields show substantial gains—the Newland group, Banner Elk, the Plumtree group, the Rock Creek group, Cove Creek and Strawberry Plains. The church reporting the largest number of additions, Spruce Pine with 40 additions, held no prolonged services. Each quarter preparatory services were held before the quarterly communion, and the ingathering was made thru personal work. In other words they employed the Andrew method, and surely it is the accepted method for our times. May we call attention to the fact that the Spruce Pine Church, in addition to building a manse, has accepted full self-support for this year. This proves that a growing and Spirit-filled church will not long be a dependent church. Your Committee had a small part in bringing Rev. Dan H. Graham to the self-supporting Blountville group, and we rejoice in the great harvest which is being gathered in this field. About 80 have been added to the New Bethel Church, and a number to the other churches. At least 200 members were added to our mission churches, while

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many went to other churches. We enter upon the new year with gratitude to God for His blessings upon our labors, and the prayer that He may continue to make soul-winners out of all those who are in any way cocnected with our Home Mission work.

Summary

Workers—50 men and women including summer workers. Add to these the staffs of the school, hospital and orphanage, and the total is between 80 and 90.

Sunday Schools—Fifty, with enrollment of 3,500.

Young People's Societies—Ten, with enrollment of 375.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools—Twenty-five, with enrollment of 1,300.

Missions Schools—Two one-room schools, five coöperative schools, and one high school.

Orphanage—Grandfather Orphanage, Banner Elk, N. C.

Hospital—Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, N. C.

Vacancies—Only one: Meadow Creek.

Buildings constructed—Two manses and two churches.

Finances—Budget of $17,400. Obligations of more than $20,000. Add to this budgets of school, hospital and orphanage and total is more than $75,000.

Evangelism—More than twenty meetings with about 300 professions and 200 additions to church. One church organized—Gray's Chapel on Hampton Creek.

Recommendations

1. That Presbytery approve the work done under the direction of its Committee and authorize the continuance of the work with such enlargements as the money and means provided will justify.
2. That all Home Mission churches be urged to hold some kind of evangelistic services during the year, and that the larger churches grant their pastors permission to help in such services in the smaller churches.
3. That each of the churches of the Presbytery be asked to designate a time when the Home Mission work of the Presbytery shall be presented to the people of that church.
4. That Presbytery look with disfavor upon the establishing of the pastoral relationship in those fields which contribute only a minor portion of the salary paid the minister.
5. That the following ministers be granted the privilege of acting as stated supply and moderator of the sessions in the following churches, until the fall meeting of Presbytery:

   Rev. F. A. Barnes, Micaville, Paint Gap, Estaton, and Newdale.
   Rev. W. R. Smith, Grassy Creek.
   Rev. J. W. Young, Buladean, Russ Memorial, and Harris Memorial.
   Rev. T. W. Clapp, Plumtree and Hughes.
   Rev. W. C. Young, Salem, Leesburg, and Mooresburg.
   Rev. J. A. Messer, Bethel, Ebenezer, Smoky Mountain, and Mt. Sterling.

Home Mission Finance

Report of Treasurer of Home Mission Committee of Holston Presbytery

April 1, 1927, to April 1, 1928

Receipts

1927		
April 1	By balance in bank	$ 3,268.59
	Central Treasurer	8,096.57
	Assembly's Home Mission Committee, Atlanta	14,267.86
	Mr. J. D. Faucette, Treasurer Schools and Colleges	191.61
	Morristown Church	1,237.00
	Men's Club, First Presbyterian Church, Bristol	62.00
	Franklin Street Church, Baltimore	600.00
	Auxiliary, Allendale, S. C.	5.50
	Total	$27,729.13

Disbursements

Payroll, including summer work	$13,257.01
Assembly's Home Mission Committee, Atlanta	5,300.00
Committee expense	784.98
Certificate of deposit	500.00
Manse, Buladean, N. C.	1,250.00
Loans	1,645.00
E. B. Ward, Treas. Spruce Pine Church	50.00
E. B. Ward, Treas. Spruce Pine Church	550 00
Spruce Pine Lumber Co.	37.04
McCown Scholarship, Plumtree School	40.00
Rev. D. C. Amick, Cooke County Field	10.00
Moving Rev. Dan Graham to Blountville	70.00
Rev. J. J. Douglass	50.00
Repairs to manse, Newland, N. C.	100.00
Rev. C. B. Boyles, Treas. Harris Memorial Church	348.03
J. L. Gray, Treas. Hampton Creek Church	500.00
Bagby Realty Co., Insurance	13.20
Edgar Tufts, Treas. Boys' Department	500.00
Franklin Street Church, Baltimore	600.00
Total paid out	$25,605.26
Balance on hand April 1st, 1928	2,123.87
Total	$27,729.13

Frank Taylor, Treasurer.

Report of Superintendent and Evangelist

The report of the Superintendent and Evangelist was read and adopted as follows:

The following report is submitted to the Presbytery of Holston in session at Blountville by the Superintendent of Home Missions and Evanglist of the Presbytery covering activities for the church year 1927-28:

Sermons preached	239
Addresses, etc	12
Meetings held	11
Additions to the church by profession	108
Additions by letter	45
Total additions for year	153
Total additions since beginning work, Feb. 1, 1925	531
Total miles traveled during year (approximately)	20,000

Expenses and Collections:	
Taveling expenses	$614.50
Postage, printing, etc	53.70
Total	$668.20
Collections on field	$473.51

Respectfully submitted,
Walter K. Keys.

Vacancy and Supply

The report of the Committee on Vacancy and Supply was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Vacancy and Supply submits the following report for the year ending March 31, 1928:

There is only one vacant field in our Presbytery at this time, the Meadow Creek group, and it is being temporarily supplied. During the year we have been fortunate in securing some excellent men for our vacant fields, namely, Rev. E. F. Camp for the Newland group, Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin for the New Providence group, Rev. D. H. Graham for the Blountville group, Rev. F. A. Barnes for the Micaville group, and Rev. J. R. Cunningham for the First Church, Bristol. A new field has been designated in our mission territory centering at Roan Mountain and we hope to find the right man for it soon. So far as we know, none of our fields have secured ministers thru the agency of the Assembly's Bureau of Vacancy and Supply.

Committee.

Auditing Committee Report

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted as follows:

Your Auditing Committee has examined the books and accounts of the Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Central Treasurer of Benevolences; the Rev. T. P. Johnston, Treasurer of the Presbytery; and Mr. Frank Taylor, Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions. We have found these accounts neatly and accurately kept and correct in every detail. We recommend their approval.

W. W. Hufford,
E. F. Camp,
Committee.

Pastors' Salaries

The report of the Committee on Pastors' Salaries was read and adopted as follows:

Thirty-nine churches reported. Thirty-four reported no balance due March 31, 1928. Five reported salary balance amounting to $188.38 due. Of these five, three were in one field. Three reported salary amounting to $30 due from previous years.

Your committee recommended that Presbytery correspond through its proper agency with these churches, and endeavor to have these salaries paid in full.

T. W. Clapp,
Committee.

Religious Education

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was read and adopted as follows:

Report of the Committee on Religious Education

We wish to submit our report in two sections: First a report on Sabbath schools, and second a report on Young People's Work.

Sabbath Schools

It is with gratitude that we report a increase of almost $1,000 in contributions which increase has been almost entirely confined to the benevolent causes. We regret to report a decrease in total enrollment 274 and a decrease in number of schools reporting. There were 25 daily Vacation Bible Schools held with a total enrollment of around 1300. Only a few churches reporting any definite study of missions in the Sunday schools.

Recommendations

We recommend—

1. That each church be urged to provide for at least one week of training for its Sunday school workers either under local direction or under direction of Presbyterial or Synodical workers.

2. That each church through its pastor and session give place in Sunday school for missionary education and missionary giving.

3. That each Sunday school in the Presbytery provide for special offering or offerings for the Orphans' Home.

4. That pastors and sessions be diligent in surveying the community looking to establishment of outpost Sunday schools in needy places.

5. That the statistical report of Sabbath schools be printed in the back of the minutes.

Young People's Work—General

We wish to call attention to the fact that there has been a decrease of six in the number of societies, and a decrease in membership of 160. The senior societies increased 2, with an increase of 106 members. Intermediate societies decreased 4, with a decrease of 207 members. Junior societies decreased one, with an increase of 8 in membership. Boys' groups remain the same in number (one), with an increase of one member. No girls' groups or other forms reported, in comparison with one group of girls last year and two of other forms. Thirteen churches report 26 societies under control of the sessions.

Recommendations

We recommend—

1. That each church be urged to send representative young people from its membership to the Young People's Conference at Banner Elk.

2. That the committee call the attention of the leaders of Young People's Societies in the local church to the fact that credit for contributions can only be given when sent through regular channels.

2. That all Young People's Societies should be under the control of the sessions, that both pastor and session members should visit Young People's meetings, both spiritual and executive or business meetings, and help to educate them in what is expected of them by our church spiritually and in helping to support the various mission causes of the Church.

Young People's Work—Statistical

19 *Churches Report*	*Societies*	*Members*
Senior	19	783
Intermediate	6	131
Junior	8	219
Boy Scout Troups	1	28
Total	34	1,161

Contributions

	Societies	*Amount*
Foreign Missions	6	$ 41.00
Assembly's Home Missions	5	45.00
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	3	9.00
Publication and Sabbath School Work	1	1.00
Synod's Home Missions	2	8.00
Orphans' Home	5	28.00
Educational Institutions	1	2.00
Presbytery's Home Missions	1	1.00
Total to Benevolences	24	$135.00
To Local Church Work		
Current expenses	16	$344.00
Building expenses	2	19.00
Miscellaneous contributions	8	144.00
Total contributions	26	$642.00

D. C. Amick, Chairman.

Minutes of Synod

The report of Standing Committee on Synod's Minutes was read and received.

No matters were noted requiring the attention of Presbytery.

Geo. F. Robertson, Chairman.

Men's Work

A popular meeting in the interest of Men's Work was held, with the Rev. G. F. Johnson presiding. The report of the Committee on Men's Work was read and received. Pending its adoption, Presbytery heard addresses from the following:

Prof. A. C. Adams addressed the Presbytery on the organized Men's Work of the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol; Mr. George King described the methods used by the men of the above church in enlisting each church member in the work of the church; Mr. Robert Morrison of the same church spoke on the benefits of their men's organization; Mr. W. W. Hufford, of the First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, spoke on the spiritual value of the men's organization in his church.

The report was adopted as follows:

Men's Work

Only six of our churches could report a men's organization, and two of these are not organized according to the General Assembly's plan. The six churches report a total of 947 men, of whom 280 are said to be active in men's work. Four organizations use the monthly programs for the Men of the Church. Five churches report a total of 474 men in Bible classes.

From this meagre report it is evident that the great resources of our male membership is not being used to the Glory of God in the measure possible. The Assembly's plan is adaptable to a church of any size, if there are two or three men, or a thousand, in its membership. The size of the church, therefore, has nothing to do with the feasibility of the plan, but the consecration of the men of our churches and the vision of our pastors have much to do with it.

The churches that have organized according to the Assembly's plan, and are carrying out the suggestions of Assembly's Committee on Men's Work, are reaping splendid results. First Church, Bristol, reports special activities as follows: "Sponsor prayer meeting services, invite hotel guests to attend Sunday services, conduct two services monthly at mission chapel, work in mission Sunday school, assign Bible reading for each month, sponsor men's Bible class attendance, aid in every-member canvass, get information record of membership. First Church, Kingsport, reports: "Our men conduct the services of the church each first Sunday evening of the month. Groups encourage prayer and Bible reading, have active charge of two mission Sunday schools, both of which meet every Sunday in the year and are in flourishing condition. Lead in Young People's societies, active in men's Bible class, thirty-two of our men are tithing stewards and encourage this among others, visit the sick, welcome attendants at church and other services, try to help down but not out fellows.''

From these two brief reports it will be seen that men will work if properly encouraged to do so. And the Men of the Church furnishes the best plan in our church's history for the mobilization of men.

We recommend—

1. That all of our pastors and leaders make a study of the Assembly's plan for men 's work, with the purpose of organization in view this new church year.
2. That our churches which have organized men's work be used to sponsor this movement in the Presbytery.
3. That Presbytery encourage the organization of the Men of the Church in churches small and large.
4. That Presbytery hear testimony concerning men's work from men who have tasted of its benefits.

George F. Johnson, Chairman.

Foreign Missions

The Committee on Foreign Missions made a verbal report of the successful year of Foreign Missions, which was received as information. The Rev. George F. Robertson led the Presbytery in a prayer of thanksgiving for the reduction of the Foreign Mission debt and for the infirm ministers.

Sermon

The Presbytery listened to a sermon from the Rev. Warner H. DuBose, on "The Meaning of the Atonement," from the text Heb. 9:22—28, "Without shedding of blood is no remission—so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many."

The Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m., after prayer by the Rev. J. I. Knight.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m., with prayer by Dr. E. H. Sloop.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

Presbytery placed in the hands of the Moderator and Stated Clerk the arrangements for time and place of next meeting. (Clerk's note: The invitation of Cold Spring Church has been accepted for the fall meeting; the time: Oct. 1st, 7:30 p. m.)

Minutes of Presbytery

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Presbytery was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Presbytery would report that they have examined the printed minutes and find them accurate and excellently arranged and printed. We recommend their approval.

F. A. Barnes, Chairman.

Women's Work

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read and adopted as follows:

The Committee on Woman's Work makes the following report: The women have had an unusually fine year in their work. We are proud of the

way they are progressing. The number of churches having organizations is 26, with a membership of 1,568; auxiliaries divided into circles, 14; mission study classes, 74.

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 5,368.00
(a). Birthday gifts	643.00
Assembly's Home Missions	1,137.00
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	277.00
Publication and Sunday School Work	94.00
Association Training School	55.00
Bible Cause	62.00
Synod's Home Missions	313.00
Orphans' Homes	852.00
Educational Institutions	1,007.00
Presbytery's Home Missions	1,467.00
Auxiliary Specified Benevolences	1,139.00
Total to Denominational Benevolences	$12,414.00

Local Church Work

Pastors' Salaries	$ 119.00
Current Expenses	2,316.00
Congregational Missions	1,152.00
Building Expenses	941.00
Total to local church work	$ 4,528.00
Miscellaneous	780.00
Grand total of all contributions	$17,722.00
Per capita	11.30
Total increase over last year	3,777.00

J. I. Knight, Chairman.

Directory of Worship

The report of the Special Committee on Directory of Worship was read and adopted as follows:

Your special Committee on the New Directory of Worship would report that we have examined the New Directory and find no need of any suggestions or criticisms on our part, and approve the Directory as a whole.

J. D. Fawcette,
John C. B. McLaughlin,
R. D. Carson,
Committee.

Report of Resolutions

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted by a rising vote as follows:

1. The Presbytery of Holston would express appreciation of the delightful hospitality of the pastor and people of this church. It has been to us a season of real refreshing and our stay in this section of the country has been a source of delight. We would express our thanks to the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Principal of the city schools for the use of the school building for our Home Mission meeting, and we pray upon this church and community the richest blessings of God.

2. That we express our appreciation to Mrs. E. F. Camp for her ministry of song.

3. That these resolutions be adopted by a standing vote and read to the congregation at the evening service of worship.

R. D. Carson.
J. Mat Thomas.

Courtesy

The Rev. C. M. Magill, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., to the Philippine Islands, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Nominations

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted as follows: (The bulk of this report appears in the front of the Minutes under the head of "Organization.")

We recommend that the subject for the fall Presbyterial sermon be "Christian Education and Ministerial Relief" and that the preacher be the Rev. T. H. Spence. Jr., with the Rev. W. C. Frierson as alternate.

Committee.

Sessional Records

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee of Sessional Records begs to report that the records of the following churches have been examined and approved: Spruce Pine, Newland, Smoky Mountain, Bethel, Ebenezer, Arcadia, Salem, Rogersville, Newdale, Morristown, Buladean, Cold Spring, Mooresburg, Bristol First, Russellville, Banner Elk, Leesburg, Kingsport First, Newport, Weaver, Pineola, New Bethel, Blountville, Crossnore, New Providence, Windsor Ave-

nue, Johnson City First, Estatoa, Grassy Creek, Cove Creek, Plumtree, Micaville and Thomas Memorial.

The following are approved with exceptions: Paint Gap: no record of book having been to Presbytery since April 21, 1926. Records of Harris Memorial not read and approved by session. *Committee.*

Statistical Report

The Statistical Report of the Presbytery as prepared by the Stated Clerk was read and adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly.

Statistical Summary

Ministers	35	Licensures	2
Churches	51	Ordinations	3
Candidates	12	Installations	6
Elders	223	Pastoral Dissolutions	4
Deacons	221	New Churches organized	1
Received on confession	369	Ministers deceased	1
Received by certificate	283		
Whole No. of communicants	5935		
Adult baptisms	243		
Infant baptisms	49		
Total S. S. enrollment	6399		

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$19,213	
Assembly's Home Missions	4,276	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	2,884	
Sabbath School and Publication	1,096	
Assembly's Training School	202	
Bible Cause	211	
Synod's Home Missions	1,877	
Orphans' Home	4,063	
Educational Institutions	9,297	
Presbytery's Home Missions	10,887	
Total to regular benevolences		$ 54,006
Pastors' Salaries		35,842
Current Expenses		39,274
Congregational Missions		2,251
Building Expense		37,333
Miscellaneous		4,520
Grand total to all causes		$173,226

Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

Edgar Tufts Memorial Association

Presbytery ordered the reports of the Lees-McRae Institute and the Grandfather Orphanage, Departments of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, to be incorporated in the minutes without reading. They are as follows:

LEES-McRAE INSTITUTE DEPARTMENT OF THE EDGAR TUFTS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

It is my privilege to present herewith the annual report of the Lees-McRae Institute department of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association. This report is written twenty-nine years after the first dormitory was opened to the twelve mountain girls who made up the first student body of Lees-McRae. Since that time, many changes have taken place, including the first charter for operating a girls and boys department in 1907 and the second charter embracing not only school, but orphanage and hospital departments as well, in 1923. Also, the recent action of Presbytery during the past year in consolidating the Plumtree School for Boys with other departments of the Association.

Material Progress of the Year

Since our last meeting the Virginia Dormitory has been completed and occupied during this current school year. This dormitory is a twin to Tennessee which has been in use now for three sessions. In these two buildings the school has good, modern, fire-proof equipment, for which we are indebted largely to individual friends of the institution. A new superintendent's home has been built. A temporary dormitory to accommodate the boys' department was erected last summer. An average of thirty-eight boys have been given a home therein.

Due to unfavorable seasons our usual gardens and crops have been short. This has made a rather difficult year, as the institution has been largely dependent on its own vegetable supplies in keeping dining room and kitchen costs down.

Enrollment

This year's enrollment has totaled 209 with an average attendance of 195. 88 per cent of these are from Holston Presbytery. Of this number 64 per cent are high school students as compared to 37 per cent of the enrollment in high school last year. This would indicate a larger field for our high schools. Consequently we are fast eliminating the lower grades and hope in the near future to offer only high school work. Of the total enrollment of 209, 178, or 85 per cent, are boarding students.

Religious Influence

Were it not for the Bible and religious training our schools would not be needed. Many students come to Lees-McRae because the Bible is taught.

A girl after being in the Bible course wrote:

"This year's Bible study has meant more to me than I can express in words. Often when I am preparing my lessons I think it would be much better to have a good Bible lesson than any other. What is learned from the Bible are the things that will make life more worth while."

And still another wrote: "My Bible study has meant more to me this year than any of my other studies. I have learned to love it better than I did and have learned more about it. It has been more helpful to me in every way. I am thankful that I can attend such a school where we are taught by Christian teachers."

Besides studying the Bible as a text book the students attend Sunday school and church services. They have their own Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. organizations, which hold Sunday night meetings. Through the auspices of these young people's organizations effective speakers have left inspiring messages throughout the year. Some of the students assist in teaching Sunday school in nearby mission points.

Health and Physical Education

After a student has been in school for a little while, the change, in many instances, is little short of marvelous. Many parents themselves comment on the improved personal appearance of their girls and boys. This is brought about by a carefully planned program of physical culture. In this connection, the hospital has been ever vigilant in keeping down epidemics of contagious diseases, giving vaccinations, inoculations, and other preventative methods.

Both girls and boys have taken part in inter-scholastic activities. Football was started for the boys and basketball participated in by both girls and boys, this furnishing them with wholesome recreation and physical development.

Student Aid

All students who attend Lees-McRae are expected to assist with their own expenses through work. For this reason the charges have been kept at the lowest possible minimum. Some who come pay the entire charge and work little; some pay part and work more; others pay none and work all. Every girl is required to take her share of the house work, serving as cook, dish-washer, in the dining room, or performing other household duties in her turn. This is excellent training to the individual and also helps reduce expenses for the institution. In addition, there are some girls who are given extra jobs of a more remunerative nature. Some are employed at Pinnacle Inn during the summer, for which they receive credit toward their next year's expenses.

The boys likewise share with chores on the outside and assist with the farm and poultry departments.

Dining Hall and Kitchen

This is one of the most interesting of all parts of our work. Over five hundred meals have been prepared and served every day since the opening of school in September. Aside from the matron in charge there are no cooks or other help in either the kitchen or dining room excepting the girls. We have also developed some talent for cooking among the boys as they have their own dining room and kitchen, and assist with the work as do the girls. A menu of every meal served is kept filed in the office and referred to from time so as to keep accurate data on cost and variety of food being served.

Pinnacle Inn

We would like also to call attention to our summer work. The Synodical Young People's Conference was held in June. Immediately upon its close the buildings were opened as a hotel known as Pinnacle Inn. This brought to us over four hundred guests throughout the course of the summer and we hope by so doing to find new friends for the institution. Pinnacle Inn is recommended as a good quiet place to spend one's vacation with an abundance of nourishing food prepared by girls of the school.

The Boys' Department

After long and careful consideration Presbytery last year decided to adopt a policy of consolidation with its educational work, thereby transferring the Plumtree School to Banner Elk as an additional department of the Association. This brought to us a limited number of assets, exclusive of some tracts of land which are yet to be formally transferred. We are making an effort to cultivate this land so as to produce supplies for the institution.

Fifty-five boys have been enrolled as students during the year. Forty-one of these have been boarders and the remainder day students. As a whole the plan has proved very satisfactory indeed. Financially, no doubt, there has been a saving in overhead expense, as the institution was already reasonably well equipped for accommodating this additional number. We have some unusually fine and promising boys and we hope they will some day be a credit to the institution and to the work of the church.

Finances

This has been a year of additional expense. We have listed below only actual operating expenses for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1927. It will be noted that only one-half of the current school year is recorded herewith. Total income for the year has been $29,060.31. Expenditures for the same time amounted to $28,653.78, leaving a balance of $406.53. The following data as to the various sources of income for this year may be of interest:

Forty-two per cent has come from students fees.
Twenty-three per cent from endowment and other similar sources.
Five per cent was brought over from last year.
Six per cent from church appropriations.
Twenty-four per cent from gifts.

Special attention is called to this last item of 24 per cent, which shows how dependent the institution is on the generosity of friends. Likewise, attention is called to the fact that the Church, as such, is supplying on 6 per cent of the funds necessary to conduct the affairs of the institution. May I also call attention to the fact that the girls' and boys' department of our institution have this year been receiving 6 per cent of the Presbytery's benevolences. This amount should have yielded something like $3,300.00. On the date of this report only $592.82 has been paid in. Since that time additional receipts have increased this amount to $1,575.03, which is little less than one-half that which was to have been provided through the benevolent budget of this Presbytery.

Expenses are divided as follows:

Twenty-five per cent for sustenance,
Twenty-five per cent for administration,
Nineteen per cent instructional,
Twenty-two per cent maintenance and repairs,
Nine per cent for permanent equipment,

which compares favorably with statistical data prepared by educational authorities.

We respectfully submit to Presbytery the above report and statistical data on this year's operations of the school department. *Edgar H. Tufts.*

GRANDFATHER ORPHANAGE DEPARTMENT OF THE EDGAR TUFTS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

The report of Grandfather Orphange presented herewith is based on the fiscal year ending December 31, 1927.

At the outset may I say that Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb, who have served so faithfully at the Orphanage for the last fifteen years, have seen fit to return to their home in Yancey County and, therefore, are no longer associated with the institution. This comes as a surprise and disappointment to the many friends who have known Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb through their connection with the Orphanage.

No additions have been made to property holdings. Few changes have been made in buildings and equipment with the exception of additions to the baby cottage, girls' dormitory and laundry.

The total number of children cared for was greater than last year. Some interesting data have been prepared in this connection as follows:

Total number of children January 1, 1927	85
Total number of children cared for during year	89
Number of children in institution December 31, 1927	76
The total number of days of care for the year	31,131

divided as follows:

Full orphans cared for	22 or a total of 7,561 days
Half orphans—mother dead	26 or a total of 9,542 days
Half orphans—father dead	33 or a total of 11,687 days
Both parents living	8 or a total of 2,431 days

Finances

Financially the Orphanage has had one of its best years. The following statement is taken from that prepared for the Duke Endowment. In this certain valuations have been taken into consideration which heretofore have not been shown. For instance, a definite value has been placed on all commodities contributed and on all produce raised, which fact has somewhat increased operating income and expenses. We find, however, that the average cost per child per day at Grandfather Orphanage compares favorably with that of other institutions of its class. For the purpose of comparison all orphanages in North and South Carolina have been divided into three groups. The first group consists of institutions with 150 enrollment and over; group two, orphanages of 150 enrollment and under *with* farms; group three, 150 enrollment and under *without* farms. Grandfather Orphanage is classified under group Two, of which there are sixteen in these two states, caring for approximately 22 per cent of the total orphanage population. In group one the average cost per child per day is 90.8c; in group two under which Grandfather is classified the average cost per child per day is .69.1c; and in group three, 77.6c. (Grandfather is considerably below this average.)

Following is a summarized statement of operating income and expenses·

Income

Contributions

Individuals	$5,232.51	
Churches, etc	3,062.84	
Holston Presbytery	1,972.52	
Others	1,764.98	
Duke Endowment	1,781.04	
Productive enterprises	2,105.56	
Donated commodities	439.46	
Other income	3,332.14	
Balance brought forward last year	1,662.50	
Total income for the year		$21,353.55

Expenses

Administration	$2,137.30	
Institutional care	11,124.50	
Health	347.05	
Education	2,316.62	
Plant operation and maintenance	1,800.25	
Productive enterprises	2,061.71	
Total expenses for the year		$19,787.43
		$ 1,566.12

Plans for the new buildings have been prepared and will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval next week. It is our purpose to make Grandfather as near a model orphanage as possible. For this purpose we expect a new plant to be erected on a cottage basis, that is, instead of having a few dormitories to accommodate a large number, erect a larger number of small homes to accommodate not in excess of twenty children each. In this way children can be grouped according to age in a much more satisfactory manner. This is the approved plan of orphanage authorities and one that we hope through the generosity of friends to be able to start without delay. Some funds are already in hand for this purpose. We hope others will follow.

In closing may I call attention to the fact that the Duke Endowment has seen fit to assist Grandfather Orphanage in a very material way. Before making such an appropriation this question is always asked: "Will an apportionment of funds by the Trustees of the Duke Endowment fund tend to substitute, retard or diminish financial support by existing or local interests?" The Trustees of the Duke Endowment have asked why there was a decrease in receipts this year over last, and wished me to state that they will withdraw support entirely if such continues to be the case. The funds we have received from this endowment have not been for the purpose of assuming our own obligation, but to stimulate and increase financial support from controlling interests.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar H. Tufts.

Official Receipts Ordered

Presbytery ordered that all persons, or agencies, under control of this Presbytery, who receive or solicit funds, beyond congregational range, for use in Christian activities, must have a triplicate receipt book, and send the orginal receipt to the contributor, the duplicate to the Stated Clerk, and keep one copy on file, receipt books to be furnished, upon application, by the Stated Clerk.

Orphans' Home

The Report of the Committee on Orphans' Home was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Orphans' Home submits the following report:

The attention of Presbytery is called to three means of support upon which Grandfather Orphans' Home is dependent: (1) Four per cent of the regular benevolence contributions; (2) Sunday School offerings of the first Sunday of each month designated by Presbytery for this purpose; (3) the regular Thanksgiving offerings from each of the churches collected on Thanksgiving Day, or on a Sunday near this date.

The regular report of the management of Grandfather Orphans' Home should be noted for information concerning the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. Spence, Jr., Chairman.

Leave of Absence

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence respectfully submits the following report:

Revs. Gilbert Glass and C. C. Carson were excused from attendance upon this meeting of Presbytery; Revs. T. W. Clapp and John Young from the fall meeting. Excuses for partial absence were granted to Revs. Robert Yost, J. J. Douglass, Tilden Scherer, McCoy Franklin, S. H. Hay, C. G. McKaraher, and Elders J. A. Steele, Edgar Tufts, M. C. Caldwell, J. W. Zirkle, B. F. Knight, and W. W. Hufford.

T. H. Spence, Jr., Chairman.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that nothing had come into their hands.

The First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City was granted permission to increase the salaries of their pastor and associate pastor by the amount of $300 each.

Evangelism

The following report on Evangelism was prepared by the Rev. W. W. Keys and ordered incorporated in the minutes without reading:

Report of Committee on Evangelism

It is with profound gratitude that your Committee on Evangelism reports that almost one hundred more members were added to our churches on profession of faith this year than last. In many of our churches evangelistic services were held with fruitful results. Evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence and power in the winning of souls is very manifest in the majority of our churches; personal work and individual soul-winning is being practiced more and more by ministers and people. It is to be hoped that there will not be a single church; no matter how large or small, which cannot be rated as a soul-winning church at the end of the present year. If we pray hard enough, and have faith enough, and lift the Christ high enough, there will be hundreds of souls won thru our efforts this year. Let us never forget that before God, and according to our commission, our chief task is to win souls. If we fail

in that, no matter how great may be our success otherwise, we have failed in the highest thing.

Your committee had not expected to make the evangelistic appointments as usual to the Home Mission fields, but, inasmuch as a number of ministers have been requested by the workers on these fields, these appointments are suggested. Should there be any reason why they are not satisfactory to both minister and mission assigned, the Superintendent of Home Missions hould be notified at once. It is to be hoped that every minister in the Presbytery will hold at least one meeting in a small church of this Presbytery during the year.

Minister	*Assignment*	*Correspondent*	*Address*
R. D. Carson	Estatoa	F. A. Barnes	Micaville, N. C.
W. H. DuBose	Newland	E. F. Camp	Newland, N. C.
T. P. Johnston	Gray's Chapel	J. L. Gray	Roan Mt., Tenn.
Dan H. Graham	Shady Valley	J. I. Knight	Holston Valley, Tenn.
W. C. Frierson	Harris Memorial	J. W. Young	Buladean, N. C.
S. H. Hay	Newdale	F. A. Barnes	Micaville, N. C.
T. W. Clapp	Linville	E. F. Camp	Newland, N. C.
F A. Barnes	Grassy Creek	W. R. Smith	Spruce Pine, N. C.
D. C. Amick	Meadow Creek	Robt. Rupert	Greeneville, Tenn.
W. C. Young	Little Rock Creek	Troy Young	Bakersville, N. C.
G. F. Johnson	Rooty Branch	J. I. Knight	Holston Valley, Tenn.
J. B. McLaughlin	Blevins Creek	E. C. Camp	Newland, N. C.
J. J. Douglass	Cooke County	J. A. Messer	Hartford, Tenn.
W .R. Smith	Three Mile	T. W. Clapp	Plumtree, N. C.
T. H. Spence	Hughes Chapel	J. W. Young	Buladean, N. C.
John Young	Buck Hill	T. W. Clapp	Plumtree, N. C.
J. R. Cunningham	Cove Creek	J. L. Gray	Roan Mt., Tenn.
J. I. Knight	Leesburg	W. C. Young	Whitesburg, Tenn.
McCoy Franklin	Burbank	J. L. Gray	Roan Mountain, Tenn.
J. A. Messer	Ebenezer (Greene Co.)	D. C. Amick	Newport, Tenn.
E. F. Camp	Russ Memorial	J. W. Young	Buladean, N. C.

W. K. Keys—Providence, Calvary Chapel, Paint Gap, Pineola, Roan Valley, Vians Valley, Micaville, Roan Mountain.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Carson,
W. K. Keys,
Committee.

Conference on Evangelism

The Presbytery held a Conference on Evangelism, under the leadership of the Rev. W. K. Keys. Talks were made by the Rev. Messrs. Dan H. Graham, R. D. Carson, W. K. Keys, W. R. Smith, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, W. H. DuBose, and Elder J. D. Faucette.

The roll of the Presbytery was called for new business.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted, after which Presbytery adjourned with hymn and the benediction, to meet in stated meeting at the time and place arranged by the Moderator and the Stated Clerk.

D. C. Amick, Moderator.
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

CHURCHES REPORTING SABBATH SCHOOLS	Number of Schools	MEMBERSHIP						BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS														
		Total Regular Pupils	Cradle Roll	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	Total Membership	Pupils Added to Church During Year	Foreign Missions	Assembly's H. M.	Chris. Ed. & Min. Rel.	Pub. and S. S. Work	Assembly's Training School for L. W.	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Mis.	Orphans' Homes	Educational Instit'ns	Presbytery's H. M.	Current Expenses of School	Misc. Contributions	Total of all Contributions
Arcadia	1	40			3	43	14				6				74			11	20	17
Banner Elk	4	416	4		35	455		24	2		4							20	20	156
Bethel	1	73			2	75														
Blountville	1	65			5	70									40			40	4	80
Blowing Rock	1	65			8	73									228			510	221	1040
Bristol First	2	390	25		35	448	26	7			14				14				55	55
Buladean	1	84			6	105	1				36				37			224		224
Cold Spring	1	110			9	119	10	1			105			1				155		155
Cove Creek	1	89			8	97	3		4	2					40		2	24		24
Cranmore	1	55			2	60														
Eastatoe	1	55			6	61												11		11
Gray's Chapel	1	65			5	70														
Harris Memorial	1	56	8		4	68		1				3			5					
Johnson City First	3	947	28	20	67	1057	73					6			218			1084	122	1842
Kingsport First	3	651	65	30	37	783	23	380	35	16	149	5	1	2	58	11	24	2360	24	2432
Leadburg	1	50			6	56									7			22		22
Micaville	1	91			5	96														
Meadow Creek	1	36			4	40	1								12			24		24
Moorsburg	2	355	17		33	405	16	96	30	48	61	3	3	18	175	148	64	8	34	55
Morristown	1	45			2	47	3				17									
Mossy Creek	1	93	5		7	103	35													
Mt. Sterling	1	44			4	48												20		20
New Bethel	1	85	6		4	95	3	149	21	8	15				46	11	40	150	17	167
Newland	1	149	21		19	189									100			100		100
Newport	1	68			5	73									12			12		12
New Providence	1	117	8		8	133	9								100			100		100
Paint Gap	1	76			1	77	5				5				12			12		12
Pineola	1	147			8	155					74				36			36		36
Plumtree	4	126	16		26	168														
Rogersville	2	254	25	39	56	346	2	37										37	23	60
Russellville	1	43	5		9	57														
Ruth Memorial	1	21			3	24														
Rutledge	1	72			2	74	2													
Shulls Mills	1	100			6	106														
Smoky Mountain	1	61		4	2	67														
Spruce Pine First	1	90	13		4	103	20				20				100			120		120
Strawberry Plains	1	22			5	27														
Trayner Memorial	1	248	11	15	22	296														
Windsor Avenue	2	30			6	36					22				67			157		157
Grassy Creek	1	21			2	23														
Viana Valley	1	58	3		7	65		11										11		11
Totals	56	5382	239	108	456	6446	266	1611	69	74	558	4	5	37	1541	164	195	4911	1288	9482

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Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, D. D., Kingsport, Tennessee.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tennessee.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tennessee.

Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist—The Rev. Walter K. Keys, Bristol, Tennessee.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, W. H. DuBose, J. R. Cunningham, W. R. Smith, Jr.; Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary;* H. E. Harris, W. W. Hufford; Deacon: Sam R. Sells.

Note: All elders on the following committees are appointed at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2. *Foreign Missions*—Ministers: W. C. Young, *Chairman;* F. A. Barnes. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

3. *Assembly's Home Missions*—Ministers: J. J. Douglass, *Chairman;* J. A. Messer. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

4. *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Tilden Scherer, W. R. Smith, Jr. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

5. *Religious Education*—Ministers: D. C. Amick, *Chairman;* W. C. Frierson, T. W. Clapp. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

6. *Bible Cause*—Ministers: J. I. Knight, *Chairman;* Dan Graham. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

7. *Stewardship and Men's Work*—Ministers: Warner H. DuBose, *Chairman;* C. B. Boyles, *Secretary;* J. R. Cunningham. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

8. *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Ministers: J. C. B. McLaughlin, *Chairman;* F. A. Barnes. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

9. *Women's Work*—Ministers: E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* McCoy Franklin. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

10. *Educational Institutions*—Ministers: R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* Robert Yost, T. H. Spence, Jr. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

11. *Orphans' Home*—Ministers: T. H. Spence, Jr., *Chairman;* Jno. W. Young. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

12. *Evangelism*—Ministers: Dan H. Graham, *Chairman;* W. K. Keys, G. F. Johnson. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

13. *Sessional Records*—Ministers: McCoy Franklin, *Chairman;* J. A. Messer, W. C. Frierson. Four elders appointed at Presbytery.

14. *Vacancy and Supply*—Ministers: W. K. Keys, *Chairman;* W. C. Young. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

15. *Program*—The Stated Clerk and the representatives of the church entertaining Presbytery.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1. *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Warner H. DuBose.

2. *Theology*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and J. R. Cunningham.

3. *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. P. Johnston, Chas. B. Boyles and W. C. Frierson.

4. *Church History*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick and W. R. Smith.

5. *Philosophy, Logic and Ethics*—The Rev. Messrs. Tilden Scherer and Robert Yost.

6. *Natural Science and Secular Subjects*—The Rev. Messrs. W. K. Keys and T. H. Spence, Jr.

7. *Latin, Greek and Hebrew*—The Revs. Messrs. F. A. Barnes and J. C. B. McLaughlin.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

To Confer with Trustees of Boone Fork Institute: Mr. Geo. C. Sells, *Chairman:* Rev. Walter K. Keys, Elder J. L. Gray.

TRUSTEES

1. *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. Geo. C. Sells, Arthur W. King, and John S. Powers.

2. *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—F. H. Stinson, 1929; J. Fred Johnson, 1930; E. W. King, 1931; Jas. A. Summers, 1932; Rev. S. H. Hay, 1933.

3. *Plumtree School for Boys*—T. B. Vance, Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., Rev. Warner H. DuBose, 1929; Frank Taylor, Geo. C. Sells, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1930; E. B. Ward, D. R. Beeson, Rev. E. F. Camp, 1931.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

John Wesley Combs.....Holston Valley, Tenn.
Geo. H. Ellis.....Bristol, Tenn.
Taft Franklin.....Crossnore, N. C.
Ben T. Harrop.....Bristol, Tenn.
Chas. W. Kernan.....Plumtree, N. C.
Joe E. Knight.....Jonesboro, Tenn.
F. DeWolfe Miller III.....Stony Point, Tenn.
Johnson E. McKinley.....Quentin, Miss.
Rual Rash.....Plumtree, N. C.
John Dixon Rowe.....Shulls Mills, N. C.
Chas. L. Stucky.....Plumtree, N. C.
William Whitlock.....Fish Dam, Tenn.
Henry Willis.....Greenfield, Va.
John Yelton.....Shulls Mills, N. C.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING LEAGUE

Rev. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman*..... Box 98, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, *Treasurer*.....Box. 548, Bristol, Tenn.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., at 1:30 p. m., on Tuesday, May 8, 1928. There were present: Ministers—W. K. Keys, W. H. DuBose, J. R. Cunningham, W. R. Smith, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, G. F. Johnson, W. C. Frierson, and J. C. B. McLaughlin. Elders: R. C. Armstrong, New Providence; Edgar Tufts, Banner Elk; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; Jno. S. Powers, Johnson City First; and W. W. Hufford, Kingsport. The Rev. W. K. Keys presided in the absence of the Moderator, and Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the Rev. J. R. Cunningham. The following call was read and found in order:

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tenn., May 8, 1928, at 1:30 p. m., to transact the following business if the way be clear:

1. To dismiss Candidate Marshall W. Doggett, Jr., to the Presbytery of Albemarle, and
2. To complete any business growing out of the above.

April 28, 1928.

D. C. Amick, Moderator,
By T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

Candidate M. W. Doggett Dismissed

The request of Candidate M. W. Doggett to be dismissed to the Presbytery of Albemarle was received and the Clerk was ordered to send a letter of dismission to Mr. Doggett. There being no further business, the Stated Clerk announced that an invitation had been received and accepted to hold the fall meeting of Presbytery at Cold Spring Church.

The minutes were read and approved, and the meeting closed with prayer by Mr. Keys.

Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tenn., at 2:00 p. m., on Friday, August 31, 1928. There were present: Ministers—J. R. Cunningham, C. B. Boyles, Tilden Scherer, and G. F. Johnson. Ruling Elders: Jas. A. Brown of the Windsor Avenue Church, and J. D. Faucette of the Bristol First Church. Mr. J. D. Faucette, the last moderator present, presided, and called the meeting to order. Presbytery was opened with prayer by Rev. G. F. Johnson. Mr. Johnson was appointed clerk. The following call was read and found in order:

The constitutional requirements having been met, the Presbytery of Holston is called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., at 2:00 p. m., Friday, August 31, 1928, to transact the following business if the way be clear:

1. To receive under the care of the Presbytery Mr. Ben T. Harrop as a candidate for the ministry.

2. To transact any other business arising out of the above.

August 18, 1928. *D. C. Amick, Moderator.*

Courtesy

Dr. J. J. Fix, of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Reception of Mr. Harrop as Candidate

Mr. Ben T. Harrop, of the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, was introduced to the Presbytery. Mr. Harrop presented a testimonial from the session of his church recommending him to the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. After the customary examinations, and the answering of the constitutional questions, Mr. Harrop was duly received and enrolled as a candidate for the ministry under the care of this Presbytery. After a brief charge to the candidate by Dr. J. R. Cunningham, Presbytery was led in prayer in his behalf by the Rev. Dr. J. J. Fix. The request of Mr. Harrop for financial assistance from the church during his period of education, was referred to the

Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

The minutes were read and adopted, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. Tilden Scherer.

George F. Johnson, Temporary Clerk.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

The Presbytery of Holston, pursuant to the order of the Synod of Appalachia, met in a called meeting in the Presbyterian Church, Banner Elk, N. C., September 12, 1928, at 1:30 p. m., and was opened with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. D. C. Amick. The following call was read and found in order:

The constitutional requirements having been met the Synod of Appalachia is requested to order a meeting of the Presbytery of Holston in this building at 1:30 p. m. today for the following purposes:

First: To dissolve the pastoral relations between the Rev. Geo. F. Johnson and the Windsor Avenue Church, Bristol, and to dismiss him to Paris Presbytery.

Second: To receive under the care of Holston Presbytery candidates for the ministry.

Third: To consider certain situations with regard to the support of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.

Fourth: To conclude all business growing out of the above.

Sept. 12, 1928. *D. C. Amick, Moderator.*

Roll

The following were present: *Ministers*—S. H. Hay, Warner H. DuBose, J. R. Cunningham, C. B. Boyles, McCoy Franklin, W. C. Frierson, J. I. Knight, J. W. Young, W. R. Smith, F. A. Barnes, W. K. Keys, J. C. B. McLaughlin, T. H. Spence, Jr., T. P. Johnston, W. C. Young, Tilden Scherer, D. C. Amick, G. F. Johnson, and E. F. Camp. *Elders*—J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; James A. Brown, Windsor Avenue; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; Edgar H. Tufts, Banner Elk; J. B. Harr, Blountville; F. S. Thomas, Cold Spring.

Rev. G. F. Johnson Dismissed

The Rev. G. F. Johnson presented a request for a dissolution of the pastoral relation between the Windsor Avenue Church and himself. After hearing from the church through their elder, Mr. James A. Brown, and also hearing expressions of regret from members of the Presbytery, this request was granted to take effect September 30, 1928. The Clerk was ordered to give Mr. Johnson, at his request, a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of Paris.

Candidate Received

Mr. Taft Franklin, of the Crossnore, N. C., Church, was introduced to the Presbytery. Mr. Franklin presented a testimonial from the session of the Crossnore Church recommending him to the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry, and after the customary examination and the answering of the constitutional questions was duly received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. Following a brief charge by the Moderator, Presbytery was led in prayer in behalf of Candidate Taft Franklin by the Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D.

Presbytery took recess until 4:00 p. m.

Presbytery re-convened at 4:00 p. m. with prayer by the Moderator.

Commission Appointed

It having come to the attention of the Presbytery that unauthorized solicitation of funds was being made within the bounds of the Presbytery, for our educational institutions, the Presbytery ordered the Moderator to appoint a commission, of which he should be a member, to investigate the matter and take whatever action is deemed necessary.

The Moderator appointed the following commission: The Rev. J. R. Cunningham, D. D., Moderator; the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., the Rev. D. C. Amick, with the Rev. E. F. Camp, alternate. Elder James A. Brown, with Elder J. B. Harr as alternate, completed the commission.

The minutes of this meeting were read and adopted, after which the meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.

D. C. Amick, Moderator.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

FALL MEETING

Holston Valley, Tenn., October 1, 1928.

The one hundred and eleventh session of Holston Presbytery met in the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, Holston Valley, Tenn., beginning October 1, 1928, at 7:30 p. m. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. D. C. Amick, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Warner H. DuBose.

Enrollment

The following were present: *Ministers*—D. C. Amick, F. A. Barnes, C. B. Boyles (2), E. F. Camp, R. D. Carson, T. W. Clapp (2), J. R. Cunningham, Warner H. DuBose, McCoy Franklin, W. C. Frierson, Dan H. Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, W. K. Keys, J. I. Knight, J. C. B. McLaughlin, Tilden Scherer, W. R. Smith (2), T. H. Spence Jr. (2), Jno. W. Young, W. C. Young. *Ruling Elders*—Arcadia, S. A. Newland (2); Banner Elk, F. H. Stinson; Blountville, C. M. Dulaney; Bristol First, Herbert King; Cold Spring, W. G. Combs; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Johnson City First, Geo. C. Sells; Kingsport First, Geo. E. Stone; Morristown First, W. D. Bushong; Paperville, R. P. Carmack; Rogersville, A. B. Rogan; Shulls Mills, W. S. Whiting; Weaver, C. P. Booher.

Organization

The Rev. Warner H. DuBose was elected Moderator.

Program

The Program Committee offered the following report which was adopted:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1928

7:30 P. M.	Presbytery opened with prayer.
	Organization.
	Report of Program Committee.
	Opening Sermon by the Rev. D. C. Amick.
	Presbyterial Communion.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1928

8:30 A. M.	Devotional services led by the Rev. W. C. Young.
9:00	Business Session.
11:30	Presbyterial Sermon by the Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr.
	Recess for dinner.
2:00 P. M.	Business Session.
5:00	Recess.
8:30	Popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions, Rev. W. C. Young, presiding.
	Address by the Rev. Paul Van Dyke of our Japan Mission
	Business session until adjournment.

Courtesy

The Rev. J. M. McChesney, D. D., of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Committee on Amendments to Book of Church Order

The Moderator appointed Messrs. S. H. Hay, D. D., and and A. B. Rogan a committee on the Amendment to the Book of Church Order submitted to the Presbytery by the General Assembly.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring moderator, the Rev. D. C. Amick, from I Cor. 1:18, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God unto salvation."

Prebyterial Communion

Following the opening sermon, the Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay, D. D., and R.D. Carson, D. D., assisted in the distribution of the elements by Ruling Elders George C. Sells, A. B. Rogan, J. L. Gray, and Geo. E. Stone.

Presbytery adjourned until 8:30 a. m. after prayer by the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:30 a. m. The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. W. C. Young from Acts 5:15.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. The printed minutes of the spring meeting were distributed. The minutes of all called meetings since the spring meeting were read for the information of the Presbytery.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures:* D. C. Amick and F. H. Stinson.
2. *Leave of Absence:* J. L. Gray and E. F. Camp.
3. *Minutes of Presbytery:* F. A. Barnes and Geo. E. Stone.
4. *Minutes of the General Assembly:* McCoy Franklin and Dan H. Graham.
5. *Nominations:* J. R. Cunningham, W. D. Bushong, and T. P. Johnston.
6. *Resolutions:* W. C. Frierson and Herbert King.
7. *Judicial:* R. D. Carson and Geo. C. Sells.

Elders on Permanent Committees for this meeting:
Foreign Missions: C. M. Dulaney and W. G. Combs.
Bible Cause: R. P. Carmack.
Stewardship and Men's Work: W. D. Bushong and Herbert King.
Sabbath and Family Religion: Geo. C. Sells and F. H. Stinson.
Evangelism: C. P. Booher and J. L. Gray.
Vacancy and Supply: A. B. Rogan.

The Presbytery excused the Rev. Messrs. J. P. Hall and J. D. Gardner from the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Courtesy

The Rev. M. W. Doggett, D. D., of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Orders of the Day

It was made the first order of the day at 2 p. m., to receive a candidate for the ministry, the second order of the day to hear Elder Herbert King on Men's Work, and the third order of the day to hear the report of the commission appointed Sept. 12, 1928.

Communications

A communication from the General Assembly's Committee on Closer Relations with the United Presbyterian Church was read and referred to the Committee on Assembly's Minutes.

A communication from the General Assembly's Committee on Evangelism was read and referred to the Committee on Evangelism.

A communication from *The Christian Observer*, concerning Church Paper Week, was read and referred to the Committee on Stewardship.

The expense account of the Rev. D. C. Amick, incurred as one of the commission appointed Sept. 12, 1928, amounting to $5.00, was ordered paid.

A request from Newdale and Estatoa Churches, for the services of the Rev. F. A. Barnes, as stated supply, was read and referred to the Committee on Vacancy and Supply.

The statistical report of the Presbytery to Synod was read and approved.

The reports of the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., and the Rev. T. P. Johnston, D. D., and Elder C. H. Massengill, of their attendance as commissioners to the General Assembly, were made, approved, and their diligence commended.

The Presbytery engaged in a season of prayer for our General Assembly's Causes, led by the Rev. Messrs. W. R. Smith and R. D. Carson, D. D.

Installation of Dr. J. R. Cunningham

The commission appointed to install the Rev. J. R. Cunningham, D. D., as pastor of the First Church of Bristol offered their report, which was approved and the commission discharged.

The commission appointed at the spring meeting of Holston Presbytery to install the Rev. J. R. Cunningham, D. D., as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Bristol, Tenn., met at the church at 8 p. m. on May 13, 1928, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D. Members of the commission present: Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., and Elder C. H. Massengill.

Dr. S. H. Hay was made chairman of the commission and preached the installation sermon from Ezekiel 47:9 and Psalms 46:4. Then he read the

call from the congregation and asked the constitutional questions of the pastor and the congregation incident to installation, which were answered in the affirmative.

The charge to the pastor was given by Dr. R. D. Carson and the charge to the congregation was delivered by Dr. Robt. Yost, followed by prayer by Elder C. H. Massengill, who acted as clerk. A hymn was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. J. R. Cunningham, D. D., after which the members of the congregation came forward and extended greetings to the new pastor.

The minutes were read and approved and commission adjourned with prayer.

S. H. Hay, Chairman.
C. H. Massengill, Clerk.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Presbytery accepted, unanimously, the invitation of the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., for the spring meeting, the time to be settled by the Moderator and the Stated Clerk.

Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following were nominated Commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers: *Principals*—Rev. Warner H. DuBose, Rev. D. C. Amick; *Alternates*: Rev. McCoy Franklin, Rev. E. F. Camp. Elders: *Principals*—F. S. Thomas, Cold Spring; H. E. King, First Church, Bristol; *Alternates*—S. A. Newland, Arcadia; Geo. C. Sells, First Church, Johnson City.

Protestant Relief in Europe

The Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., addressed the Presbytery, in the interest of Protestant Relief in Europe and the celebration of Reformation Day.

Presbyterial Sermon for Next Meeting

The Presbytery elected the Rev. J. R. Cunningham, D. D., to preach the Presbyterial sermon, at the spring meeting, upon a subject of his own choosing.

Courtesy

The Rev. R. T. L. Liston, of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Stewardship Report

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted as follows:

The church as a whole gave last year a total of $15,253,931, which is $47,650 more than the total of the year preceding. Of the total $4,251,897 was contributed to the regular benevolent causes; $10,568,759 was used at home, and $433,275 was contributed to miscellaneous causes. The per capita giving in the Assembly was $9.51 for benevolences, $23.64 for home use, and 97 cents for miscellaneous causes, making a total per capita giving of $34.12.

The Synod of Appalachia gave a total of $810,178 as compared with $740,598 the year preceding. Of this $230,646 went for the regular benevolences, $563,179 for use at home, and $16,353 for miscellaneous causes. The per capita giving in this Synod was $9.98 for benevolences, $24.37 for use at home, and 71 cents for miscellaneous causes, totalling $35.06. The total per capita giving in the Synod was greater than that of the church as a whole, although the per capita contributions to miscellaneous causes was much smaller.

Holston Presbytery gave last year a total of $173,226—$54,006 for the regular benevolences, $114,700 for home use, and $4,520 for miscellaneous causes. The per capita giving in the Presbytery for benevolences was $9.05, for home use $19.21, and for miscellaneous causes 76 cents, making a total per capita giving of $29.02. The per capita giving in the Presbytery was greater than the year preceding but lower than the church at large.

Recommendations

1. That the Presbytery urge upon the leadership of our churches the need for the careful study of Stewardship in connection with mission study classes in the fall and spring, in accord with the present plan for the combination of Stewardship and Missions.

2. That we push with all zeal the "Stewardship League," making as wide distribution as possible of the Stewardship acknowledgement card and literature on tithing.

3. That March 10, 1929, be set apart as the date for the every-member canvass, and that every church be urged to begin planning for this not later than Jan. 15, 1929.

4. That each church be asked to accept the individual responsibility in initiating the canvass, and that each church report the results of the every-member canvass to the Presbytery's Secretary of Stewardship not later than April 2.

5. That we view the great need of the Church as a glorious opportunity, and the distressing deficits that are yearly carried over by some of the Executive Committees as personal obligations; therefore that every church member be urged to advance not less than one dollar over last year in benevolent giving.

6. That Presbytery accept the $60,000 asked of it by the Synod of Appalachia, the churches being asked to accept portions of it as follows, and to make every effort to secure pledges covering it:

Arcadia	$ 250.00	New Bethel	$ 250.00
Banner Elk	1,000.00	Newdale	75.00
Bethel	25.00	Newland	200.00
Blountville	850.00	Newport	1,100.00
Blowing Rock	150.00	New Providence	250.00
Bristol First	13,750.00	Paint Gap	75.00
Buladean	125.00	Paperville	75.00
Cold Spring	700.00	Pineola	150.00
Cove Creek	150.00	Plumtree	150.00
Crossnore	500.00	Providence	50.00
Ebenezer	40.00	Rheatown	250.00
Estatoa	75.00	Rogersville	5,000.00
Grassy Creek	40.00	Russellville	150.00
Gray's Chapel	30.00	Russ Memorial	50.00
Harris Memorial	50.00	Rutledge	350.00
Hughes	30.00	Salem (Whitesburg)	75.00
Johnson City First	13,750.00	Shulls Mills	25.00
Kingsport First	5,000.00	Smoky Mountain	25.00
Leesburg	300.00	Spruce Pine	800.00
Meadow Creek	150.00	Strawberry Plains	100.00
Micaville	125.00	Thomas Memorial	200.00
Mooresburg	150.00	Viana Valley	25.00
Morristown	11,060.00	Weavers	75.00
Mossy Creek	1,125.00	White Pine	50.00
Mount Sterling	25.00	Windsor Avenue	1,000.00
			$60,000.00

7. That the percentages of distribution for use during the church year of 1928-1929 be as follows:

Assembly's Causes:		
Foreign Missions	23.32%	
Home Missions	12.32	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	5.94	
Publication & S. S. Extension	1.54	
Training School	.44	
American Bible Society	.44	44%
Synod's Causes:		
Home Missions (Synod's Work)	6%	
Educational Institutions	12	18

Presbytery's Causes		
Grandfather Orphans Home	4%	
Home Missions	28	
Schools (L. M. I., Banner Elk)	6	38
		100%

8. That the first Sunday in March, 1929, be designated as "Pay-up" day for the pledges for the regular Benevolences of the Church.

9. That Presbytery urge upon the churches to arrange to carry a part of the expenses of the Sabbath school from the current expense fund in order that a portion of the contributions in the Sabbath school may go to the regular benevolent causes of the Church and that the young people may be trained both to contribute to their self-support and to the benevolent causes.

10. That Presbytery again endorse "Church Paper Week," Nov. 4-11, and urge every church to make an earnest effort to get the church papers in every home of the Church; and that Presbytery commend those Woman's Auxiliaries that have so earnestly tried to reach this goal in years gone by.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles B. Boyles, Secretary,
for the Committee.

Bible Cause

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted as follows:

This year, in point of service, was probably the best year the American Bible Society ever had. It marked their 112th anniversary. During the year they published and circulated 10,000,000 copies or portions of the Holy Scriptures.

We recommend that Sunday, December 2, 1928, be observed as Bible Sunday, and the subject for the day be "Sowing the Seeds of the Kingdom."

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. Knight, Chairman.

The matter of the triplicate receipt books to be used by those receiving benevolence gifts in the Presbytery, was referred to the Home Mission Committee for action.

The Presbytery took recess until 11:30 a. m. after prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D.

The Presbytery reconvened at 11:30 a. m.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr., on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, from the text II Timothy 2:2, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

Tribute to Mrs. Wells

The Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., who spoke of the fervent loyalty to the cause of Christ, and especially to Foreign Missions, of Mrs. Sue Thomas Wells, a daughter of an elder of the Cold Spring Church, and, at the time of her death, a member of the Morristown Church.

Elder Geo. C. Sells was added to the commission appointed Sept. 12, 1928, and Presbytery ordered that the report of the commission be heard in executive session.

The Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m., after prayer by the Rev. Walter K. Keys.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. F. A. Barnes.

Courtesy

The Rev. J. G. Patton, Jr., of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Reception of Mr. John Wesley Combs

Mr. John Wesley Combs, of the Cold Spring Church, was introduced to the Presbytery, and, after presenting the required testimonial from his session, was received under the care of the Presbytery, as a candidate for the ministry. The Presbytery was led in prayer, in behalf of Mr. Combs, by the Rev. Dan Graham.

Men's Work

The Presbytery was addressed by Elder Herbert King, on the subject of Men's Work.

Report of Commission

The Presbytery, now meeting in executive session, was led in prayer by the Rev. McCoy Franklin. The report of the commission appointed Sept. 12, 1928, was read, its recommendations considered seriatim and adopted, and the report as a whole adopted, as follows:

Report of a Commission to Investigate all Unauthorized Solicitation of Funds for Institutions under the Control of Holston Presbytery

Your commission met Sept. 13, immediately after the adjournment of Synod, at Banner Elk, N. C. Present: Rev. J. R. Cunningham, D. D., Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., Rev. D. C. Amick, and Elder J. A. Brown. Commission was called to order with prayer by the chairman, Rev. J. R. Cunningham. Rev. D. C. Amick was elected clerk.

The commission then adjourned to Shulls Mills, N. C., to interview the Rev. C. G. McKaraher and the Rev. G. H. Atkinson. The Rev. G. H. Atkinson being absent, an interview was held with the Rev. C. G. McKaraher.

In answer to questions, the Rev. C. G. McKaraher disclaimed all responsibility for the activities of Rev. G. H. Atkinson and all official connection with the Boone Fork Institute, but admitted a knowledge of what the Rev. G. H. Atkinson had done and declared that he could not control the actions of said Atkinson. He admitted that with his knowledge and consent funds had been solicited by Rev. G. H. Atkinson in Blowing Rock, N. C., for Boone Fork Institute as a church mission school and that approximately $700 had been secured. These funds have been turned over to Mrs. C. G. McKaraher as official head of the Boone Fork Institute. He also averred that certain supplies which had been solicited for the institutions at Banner Elk by the aforesaid Rev. G. H. Atkinson had been shipped to his son, George McKaraher at Shulls Mills, N. C., and that these supplies were still in the depot at Shulls Mills, N. C. After reading certain correspondence from the Rev. G. H. Atkinson to Rev. C. G. McKaraher, submitted to the commission by Mr. McKaraher, the commission formally requested Mr. McKaraher to appear at the fall meeting of Presbytery at Cold Spring Church, Holston Valley, Tenn., on October 1, 1928. At the suggestion of Mr. McKaraher, we also invited Mr. W. S. Whiting to appear at the above mentioned meeting of Presbytery.

The Clerk was directed to write the Rev. G. H. Atkinson calling his attention to his irregularities and ordering him to cease all his activities on behalf of our institutions. This was done.

The Clerk was directed to request the Rev. C. G. McKaraher in writing to appear before Presbytery at its fall meeting.

The Clerk was directed to write to all persons who might have information bearing upon these matters.

The commission adjourned with prayer to meet at the call of the chairman.

D. C. Amick, Clerk.

The commission met October 2, 1928, in the Cold Spring Church, Holston Valley, Tenn., at the call of the chairman. Present: Rev. J. R. Cunningham, D. D., Chairman; Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., Rev. D. C. Amick, and Elder George C. Sells, who had been added to the commission by Presbytery.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. D. C. Amick.

After a thorough discussion of all the phases of this case and in light of the fact that Mr. McKaraher has not answered the communications of the commission nor has he appeared before Presbytery, we recommend:

1. That the Presbytery of Holston lodge a complaint with the Presbytery of Central Mississippi, of which body the Rev. G. H. Atkinson is a member, calling their attention to the unauthorized activities of Mr. Atkinson within our bounds.

2. That the commission be continued and empowered to secure an attorney to formulate all testimony and legal actions of the commission or the Presbytery.

3. That the commission continue to investigate the connection of Rev. C. G. McKaraher with these matters and that the Rev. C. G. McKaraher be requested by the commission to appear before an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to answer any questions that the commission may formulate in connection with his work and the conduct of Boone Fork Institute.

All the minutes were read and approved. Commission adjourned with prayer.

J. R. Cunningham, Chairman.
D. C. Amick, Clerk.

Dissolution of Pastoral Relation Between Mr. McKaraher and the Blowing Rock Church

The Rev. C. G. McKaraher having offered thru the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee his resignation as pastor of the Blowing Rock, N. C., Church, and the church having concurred with him in the matter, the Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship, to take effect immediately.

The Presbytery receded from executive session.

Nominations

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted.

(The matter of this report is included under the head of "Organization" in the front of the minutes.)

Sabbath and Family Religion

The report of the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion wish to call attention to these conditions prevalent throughout the country: A slackened observance of the Sabbath and an ignoring of the primal importance of religion to the family. We urge the Presbytery collectively, and its individual members separately, to arm themselves against these perils.

John C. B. McLaughlin, Chairman.

Vacancy and Supply

The report of the Committee on Vacancy and Supply was read and adopted as follows:

It is with pleasure that your Committee on Vacancy and Supply reports that all of the churches and fields of Presbytery are supplied with the ministry of pastors, stated supplies or field workers, except Windsor Avenue Church of Bristol made vacant recently by the resignation of Rev. G. F. Johnson.

We recommend that the following ministers be authorized to moderate the session and act as stated supply at the places named until the spring meeting of Presbytery:

Rev. F. A. Barnes, Paint Gap, Newdale, Estatoa, and Micaville.
Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., Grassy Creek.
Rev. J. W. Young, Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial.
Rev. T. W. Clapp, Plumtree, Hughes.
Rev. W. C. Young, Salem, Leesburg and Mooresburg.
Rev. J. A. Messer, Bethel, Ebenezer, Smoky Mountain, and Mt. Sterling.
Rev. Dan H. Graham, Weavers.
Rev. J. I. Knight, Paperville.

W. K. Keys, Chairman.

Minutes of Presbytery

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Presbytery was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Presbytery would report that the printed minutes have been examined and found accurate and splendidly arranged and printed.

F. A. Barnes,
Geo. E. Stone,
Committee.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Plumtree School for Boys

The report of the Trustees of the Plumtree School for Boys was read and adopted as follows:

The Board of Trustees of the Plumtree School for Boys begs to submit the following report:

1. That the Board formally transferred on May 10, 1927, all students of the school and a limited amount of assets from Plumtree, N. C., to Banner Elk, N. C., and discontinued all operations of the school at Plumtree.

2. That the farm near Plumtree has been placed in the hands of Mr. Edgar Tufts for the use and benefit of the Boys School at Banner Elk to be rented or cultivated in such a manner as he may desire, using the proceeds for the Boys School.

3. That the dormitory tract consisting of 30 acres was sold for a consideration of $4,500.

4. That since May 10, 1927, the Board has proceeded with the liquidation of the assets of the school as directed by Presbytery and hereby submits the following itemized statement of receipts and disbursements:

Receipts

Loan from Home Mission Board	$1,195.00	
Sale of land	4,488.75	
Received from donors	1,434.62	
		$7,118.37

Disbursements

Land note paid	$1,195.00	
Back salaries to teachers	1,814.25	
Bills—Old debts	2,506.44	
Expenses of Board	24.56	
Transferred to Edgar Tufts, Treasurer	1,576.37	
		$7,118.37

5. That $8,540 in securities and $851.56 in cash of the endowment funds have been transferred to Edgar Tufts, Treasurer, for the use and benefit of the Boys School at Banner Elk.

Respectfully submitted,
G. C. Sells, President,
D. C. Amick, Secretary,
Board of Trustees of Plumtree School for Boys.

Amendments to Book of Church Order

The special Committee on Amendments to the Book of Church Order recommended the approval of the amendment sent down by the General Assembly, and their recommendation was adopted.

The Judicial Committee reported that nothing had come into their hands.

Report on Assembly's Minutes

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made the following report which was adopted:

We find that there are no matters in the minutes of the Assembly which have not already come before the Presbytery for action. We recommend that in order that the Presbytery may always have a full representation at the meetings of the Assembly, the following rule be adopted: In the case where neither a principal nor his alternate can attend the Assembly, the remaining alternate be allowed to attend, to complete our quota.

Committee.

Resolutions

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted by a rising vote. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Resolutions makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Presbytery of Holston would express its appreciation of the delightful hospitality of the pastor and people of the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, who have entertained us in such a courteous and cordial manner, and with such an abundance of good things. This meeting of Presbytery has truly been a season of refreshing, and a time of spiritual blessings.

2. That we express our thanks to Miss Kathleen King for her ministry of music.

3. That these resolutions be adopted by a rising vote of the Presbytery and be read to the congregation at the evening service.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. C. Frierson.
Herbert King.

Leave of Absence

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence recommends that the Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr., be excused after the Tuesday morning session; the Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., be excused from this meeting of Presbytery; the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D., be excused after the Tuesday afternoon session.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Gray, Chairman.

The Rev. Walter K. Keys made an oral report for the superintendent of the Grandfather Orphanage, which was received as information.

Free Conversation on the State of Religion

The roll of the ministers and elders was called, and reports made on the state of religion in the churches.

The Presbytery took recess until 6:45 p. m., after prayer by the Rev. D. C. Amick.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 6:45 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. John Young.

The Presbytery resumed and completed the free conversation on the state of religion in the churches.

The Rev. Dan Graham emphasized the need of laying plans in advance for evangelization, and gave some clear illustrations of the fruitfulness of so doing.

Courtesy

The Rev. Paul S. Van Dyke, of Lafayette Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Popular Meeting for Foreign Missions

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and received. Pending its adoption, the Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. Paul S. Van Dyke concerning the work of the church in Japan.

The report was adopted as follows:

Foreign Mission Report

Your Committee on Foreign Missions submits the following report:

The great efforts of our denomination, to reduce the debt resting on our Executive Committee, reduced the deficit, after meeting the expenses of the year, from $290,000 to $132,000, an achievement that caused great rejoicing and thanksgiving to God. But our joy over last year's work is sobered by a reactionary decline in Foreign Mission receipts since the first of April. We are $27,000 behind our receipts, up to Sept. 1st, for 1927.

Having shown what can be done, last year, by prayer and self-denial, let us not retrogress; let us, rather, catch the spirit of the noble Woman's Auxiliary, which recently resolved to exceed the high record of last year.

The China Situation

The situation in China is gradually clearing. Of the 41 missionaries, whose return has been asked for by the China Mission, 25 returned during the summer and 11 more are expected to sail soon, so that, by Nov. 1, about 100 of our 176 missionaries in China, will be back at work. Of those still in America, 18 are detained for health reasons, while 50, who are wholly or partly self-supporting, pending their return, are holding themselves subject to the call of the Mission. These are, mainly, educational missionaries. The educational work in China is gravely complicated, and the problem is being given thorough study by the Executive Committee and our China Missions.

Reports of our property losses in China are staggering, but the reports of the fidelity of the Chinese Christians are very encouraging, and the Chinese church is experiencing a steady growth, though in some cases the worship has to be maintained in the open air.

Recommendations

1. That the Presbytery be led in a special prayer that our ministers and members may be filled with the missionary spirit of our Lord, in order that the foreign department of our missionary work may advance, and that the appeals for reinforcements from Africa, Brazil, Japan, Korea, and Mexico may be met.

2. That every church be urged to organize a church school of missions, during the Foreign Mission month of January, 1929, using the Foreign Mission study book, "The Desire of All Nations."

3. That churches, societies, and individuals assume, whenever practicable, definite responsibility for definite parts of the foreign mission work.

4. That pastors be urged, especially in churches where it is not practicable to hold a school of missions, to emphasize this year the spiritual side of the foreign mission enterprise, using for prayer meeting discussions during the month of January, the book "The Desire of All Nations."

5. That our Sunday schools focus attention this year on our evangelistic work abroad, and designate their foreign mission contributions to the $100,000 being raised in the Sunday schools for this work.

6. That our Young People's Societies apply their foreign mission offerings to the $10,000 being raised in the societies this year, for medical work in China.

7. That the Presbytery appoint January 28-February 3, as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions.

8. That the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbytery be requested to arrange for itineration of foreign missionaries through the churches.

9. That the Presbytery thank our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. Paul S. Van Dyke, for his excellent address, and that a special offering be now taken, by the Presbytery, for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Young, Chairman.

The Presbytery was led in prayer for foreign missions by the Rev. Warner H. DuBose, after which a free will offering for foreign missions, amounting to $37, was taken by the Presbytery.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that nothing requiring the attention of the Presbytery had come into their hands.

Dr. Scherer's Address

The Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., addressed the Presbytery in the interest of King College.

The Presbytery was led in prayer, by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, D. D., for King College, and for the recovery of Elder E. W. King, of the First Church, Bristol, Tenn., who sustained a severe accident.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted, after which the Presbytery adjourned with song, and the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in adjourned session at the call of the Moderator, the time and place to be arranged by him.

Warner H. DuBose, Moderator.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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Pinebola Presbyterian Church

PINEBOLA, NORTH CAROLINA

October 7, 1929, 7:30 P. M.

B. D. Smith & Bros., Printers
Pulaski, Va.

ORGANIZATION

Moderator—The Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., Bristol, Va.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, D. D., Kingsport, Tennessee.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tennessee.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, Bristol, Tennessee.

Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist—The Rev. Walter K. Keys, Bristol, Tennessee.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, W. H. DuBose, J. R. Cunningham, W. R. Smith, Jr.; Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary;* H. E. Harris, W. W. Hufford; Deacon: Sam R. Sells.

Note: All elders on the following committees are appointed at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2. *Foreign Missions*—Ministers: W. C. Young, *Chairman;* F. A. Barnes. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

3. *Assembly's Home Missions*—Ministers: Jno. W. Young, *Chairman;* J. A. Messer. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

4. *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Tilden Scherer, W. R. Smith, Jr. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

5. *Religious Education*—Ministers: D. C. Amick, *Chairman;* W. C. Frierson, *Chairman Young People's Societies;* T. W. Clapp. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

6. *Bible Cause*—Ministers: J. I. Knight, *Chairman;* Dan Graham. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

7. *Stewardship*—Ministers: Warner H. DuBose, *Chairman;* C. B. Boyles, *Secretary;* R. D. Carson. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

8. *Men's Work*—Ministers: John R. Cunningham, *Chairman;* Thos. P. Johnston. Elders: Geo. E. Stone, Jno. S. Powers. Deacon: Geo. M. King.

9. *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Ministers: J. C. B. McLaughlin, *Chairman;* F. A. Barnes. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

10. *Women's Work*—Ministers: E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* McCoy Franklin. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

11. *Educational Institutions*—Ministers: R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* Robert Yost, T. H. Spence, Jr. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

12. *Orphans' Home*—Ministers: T. H. Spence, Jr., *Chairman;* W. R. Smith. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

13. *Evangelism*—Ministers: Dan H. Graham, *Chairman;* W. K. Keys, Jno. W. Young. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

14. *Sessional Records*—Ministers: McCoy Franklin, *Chairman;* J. A. Messer, W. C. Frierson. Four elders appointed at Presbytery.

15. *Vacancy and Supply*—Ministers: W. K. Keys, *Chairman;* W. C. Young. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

16. *Program*—The Stated Clerk and the representatives of the church entertaining Presbytery.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1. *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Warner H. DuBose.

2. *Theology*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and J. R. Cunningham.

3. *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. P. Johnston, Chas. B. Boyles and W. C. Frierson.

4. *Church History*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick and W. R. Smith.

5. *Philosophy, Logic and Ethics*—The Rev. Messrs. Tilden Scherer and Robert Yost.

6. *Natural Science and Secular Subjects*—The Rev. Messrs. W. K. Keys and T. H. Spence, Jr.

7. *Latin, Greek and Hebrew*—The Revs. Messrs. F. A. Barnes and J. C. B. McLaughlin.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

To Confer with Trustees of Boone Fork Institute: Mr. Geo. C. Sells, *Chairman;* Rev. Walter K. Keys, Elder J. L. Gray.

TRUSTEES

1. *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. Geo. C. Sells, Arthur W. King, and John S. Powers.

2. *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Sam R. Sells, 1930; E. W. King, 1931; Jas. A. Summers, 1932; Rev. S. H. Hay, 1933; F. H. Stinson, 1934.

3. *Plumtree School for Boys*—Frank Taylor, Geo. C. Sells, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1930; E. B. Ward, D. R. Beeson, Rev. E. F. Camp, 1931; Rev. W. R. Smith, Rev. Warner H. DuBose, Chas. Hughes, 1932.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

John Wesley Combs	Holston Valley, Tenn.
Geo. H. Ellis	Bristol, Tenn.
Taft Franklin	Crossnore, N. C.
Ben T. Harrop	Bristol, Tenn.
Chas. W. Kernan	Plumtree, N. C.
Joe E. Knight	Jonesboro, Tenn.
F. DeWolfe Miller III	Stony Point, Tenn.
Johnson E. McKinley	Quentin, Miss.
Rual Rash	Plumtree, N. C.
John Irvin Rhea, Jr.	Blountville, Tenn.
Chas. L. Stucky	Plumtree, N. C.
William Whitlock	Fish Dam, Tenn.
Henry Willis	Greenfield, Va.
John Yelton	Shulls Mills, N. C.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING LEAGUE

Rev. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman*	Box 98, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Chas. B. Boyles, *Treasurer*	Box 548, Bristol, Tenn.

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING

The Presbytery of Holston met in adjourned session in the offices of the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol Tennessee, at 2:00 p. m. December 13, 1928. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D.

Roll

There were present: *Ministers*—Chas. B. Boyles, R. D. Carson, J. R. Cunningham, Warner H. DuBose, W. C. Frierson, S. H. Hay, Thos. P. Johnston, W. K. Keys, J. I. Knight, Chas. G. McKaraher, J. C. B. McLaughlin, Tilden Scherer, and W. R. Smith. *Ruling Elders*—Bristol First, J. D. Faucette: Johnson City First, Geo. C. Sells; Rogersville, A. B. Rogan; Shulls Mills, W. S. Whiting; Windsor Avenue, J. A. Brown.

Courtesy

The Rev. Messrs. Robert Adams, D. D., of the Presbytery of Piedmont, and W. B. Guerrant, of the Presbytery of Abingdon, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Mr. McKaraher Dismissed

The Rev. Chas. G. McKaraher was excused from attendance at the fall meeting of Presbytery, upon presenting his reason for absence.

Mr. McKaraher offered his resignation as pastor of the Shulls Mills Church and requested a dissolution of the pastoral relation. Presbytery heard from the church thru Elder W. S. Whiting, concurring in this request. The request was granted and the pastoral relation dissolved to take effect Dec. 31, 1928. At his request Mr. McKaraher was given a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North, U. S. A.

Presbyterial Tax Increased

Presbytery increased the Presbyterial tax from 20 cents to 25 cents per capita for the church year beginning April 1, 1929.

Commission Discharged

The commission, continued at the fall meeting, was thanked for its services and discharged.

Adjourned Meeting

Presbytery ordered an adjourned meeting at the call of the Moderator, the time and place to be selected by him.

The minutes of this meeting were read and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned and was closed with prayer by the Rev. W. R. Smith.

Warner H. DuBose, Moderator.
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING

The Presbytery of Holston met in adjourned session in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tennessee, at 2:00 p. m., on January 10, 1929. The Rev. D. C. Amick, last moderator present, presided. Presbytery was called to order and was opened with prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D.

Roll

There were present: *Ministers*—D. C. Amick, C. B. Boyles, J. R. Cunningham, W. C. Frierson, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, W. K. Keys. *Ruling Elders*—Bristol First, J. D. Faucette; Johnson City First, Geo. C. Sells: Mossy Creek, J. R. Moser.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved Between Mossy Creek Church and the Rev. J. J. Douglass

The congregation of the Mossy Creek Church thru its representatives, requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation between themselves and the Rev. J. J. Douglass, pastor, to take effect Jan. 10, 1929, on the grounds of illness, resulting in prolonged mental incapacity. The Presbytery granted this request in the absence of Mr. Douglass, by virtue of its authority to take such action when deemed wise or necessary. Upon motion and for similar reasons, Presbytery terminated the stated supplyships at Strawberry Plains and Rutledge.

Presbytery instructed the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee to pay $70 on the unpaid salary of the Rev. J. J. Douglass.

The minutes of this meeting were read and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned and was closed with prayer by the Rev. W. K. Keys.

D. C. Amick, Moderator pro tem.
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

SPRING MEETING

Johnson City, Tenn., April 15, 1929.

The one hundred and twelfth session of Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, beginning April 15, 1929, at 4:00 p. m. The Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, the Rev. Warner H. DuBose, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D.

Enrollment

The following were present: *Ministers*—D. C. Amick, F. A. Barnes, C. B. Boyles, E. F. Camp, R. D. Carson, J. R. Cunningham, W. H. DuBose, McCoy Franklin, W. C. Frierson, Dan H. Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, W. K. Keys, J. I. Knight, J. C. B. McLaughlin (2), G. F. Robertson, Tilden Scherer, W. R. Smith, T. H. Spence, Jr., Robert Yost, J. W. Young, W. C. Young. *Ruling Elders*—Arcadia, S. A. Newland; Banner Elk, W. C. Tate (2); Blountville, S. W. Miller (2); Bristol First, J. D. Faucette; Buladean, Ellis Melton; Cold Spring, J. F. Thomas; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Johnson City First, Frank Taylor; Kingsport First, G. M. Williams (2); Leesburg, F. R. DeVault; Micaville, Troy Young; Meadow Creek, H. N. Bowers; Morristown First, J. D. Hasson; Mossy Creek, J. W. Zirkle; New Bethel, E. L. King; Newdale, M. D. Cox; Newport, H. C. Alexander; Providence, Hugh W. Carson; Russellville, E. H. Moore; Rogersville, J. G. Brown; Spruce Pine, W. W. Bailey; Thomas Memorial, J. J. Thomas; Weaver, Carl O. Rhea.

Organization

The Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., Professor of Bible at King College, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Courtesy

The Rev. J. E. Vance, D. D., of Holston Presbytery U. S. A., was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother. He addressed the Presbytery, welcoming the members to his Presbytery, meeting in this church at this time, and also to Johnson City.

The Rev. Frederick N. McMillan, D. D., of the Presbytery of Cincinnati U. S. A., was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother. He addressed the Presbytery with words of cordial greeting.

Program

The Program Committee offered the following report which was adopted:

MONDAY

3.30 P. M. The Holston Presbytery U. S. A. will meet in the Church auditorium.
4.00 P. M. The Holston Presbytery U. S. will meet in the Ladies' Parlor.
8.00 P. M. The Presbyteries will meet in the Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church. Dr. Fred N. McMillan will speak. Presbyterial communion.

TUESDAY

8.30 to 9.30 A. M. The Presbyteries will meet in a joint devotional session in the Church auditorium. Dr. H. S. Lyle will conduct this devotional hour.
9.30 to 11.00 A. M. Business Session.
11.00 A. M. Dr. R. A. Torrey, Jr., will deliver an address in the Church auditorium.
12.30 P. M. Luncheon for the Presbyteries will be served in the Watauga Avenue Church.
2.30 P. M. Joint session of the Presbyteries to consider Home Mission reports and to discuss the joint Home Mission work.
4.00 P. M. Dr. Egbert W. Smith will speak in the Church auditorium. His message will be of special interest to officers and leaders of the Church.
6.15 P. M. Dinner will be served in the First Church, to the Presbyteries and men of the Bible Classes of the Watauga Avenue and the First Presbyterian Churches.
8.00 P. M.—Dr. Egbert W. Smith will speak in the Church auditorium.

WEDNESDAY

8.30 to 9.30 A. M. Joint devotional services of the Presbyteries led by Dr. R. D. Carson.
9.30 A. M. to 12.30 P. M. Business Session.
12.30 P. M. Lunch will be served by the ladies of our church to the two Presbyteries.

The minutes of two adjourned meetings of the Presbytery were read for the information of those present.

Reception of Mr. John Rhea as a Candidate

Mr. John Rhea, a member of the Blountville Church, was introduced to the Presbytery. He presented a testimonial from his session recommending him to the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. After the usual examinations were sustained, he was received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. The Moderator made a brief charge and offered a prayer in behalf of the candidate.

Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., was excused for non-attendance at the last meeting of Presbytery on account of illness.

Rev. J. J. Douglass Dismissed

The Rev. J. J. Douglass was granted a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of Winston-Salem. The Moderator appointed the Rev. Messrs. W. K. Keys and R. D. Carson a committee to write Brother Douglass of our gratification at his recovery from his recent illness, and also to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Winston-Salem commending Rev. J. J. Douglass to the brethren of that Presbytery.

Presbytery took recess, after prayer by the Rev. J. R. Cunningham, D. D., to reconvene at 8:00 p. m. in the Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church in union session with the Presbytery of Holston U. S. A.

FIRST DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8 p. m., in the Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church U. S. A., in joint session with the Presbytery of Holston U. S. A., with the Rev. E. J. Vance, D. D., Holston Presbytery U. S. A., presiding, and was led in prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D.

In lieu of the retiring moderator's sermons, the Presbyteries listened to an address by the Rev. Frederick N. MacMillan, D. D., of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, on the subject of loyalty to Jesus Christ.

Communion Service

A union communion service was held by the two Presbyteries, administered by the Rev. Robert Franklin, D. D., of Holston Presbytery U. S. A., and the Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., of Holston Presbytery U. S., assisted by the following elders from the Presbyterian Church U. S. A., W. T. Johnson, of Elizabethton, and S. T. Moser, James P. Hart, M. W. Dickey, from the Watauga Avenue Church; from the Presbytery of Holston U. S., H. C. Alexander, Newport; S. A. Newland, Arcadia; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; and Frank Taylor, First Church, Johnson City.

The Presbyteries adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. Warner H. DuBose, to reconvene in the First Presbyterian Church, at 8:30 a. m., in a union devotional service.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbyteries of Holston U. S. A. and Holston U. S. reconvened in the First Presbyterian Church at 8:30 a. m. The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. H. S. Lyle, D. D., of Holston Presbytery U. S. A.

The Presbytery of Holston U. S. then adjourned to the ladies' parlor of the church for the business session, where the Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Welcome Address by Mayor

The privilege of the floor was granted to Mr. W. J. Barton, mayor of Johnson City, who addressed the Presbytery with words of welcome.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures:* Warner H. DuBose and Geo. F. Robertson.
2. *Leave of Absence:* F. A. Barnes and H. N. Bowers.
3. *Auditing:* H. C. Alexander and W. W. Bailey.
4. *Minutes of Presbytery:* J. R. Cunningham and M. D. Cox.
5. *Minutes of Synod:* W. R. Smith and Frank Taylor.
6. *Nominations:* W. C. Frierson and T. P. Johnston.
7. *Pastors' Salaries:* R. D. Carson and J. L. Gray.
8. *Resolutions:* S. H. Hay and J. D. Faucette.
9. *Judicial:* Geo. F. Robertson and Ellis Melton.
10. *Elders on Sessional Records:* J. G. Brown, J. J. Thomas, J. F. Thomas, Troy Young, S. A. Newland.

Special Committee on Assembly's Home Missions for this meeting only: J. I. Knight and G. M. Williams.

Elders on permanent committees for this meeting:
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief: J. D. Hasson.
Religious Education: J. D. Faucette.
Educational Institutions: Frank Taylor.
Orphans' Home: E. H. Moore.
Evangelism: J. W. Zirkle and J. D. Hasson.

Communications

A request from the Rev. E. A. Lindsey, pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian Church U. S., West Palm Beach, Florida, for names of Presbyterians moving there, or visiting there, was read for information.

A communication from the Rev. H. H. Sweets, D. D., in reference to the ministers' annuity fund, was read and referred to the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

Treasurer's Report

The report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery was received and the recommendations adopted.

The report, together with his accounts and vouchers, was referred to the Auditing Committee. The report is as follows:

Report of T. P. Johnston, Treasurer Holston Presbytery
April 14, 1928, to April 11, 1929

Receipts

Balance brought forward	$474.20	
Assessments received from churches	937.65	
Weaver Church for Benevolences	60.40	
Loan (First National Bank, Kingsport)	150.00	
Total Receipts		$1,622.25

Disbursements

Salaries:			
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk and Treas.	$150.00		
Chas. B. Boyles, Central Treas. of Benevolences	300.00		
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	20.00	$470.00	
Stated Clerk's Office Expense:			
Printing and mailing minutes	163.31		
Sessional report blanks	7.50		
Government post card receipts (printed)	8.50		
Postage	6.00	185.31	
Central Treasurer's Office Expense:			
Bonding fee	12.50		
Office supplies	18.00		
Postage	9.50	40.00	
Miscellaneous:			
General Assembly assessment	491.04		
Synod's assessment	89.02		
Benevolence Treasurer (Weaver Church)	60.40		
D. C. Amick—Commission expense	5.00		
Interest on loan (60 days)	1.50	646.96	
Total Disbursements		$1,342.27	
Balance in Bank April 11, 1929		279.98	
			$1,622.25

It is recommended that the churches be asked to pay their assessments as promptly as possible, as the Treasurer must pay large assessments to the Assembly and Synod before the fall meeting of Presbytery, and it is unwise to borrow from the banks.

It is further recommended that the assessment for 1930 be the same as this year: 25 cents per member as listed in the minutes of the General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. P. Johnston, Treasurer.

Report of Central Treasurer

The report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences was received and with his accounts was referred to the Auditing Committee. The report is as follows:

HOLSTON PRESBYTERY BENEVOLENCES

	Receipts						
	Congrs.	S. S.	W. Aux.	C. E.	M. Club	Mis.	Totals
Arcadia	$ 250.00	$ 2.00	$	$	$	$	$ 252.00
Banner Elk	81.35	1.51					82.86
Blountville	699.24		26.00				725.24
Blowing Rock	25.00	37.47	1.16				63.63
Bristol First	7,527.23	258.94	1,685.00	10.00	21.00		9,502.17
Bulaboan	49.50	36.55					86.05
Cold Spring	186.72	72.00	58.65				317.37
Concord	8.51						8.51
Cove Creek	179.00	60.00					239.00
Crossmore	45.00	45.00	112.00				202.00
Estatoe	23.50						23.50
Gray's Chapel	50.00	35.00					85.00
Harris Memorial	27.26	8.00					35.26
Hughes	41.50						41.50
Johnson City First	6,197.99		1,557.26	33.00			7,788.25
Kingsport First	2,374.39	539.65	675.00	10.00			3,599.04
Leesburg	121.35						121.35
Meadow Creek	9.60						9.60
Micaville	118.63	4.08					122.71
Mooresburg	30.50	17.43	14.33				62.26
Morristown	183.91						183.91
Mossy Creek	15.00		229.00				244.00
New Bethel	186.50		29.00				215.50
Newdale	53.61						53.61
Newland		18.89	39.70				58.59
Newport	586.00	84.00	280.10	10.75			960.85
New Providence	6.00	31.26	5.00				42.26
Paint Gap	106.60	5.50					112.10
Paperville	14.36						14.36
Pineola		3.60	20.00				23.60
Plumtree	18.10	20.97					39.07
Providence	67.00						67.00
Rheatown	91.90						91.90
Rogersville	3,490.00	92.67	79.00				3,621.67
Russellville	20.00		75.00				95.00
Russ Memorial	8.00						8.00
Salem (Whitesburg)	30.00		75.00				105.00
Spruce Pine	82.20	167.72	15.00				264.92
Strawberry Plains	15.00						15.00
Thomas Memorial	195.94	7.10					203.04
Vlane Valley	50.30						50.30
Weaver	135.40						135.40
White Pine	33.00						33.00
Windsor Avenue	260.88	90.60	428.56	12.50			792.54
Presbytery						37.00	37.00
Personal						30.00	30.00
	$23,655.97	$1,639.94	$5,404.76	$76.25	$21.00	$67.00	$30,864.92

Miscellaneous			
Contingent Fees—Newland Woman's Auxiliary	$ 2.00		
Contingent Fees—Pineola Woman's Auxiliary	3.50	$5.50	
Presbytery tax, Ruse Memorial Church		13.90	
H. M. Society, Franklin St. Church		600.00	619.40
Total			$31,484.32

Disbursements

Foreign Missions			
Regular		$7,445.67	
Kellersberger Fund		430.00	
Korean Leper Fund		50.00	$7,925.67
Assembly Home Missions			
Regular		$3,306.32	
Auxiliary Birthday Offerings		145.88	
Jewish Missions		35.00	$3,487.20
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief			$1,598.56
Publication and S. S. Extension			
Regular		$ 439.32	
Rally Day Offerings		258.70	$ 698.02
Assembly Training School			132.15
American Bible Society			130.13
Synod's Home Missions (Synod's Work)			1,513.88
Educational Institutions			
Synod's Regular Fund		$3,132.01	
Synod's Campaign Committee		185.00	
Stonewall Jackson College		100.00	
Presbytery's Schools		1,730.70	$5,152.71
Grandfather Orphans' Home			$2,071.05
Presbytery's Home Missions			8,612.25
			$31,321.62
Miscellaneous			
Presbytery Tax		$ 13.90	
Contingent fees for Auxiliaries		5.50	
Assembly Inn, Montreat, N. C.		6.00	
Near East Relief		100.00	
Protestant Relief in Europe		13.28	
Tenn. State C. E. Pledge		7.50	
Charity Ward, Kings Mt. Memorial Hospital		14.00	$ 160.18
			$31,481.80
Balance carried over			2.52
			$31,484.32

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. B. BOYLES, Treasurer.

Church and Manse Building League

The report of the Treasurer of the Church and Manse Building League was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The report is as follows:

Balance on hand at spring meeting of Presbytery, 1928		$200.33
Receipts since spring meeting of Presbytery, 1928		188.90
		$389.23
Disbursed:		
Harris Memorial Church	$304.43	
Mr. J. L. Gray's field	15.00	
First National Bank, Bristol, check returned	5.00	$324.43
Balance on hand		$64.80

Respectfully submitted,

Charles B. Boyles, Treasurer.

Reports from Edgar Tufts Memorial Association

LEES-McRAE INSTITUTE

The report of the Lees-McRae Institute department of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association was read, received and referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions.

The report is as follows:

Gentlemen of the Presbytery:

We respectfully submit the following report and statistical data on the current year's operation of Lees-McRae Institute. This report is made as brief as possible yet comprehensive enough to reflect an insight into the outstanding accomplishments of the year. Reference to finances is based on the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928.

Material Progress

The most outstanding addition to the plant and equipment this year has been the installation of a new hydro-electric power plant. Some real estate has been added through purchase and gift. The endowment fund for the year ending June 30, 1928, had been increased by $7,880.50. The value of plant and equipment during this same period showed an increase of $22,045.17.

Enrollment

This year's enrollment has totalled 204. 71 per cent are high school students as compared to 64 per cent last year and 37 per cent the preceding year. Of this total enrollment 85 per cent are boarding students. By classes

the enrollment is as follows: Sixth grade, 22; seventh grade, 37; eighth grade, 54; ninth grade, 34; tenth grade, 26; eleventh grade, 25; specials, 6. By denominations the enrollment is as follows: Presbyterian, 107; Baptists, 30; Methodists, 15; Christian, 3; Lutheran, 1; Episcopal, 1; Holiness, 1; Moravian, 1; members of no church, 45.

Finances

Actual operating expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, amounted to $36,344.39. The following data as to various sources of income are of interest:

	Per Cent
From students' fees	33
From gifts, including appropriations from churches	33
Income from investments	19
Productive enterprises	8
Transfer and refunds	7

During the church year ending March 31, 1929, we received from Holston Presbytery through the regular 6 per cent apportionment allotted to Lees-McRae Institute $1,730.70. From Assembly's Home Mission Committee as "special appropriation for Holston Presbytery" $1,200.00. From Concord Presbytery through the regular 2 per cent apportionment $814.46.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar H. Tufts, Superintendent.

GRACE HOSPITAL

The report of the Grace Hospital department of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association was read and received and referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions.

Presbytery heard Dr. W. C. Tate, superintendent of Grace Hospital, who explained the policies of the hospital. The Presbytery included Grace Hospital among its institutions requested to report annually at each spring meeting of the Presbytery.

The report is as follows:

To the Gentlemen of Holston Presbytery:

Grace Hospital is one of the departments of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association at Banner Elk, North Carolina. We beg to submit the following report for 1928:

The policy adopted by the Board of Trustees in November 1924 is as follows:

First—That it shall receive its proportional part of the benefits of this association, as well as assume its part of the obligations.

Second—That it shall administer to the physical and public health problems of the Lees-McRae Institute and the Grandfather Orphans' Home.

Third—That it shall follow the plan of the giver of the new department in serving as wide a section of the mountain territory as possible, caring for the sick and ministering to the wounded.

Fourth—That it shall be an institution for the sick, without regard to race or creed.

Fifth—That the department have a progressive policy, and allow the institution to grow and expand to the limit of its opportunity.

Sixth—That we shall have a department for the training of the young ladies for the nursing profession, and in this way become an educational institution.

Seventh—The financial policy, to secure funds from any legitimate source for the purpose of increasing the sphere of usefulness of the institution.

Eighth—To hold the cost per day per patient to the lowest minimum, consistent with adequate service.

Ninth—To insist upon and, if necessary, require individuals and organizations receiving services from this institution to pay a reasonable fee, if within their power to do so.

Tenth—All worthy charity cases shall receive free treatment.

Eleventh—Physician or physicians shall not receive any compensation from the institution, and will depend entirely upon their private work, or upon those who are able to pay more than the hospital bill, in which case they can derive their income in this way.

Twelfth—All patients' obligations will first be to the institution; any compensation above that point will go to the physician or physicians.

With this policy, we were able to care for 6,110 office patients. Total bed patients treated in the hospital from January 1 to December 31, 1928, was 730, with a grand total of 7,956 bed days. These bed patients are divided into surgical, medical and obstetrical cases. 54 per cent of the cases were charity during the year 1928.

The personnel of the institution includes two physicians, 11 nurses, one dietician, one bookkeeper and secretary, three in the kitchen, three in the laundry and one orderly; a total of 21 workers.

With this staff and the policy outlined above it was possible to render the service at $1.84 per day per patient.

The operating cost and new equipment amounted to $15,437.33. Total receipts, $16,362.33; balance over expenses, $925.

For the past four years Grace Hospital has operated a training school for nurses, accepted by the North Carolina State Board of Nurse Examiners as a standard training school for nurses. At the last meeting of the board of trustees the hospital was authorized to establish a training school for mid-wives, and this we hope to have in operation by the fall of 1929.

The Duke Endowment has made a conditional gift of $35,000 for the purpose of erecting a new building that will care for 50 bed patients. This conditional gift has been accepted by the board of trustees and a part of the funds provided and every effort is being made to start the new building in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Tate.

GRANDFATHER ORPHANS' HOME

The report of the Grandfather Orphans' Home department of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association was read, received and referred to the Committee on Orphans' Home. The report is as follows:

The following report is made for the year ending December 31, 1928:

Following the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb, which took effect March 31, 1928, there was a complete change of staff personnel. This will be mentioned again later in the report.

Two new cottages were begun during the year and are now nearing completion. These cottages have a maximum capacity of twenty children and two staff members each.

A bit of interesting and instructive data follows:

Number of children in Home Jan. 1, 1928	76
Number of children admitted during 1928	15
Number of children discharged during 1928	4
Number of children in Home December 31, 1928	87
Total number of days of care	29,502

These children range in age from four to nineteen. Nineteen are whole orphans, sixty-two half orphans and nine have both parents living. It is interesting to note that though there were eleven more children in the Home at the close of the year than at the beginning, the total number of days of care was 1,629 less than the year before.

Following is an itemized record of current receipts and expenditures for the year:

Receipts

Cash balance year beginning January 1, 1928	$1,662.50
From relatives and friends	1,880.40
Duke Endowment	1,914.27
Religious organizations	3,943.50
Other organizations and individuals	7,814.77
From endowment and special funds	2,489.07
Donated in commodities	2,388.56
Miscellaneous	87.07
Total receipts	$22,180.14

Expenditures

Administration	$ 2,728.81
Household	12,276.33
Health	349.68
Education	1,607.07
Plant operation and maintenance	1,633.33
Productive enterprises	1,883.48
Maintenance in other institutions	725.74
Total expenditures	$21,204.45

The per capita cost for the year was approximately 62 cents per day—9 cents per day more than during 1927. One of the main reasons for this increase was the addition of three members to the staff with an increase of slightly over $2,000 a year in the pay roll.

This increase was considered necessary, and even now the workers are not paid as much as in many homes, nor is the per capita cost as much as is thought almost necessary, if best results are to be obtained, by many authorities in the orphanage field.

I beg to call to the attention of this body the following facts, which should be of interest:

As best I can determine, over 80 per cent of the children in the home today are from Holston Presbytery.

A summary of receipts during the church year just closed shows that 20 per cent of the cash contributions came from the churches, all departments, in Holston Presbytery. This should speak for itself. The increased current expenditures makes it necessary that there be a corresponding increase in contributions, if developments are to continue.

We beg to suggest that the churches be reminded of the responsibility and that they be urged to contribute more liberally, through both the first Sunday offerings of the Sunday schools and the special contributions. We further beg to suggest that Grandfather Orphans' Home's per cent of regular benevolence contributions be increased.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Painter, Supt.

Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions was read, received, and together with his accounts and vouchers referred to the Auditing Committee. The report is as follows:

To the Presbytery of Holston:

I hereby submit my report for year April 1, 1928, to March 31, 1929:

Receipts

April 1, 1928, balance	$ 2,123.87
Assembly's Home Mission Committee, Atlanta	15,658.06
Central Treasurer, C. B. Boyles, Treas.	6,756.46
Schools and Colleges, J. D. Faucette, Treas.	189.06
Morristown Church	701.56
Refund Miss Tarver	10.00
	$25,439.01

Disbursements

Assembly's Home Mission Committee	$ 5,900.00
Payroll Home Mission workers	12,296.62
Committee expense	126.87
Manse rent for Superintendent and Evangelist	450.00
Expenses of Superintendent	656.84
Special gifts	200.00
B. D. Smith & Bros.	24.68
Rev. D. C. Amick, for services at Meadow Creek	100.00
Pastors' salaries—Home Mission Churches	330.26
Plumtree School for boys	41.50
Harris Memorial Church	432.15
Spruce Pine Church, Manse Fund	450.00
Presbyterial Tax—Home Mission Churches	116.05
Pinnacle Inn	62.50
Banner Elk Church, Manse Fund	250.00
Certificate of Deposit	500.00
Insurance Manse, Buladean	13.20
Pineola Church	1,200.00
Meadow Creek Church	200.00
R. S. Bellew, Treas., roof Estatoa Church	78.75
Dr. Geo. Graham Fund for Rusa Memorial Church	223.51
	$23,652.93
1929	
April 1, by balance	$ 1,786.08

Frank Taylor, Treasurer.

Assembly's Home Missions

The report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS

During the year ending March 31 the Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions assisted in the support of 663 home missionaries, who served 722 organized mission enterprises, and carried the gospel either as teacher or evangelist to 298 other communities. Except for the ministry of these heroic men and women, thousands of human beings on the highways and byways of our country would never hear the gospel.

The Assembly's Home Missions represents the advance line of our denominational progress. Through the services of the Assembly's Committee 19 churches and 36 Sunday schools were organized. Ten churches were brought to self support and 15 churches were assisted by loan or donation in erecting houses of worship. There were 5,188 additions to the church upon profession of faith and 2,810 by certificate.

The total receipts, including the special Auxiliary birthday gift of $41,500, for the Negro Nurses' Training School, were $588,008, which is $9,580 less than the total received in 1928, which included the special flood relief fund of $29,994.

The regular Home Mission contributions were $546,507, which is $21,087 less than was received from the same sources in 1928.

The General Assembly has directed that the appropriations for the current year cannot exceed the average of the actual receipts for the two preceding calendar years. In obedience to this order of the Assembly it was necessary to cut $46,572 from last year's appropriations. To reduce appropriations this amount and not still further injure the work it was impossible to make provision for payment of the committee's indebtedness.

In four years, because of the shortage of funds, there has been a decrease of 165 in the number of enterprises, and a decrease of 160 in the number of workers aided. When this decrease in the work of Home Missions is considered in the light of the other fact that Home Mission churches as a class show a larger percentage of gain upon profession, how long can the Southern Presbyterian Church survive these losses and continue to lead the denomination in productive evangelism?

It is the judgment of your committee that there is no agency doing more for our denominational progress, or one that is more deserving of the support of the whole church than the Assembly's Home Missions.

The following recommendations are offered:

(1) That Sunday schools be urged to study Home Missions as a part of the church's great missionary responsibility, and that Sunday, June 30, be the annual Home Mission Day with a special offering for Assembly's Home Missions.

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(2) That November be assigned as the time for Home Mission study and preaching in all the churches, and November 17-24 as the annual week of prayer and self-denial for Home Missions.

(3) That pastors be urged to preach on some phase of Assembly's Home Missions during November, and that Home Mission topics be used for prayer meeting discussions during Home Mission month.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Douglass, Chairman.

Courtesy

The Rev. R. A. Torrey, Jr., D. D., of the Presbytery of Tsinan, N. W. China, was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Plumtree Assets Transferred

The Presbytery authorized and empowered the Plumtree School for Boys, through its board of trustees, to transfer all its assets to the trustees of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, subject to such conditions and limitations as the board of trustees for the Plumtree School may determine are proper.

The Presbytery took recess, after prayer by the Moderator, to reconvene, at 11 a. m., in joint session with the Presbytery of Holston U. S. A.

JOINT SESSION

The Presbyteries of Holston U. S. A. and Holston U. S. convened in joint session, with Rev. R. O. Franklin, D. D., chairman of Foreign Missions, Holston Presbytery U. S. A., presiding.

The Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., addressed the Presbyteries, concerning the development and progress of King College, Bristol, Tenn.

The Rev. R. A. Torrey, Jr., D. D., addressed the Presbyteries on the subject of church polity and government in China.

The Presbyteries took recess, after prayer by the Rev. J. A. Moore, D. D., to reconvene, in joint session, at 2:30 p. m., in the interest of Home Missions.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbyteries of Holston U. S. A. and Holston U. S. reconvened, in a joint session, at 2:30 p. m., with Rev. E. M. Umbaugh, D. D., moderator of Holston Presbytery U. S. A., presiding, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Home Missions Conference

The report of Home Missions of Holston Presbytery U. S. was read by the Rev. W. K. Keys, Superintendent and Evangelist; the report of Home Missions of Holston Presbytery U. S. A. was read by the Rev. E. J. Vance, D. D., Chairman of the National Board of Home Missions, for Holston Presbytery U. S. A. Pending the adoption of these reports, the Presbyteries listened to—

Mr. J. D. Faucette, Chairman of the Home Mission Committee of Holston Presbytery U. S., who spoke of the great work accomplished in the East Side Mission, Bristol, Tenn.;

Mr. F. M. MacAllister, S. S. Missionary of Holston Presbytery U. S. A., who told of the great opportunities of this region;

Rev. Dan Graham, Holston Presbytery U. S., who spoke of the great work that may be done in a rural community, and illustrated it by a few of the things accomplished in his own field;

Mr. H. W. Houston, lay worker of Holston Presbytery U. S. A., concerning the industrial work of the Presbytery;

Mr. J. L. Gray, Holston Presbytery U. S., who told of the great progress of his work in Carter County, Tenn;

Rev. H. S. Lyle, D. D., president of Washington College, Holston Presbytery U. S. A., who spoke of the great home mission work of the college.

The Presbyteries took recess for five minutes, after a season of prayer.

Foreign Mission Sermon

The Presbyteries reconvened, with the Rev. W. C. Young, Chairman of Foreign Missions, of Holston Presbytery U. S., presiding, and was led in prayer by the Rev. George F. Robertson, D. D.

The Rev. J. A. Moore, D. D., of Holston Presbytery U. S. A., addressed the Presbyteries, concerning the great work of Tusculum College.

The Presbyteries listened to a sermon from the Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D., Executive Secretary of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church U. S., on the great commission of Christ.

After a season of prayer, the Presbyteries took recess, to reconvene, separately, for business sessions.

The Presbytery reconvened, with prayer by the Moderator.

Presbytery's Home Missions

The recommendations of the report of the Home Mission Committee were read, the recommendations adopted seriatim, and the report adopted as a whole.

The Home Missions Committee of Holston Presbytery submits the following report of the work carried on under its direction during the church year of 1928-29:

We recognize the tremendous responsibility which rests upon the committee and those working under its direction. Within the bounds of the twelve East Tennessee counties, and the four North Carolina counties, which comprise our Presbytery, there are between 100,000 and 150,000 souls having reached the age of responsibility, and yet without Christ. Recent industrial developments have brought in many people from other parts. Their souls are precious and the Master longs to win them everyone. Opportunities for service are open on every hand; workers are anxious to make these mountains their life parish; souls are hungry for the bread of Life; we can only minister unto those for whom provision is made. The extent and outreach of our work is bounded by the financial support given it by the churches of the Presbytery. We try to make the best investments possible of the money placed in our hands. That such investments of money, service, prayers, and heart-interest have not failed to bring dividends and show profitable returns may be deduced from the following facts which we now present.

Looking Backward a Bit

Perhaps it will be refreshing and interesting to briefly review the work which has been done under the direction of your committee for the past few years. Including the year just ended, this resume embraces the five years inclusive of 1925 to 1929. During this period the country and mountain churches and missions to which your committee has contributed some aid have made some remarkable advances. Five churches have been built, three manses have been provided in fields which had no manse, three teachers' cottages have been built, and three chapels have been provided. Quite a bit of repair and remodeling work has been done on many of the buildings on the field. Some of these fields have made remarkable progress in giving; all have

made some advance. One church which five years ago gave $27 to Foreign Missions, $170 to all benevolences, and $1,151 to all causes, gave last year $320 to Foreign Missions, $801 to benevolences, and $4,079 to all causes. During this period this church has built a modern manse, and assumed full self-support. Other striking examples of similar progress might be cited.

The religious educational activities of the mission churches have received special emphasis during this period. A number of new Sunday schools have been organized, others have been greatly increased in enrollment and attendance; at present the enrollment in this group of churches and missions is about double that of their church membership. Five years ago there were no daily vacation Bible schools held in the Presbytery; last summer more than 25 such schools were held with a total enrollment of more than 1,500. About a dozen active young people's societies are reported by this group of churches.

The policy of the committee and the Presbytery with respect to schools and educational activities during this period has been to eliminate as rapidly as possible all competition with public schools and at the same time to standardize the school work which is carried on. The result of this policy has been that most of the small schools of the church have been discontinued or consolidated with the public schools. The entire educational program of the Presbytery, with respect to work above the elementary grades, now centers at Banner Elk where we have an accredited high school and a potential junior college.

Looking backward, we are impressed with the fact that these five years have been fruitful years in soul-winning in this group of churches and missions. In the group as a whole there were less than 2,000 members at the beginning of this period. During these five years more than 1,000 members have been received on profession of faith, and nearly half as many by letter. This represents a gross increase of about 75 per cent for the period; or an average of more than 15 per cent per year. During this time two churches have been organized within the Presbytery.

You will note that this five-year period has seen many changes at Banner Elk, which has been fittingly called by someone, "The hub of the home mission work of Holston Presbytery." Three beautiful new school buildings of native stone construction have been completed within this period; two stone cottages are nearing completion at the orphanage; plans are being laid for the immediate construction of Greater Grace Hospital; temporary provision has been made for the boys' department; other buildings of much value and importance have been erected, plans have been approved by the board of trustees for doing more extensive industrial and junior college work in the school.

Just here we wish to pay tribute to the faithful and consecrated workers who have labored so earnestly that souls might be won and the kingdom of God established within the embrace of our towering mountains. Not many changes have been made in the personnel of the workers during this period; many have been at their posts continuously thruout this entire period. All have been most loyal to the church and Christ.

A Glimpse at the Past Year—1928-1929

Let us now consider more specifically the work of the year which has just closed. In many respects it has been a gracious and fruitful year. From the financial standpoint, the support of the work has been gratifying. Your committee was able to carry out its program, meet all the items of the budget, and close the year's work without, at any time during the year, making any debts. Of course, this was only possible thru using the utmost economy, and by refusing to enter many needy places. We feel that it is better to do what can be done well with the income provided us than to start developments and enter new fields which must inevitably mean financial embarrassment and shoddy work. Once more may we emphasize the fact that the outreach of this work is measured by the increased giving of the churches alone. With the present income, we are able to carry on the work already launched and little more. During the past year two beautiful new churches have been built; one at Meadow Creek in Greene County, Tenn., of brick construction, the other at Pineola, N. C., of frame construction with rough bark finish. Both of these are modern in design and worshipful in appearance. Improvements have been made on the cottage and chapel at Bad Creek, the church at Estatoa, and the cottage at Buladean. Finishing work was done on the Harris Memorial Church and Gray's Chapel.

The Sunday school reports for the year are good. The enrollment has been increased some with excellent average attendance. Unusual activity is reported in some of the young people's societies. The largest summer program ever attempted in the Presbytery was successfully carried out last summer. About one dozen paid workers held more than 25 vacation church schools with total enrollment of more than 1,500. Several Bible and teacher training courses were given by these workers. In some instances special revival services were held in connection with these schools.

A large percentage of the churches and missions report special evangelistic services during the year. In some cases, large increase was made in the churches; in almost all the churches some increase was made. On the face of incomplete reports it appears that this past year was a real soul-winning year in Holston Presbytery. The country and mountain churches of the Presbytery received a total of almost three hundred members on profession of faith, and about seventy-five by letter. To the Lord of the Harvest would we give all praise.

Present Assets of Home Missions in Holston Presbytery

A recent check-up has been made on the assets of the Home Mission work in our Presbytery. The inventory showed these items:

1. Buildings and property on rural fields worth $200,000; same items at Banner Elk valued conservatively at $300,000; total of half million dollars worth of property.
2. Finances received from Assembly's Committee, churches of Presbytery, and interested friends provide a budget barely large enough to carry on present work with little leeway for outreach.

3. Area: Twelve counties in East Tennessee and four in Western North Carolina, in the very heart of the Appalachian Highland.
4. Souls at stake: more than 300,000 people in this territory with less than half of them in church.
5. Workers: Including summer workers about 55 on field; about 40 at Banner Elk; almost 100 of the most devoted Christian workers it is possible to find.
6. God's approval of our work and His continued blessing upon it.

These are some of the assets, the stock in hand, of the Home Mission enterprise of Holston Presbytery as we face the new year. Should we not indeed be strong and of a good courage?

What of the Future?

We shall continue to direct the Home Mission activities of the Presbytery during the coming year as in the past. Only such work as we have assurance of being able to finance will be undertaken. The building program for this year includes a new church at Burbank in Mr. Gray's field, the enlarging of the manse at Buladean, and the remodeling of the Paint Gap Church. We are also interested in the building of a chapel at Reedy Creek in Sullivan County, the building of Sunday school addition to the Newland Church, and improvements at other places. The summer program is almost as extensive as that of last year. Four full-time workers from the Training School have been employed and a number of local workers will be used. Three Seminary students will assist in the Home Mission ventures within the Presbytery during the summer; one being located at Meadow Creek, one assisting Dr. R. D. Carson in Hawkins County, and the other working with Rev. D. H. Graham in Sullivan County. Mr. Gray will have a student from one of the colleges with him for the summer.

Many evangelistic services have already been planned for the year, and the committee urges that special services be held at every church and mission point. At the same time, we would call attention to the necessity for continuous and persevering personal work by all the workers and at all points. It appears that the Lord is signally honoring and blessing this type of evangelism in these days of ours.

Business forecasts for the future of this section are bright indeed. It is evident that the one cloud upon this horizon at present is that caused by the labor discontent. It is just as evident that the application of the spirit and teaching of Jesus Christ to all problems of labor and capital offers the only satisfactory solution. Hence the necessity of increased Christian activity. We are witnessing the birth throes of a great industrial era within our mountain reaches. Tremendous natural resources are just beginning to be touched. Undeveloped water-power of staggering volume sleeps beneath the bosom of our mountain streams. The earth holds mining products of untold value. Our Presbytery is the center of the mica and feldspar industry of the country. Recently three great corporations began zinc mining in one of our Tennessee counties. Huge enterprises and manufactories such as our fathers never dreamed of are rising in our very midst. Towns are becoming cities, and vil-

lages are fast growing into towns. Dairying, trucking, fruit-growing, poultry-raising, and tobacco-growing are proving much more profitable to our farmers than did the old line of farming of former days. Certainly the outlook for this section is not a gloomy one from the economic and industrial standpoint. This means that there will be more people coming here all the while and more souls to be saved. One conclusion must be inevitable, that the Lord has much to be done in the Home Mission regions of Holston Presbytery in the days which lie ahead of us.

Recommendations:

1. That Presbytery approve the work done under the direction of its committee and authorize the continuance of the work with such developments as resources will justify.
2. That the report of this committee be read by the pastors if it seems practicable to the membership of the various churches, and that special notice be given by each church to Presbytery's Home Missions.
3. That all churches of the Presbytery and missions be urged to hold special evangelistic services some time during the year, and that the ministers of the Presbytery be used as largely as possible in these meetings.
4. That Presbytery authorize the grouping of the Banner Elk, Blowing Rock and Shulls Mill Churches under one pastorate, and approve the appointment of a committee from the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee to confer with said churches in effecting arrangements for such grouping.

Superintendent and Evangelist

The report of the Superintendent and Evangelist was read and approved as follows:

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT AND EVANGELIST

The following report is submitted to the Presbytery of Holston by the Superintendent and Evangelist covering the activities of the past year:

Sermons preached	236
Addresses, etc.	20
Meeting held within Presbytery	9
Meeting outside Presbytery	1
Additions to church by profession	98
Additions by letter	37
Total additions to churches	135
Total miles charged to committee	7,420
Total miles travelled during year, approximately	16,000
Expenses and Collections	
Travelling and office expenses	$656.84
Collections on field	261.38

This report is based on the reports to committee from March 10, 1928, to March 12, 1929.

Vacancy and Supply

The report of the Committee on Vacancy and Supply was read and adopted, and is as follows:

VACANCY AND SUPPLY

The Committee on Vacancy and Supply of Holston Presbytery makes the following report to Presbytery in session at Johnson City, Tenn., April 16, 1929:

At the present time there are two fields of the Presbytery without pastors, the Mossy Creek group, and the Windsor Avenue Church, Bristol, which has been acceptably supplied by Dr. Robert Adams. Earnest efforts are being made to secure pastors for these churches soon. The Blowing Rock field has been supplied by the Superintendent of Home Missions and others since last summer. It is recommended that Presbytery regroup this church with the Banner Elk Church. The Meadow Creek Church has been supplied by Rev. D. C. Amick for the past year. A Seminary student, Mr. Charles Kernan, will labor in this field during the summer. The Weavers Church is being supplied by Rev. D. H. Graham, and Rev. J. I. Knight is preacing at the Paperville Church.

We recommend that the following ministers be authorized to moderate the sessions and act as stated supply at the following places:

Rev. F. A. Barnes: Micaville, Paint Gap, Estaton, Newdale.
Rev. W. R. Smith: Grassy Creek.
Rev. J. W. Young: Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial.
Rev. T. W. Clapp: Plumtree, Hughes.
Rev. W. C. Young: Salem, Leesburg, Mooresburg, Providence.
Rev. D. H. Graham: Weaver's.
Rev. J. I. Knight: Paperville.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter K. Keys, Chairman.

Courtesy

The Rev. Egbert Smith, D. D., of the Presbytery of Nashville, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was read and adopted as follows:

Your committee would respectfully recommend:

1. That the appropriations for relief funds be the same as in the past year, and that the committee be authorized to make changes to meet any change in need that may be discovered.
2. That Candidate Dixon Rowe be dropped from the list of candidates, with provision that he be allowed reinstatement upon application.
3. That the Assembly's order for the continuance of the set-up work of the Ministers' Annuity Fund be approved.

S. H. Hay, Chairman.

Nominations

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted. (The matter of this report is contained under the head of "Organization" in the front of the Minutes.)

We recommend that Dr. J. R. Cunningham be appointed to preach the Presbyterial sermon at the fall meeting upon a subject of his own choosing; his alternate to be the Rev. T. P. Johnston.

Minutes of Presbytery

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Presbytery was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Presbytery's Minutes would report that it has examined carefully the minutes of the Presbytery, and finds them accurately and neatly kept. Your committee would suggest a rising vote of appreciation of the faithful and efficient service of our Stated Clerk, the Rev. T. P. Johnston. *J. R. Cunningham, Chairman.*

Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following were elected commissioners to the General Assembly:

Ministers—Principals: Rev. Warner H. DuBose and Rev. D. C. Amick; alternates: Rev. McCoy Franklin and Rev. E. F. Camp.

Elders—Principals: F. S. Thomas, Cold Spring; H. E. King, Bristol First; alternates: S. A. Newland, Arcadia; Geo. C. Sells, Johnson City First.

Religious Education

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was read and adopted as follows:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Your Committee on Religious Education wishes to submit our report in two sections—

First, a report on Sabbath Schools.

Second, a report on Young People's Work.

(1) Sabbath Schools

It is with gratitude that we report an increase, 10 in the number of schools, 1,154 in the total enrollment, $649, in benevolence gifts, and $1,175 in the total contributions from the Sabbath schools of the Presbytery. There were 29 daily vacation Bible schools held with a total enrollment of around 1,500. It is with gratitude that we report that almost all the schools report more or less work done in memorizing the Bible, hymns and catechisms.

It is with regret that we report that only a very few churches report any definite work done in the training of present or future teachers for the Sabbath schools.

Recommendations: We recommend—

1. That each church be urged to provide for at least one week of training for its Sabbath school workers either under local, presbyterial or synodical direction.
2. That each school be urged to provide in its program for a special offering or offerings for Grandfather's Orphanage.
3. That pastors and sessions be urged to give place in the Sunday school program for the observance of Rally Day on October 6, 1929.
4. That as far as possible pastors, sessions and home mission workers be urged to provide for the use of our own periodicals in the Sabbath schools.
5. That the statistical report of Sabbath schools be printed in the back of the minutes.

(2) Young People's Work

We report that again this year there has been a decrease in the number of societies of three and a decrease in membership of 79. The only increase noted was in the intermediate societies.

Statistical

Societies	*Number*	*Members*
Senior	17	654
Intermediate	7	195
Junior	5	167
Other Groups	2	66
Total		1,082

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 77.00	
Assembly's Home Missions	9.00	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	6.00	
Publication and Sabbath School work	5.00	
Synod's Home Missions	1.00	
Orphans' Home	18.00	
Educational institutions	10.00	
Total to Benevolences		$126.00
To Local Church Work—		
Current expenses		$183.00
Congregational Missions		150.00
Miscellaneous		129.00
Total contributions		$588.00

Recommendations: We recommend—

1. That each church be urged to place the Young People's work in the church under direction of a consecrated and capable worker from the congregation, and that pastor and sessions visit with the Young People's Societies and help them to work out their problems.
2. That each church be urged to send representative young people to the Conference at Banner Elk, or Montreat, or both.

D. C. Amick, Chairman.

Sessional Records

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Sessional Records submits the following report to the Presbytery of Holston:

The records were examined and found in fairly good order. Corrections are made in each book.

Some few books did not contain statistical and narrative reports. Others did not have the rules pasted in the book. A few meetings were not opened and closed with prayer. Some were not signed by the moderator of the session.

Respectfully submitted by the committee,

McCoy Franklin, Chairman.

The Presbytery took recess after prayer by the Moderator, to reconvene at 8:00 p. m. in joint session with the Presbytery of Holston U. S. A.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The Presbyteries of Holston U. S. A. and Holston U. S. reconvened, in joint session, at 8 p. m., with the Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., moderator of Holston Presbytery U. S., presiding, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. E. J. Vance, D. D., of Holston Presbytery U. S. A.

A sermon was preached, from Hebrews 11:9—"By Faith"—by the Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D., Executive Secretary of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church U. S., after which the Presbyteries adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D., to reconvene at 8:30 a. m.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:30 a. m. The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., from John 10:41-42.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Report on Educational Institutions

The report of the Committee on Educational Institutions was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Into the hands of this committee have come reports from Grace Hospital and the Lees-McRae Institute.

1. We acknowledge with gratitude to God His good hand upon the work at Banner Elk.

2. We express our appreciation of the faithful servants of God who are giving themselves in sacrificial service in these branches of our Lord's work, and commend these institutions to the prayers and liberality of our people.

3. We urge upon those in charge of the spiritual interests of the young people in the Lees-McRae Institute, that special effort be made to lead to Christ and to an open confession of Him as Savior, those who are still not professing Christians, and that this effort be made before the close of the present school year.

4. The Presbytery has learned informally and with pleasure and approval, that the board of trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association has appointed a committee to consider the feasibility of so enlarging the medical

staff of Grace Hospital as to make it possible to serve patients in the community who find it impracticable to go to the hospital. The Presbytery is particularly conscious of the Home Mission aspect of all the work of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, and hopes that Grace Hospital and the trustees will persevere until successful in their efforts to secure this enlargement of the medical staff. *R. D. Carson, Chairman.*

The Committee on Judicial Business reported that nothing had come into their hands for their consideration.

Pastors' Salaries

The report of the Committee on Pastors' Salaries was read and adopted and is as follows:

We the Committee on Pastors' Salaries find the following churches due pastors as follows:

Name of Church	*Year ending Mch. 31, 1929*	*Previous year*
Plumtree	$144.00	
Russ Memorial	29.00	$ 5.00
Harris Memorial	26.00	10.00
Buladean		44.00
Grassy Creek	39.00	25.00
Banner Elk	20.00	
New Providence	416.83	

Recommendations:

1. That the report of the Home Mission churches listed above be referred to the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee for their action.
2. That the New Providence Church be urged to adjust the matter of pastor's salary at once. *Committee.*

The Stated Clerk was requested to present at the fall meeting a suggested plan for the more efficient settlement of the matter of past due pastors' salaries.

Auditing Committee Report

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted and is as follows:

We your Committee on Auditing have examined the books of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences, the Rev. C. B. Boyles; of the Treasurer of Presbytery, Rev. T. P. Johnston; and of the Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions, Mr. Frank Taylor. We have also examined the reports submitted to Presbytery by these treasurers. On careful examination, we have found all books and accounts accurately kept, and recommend the approval of their reports. *W. W. Bailey Chairman.*
H. C. Alexander.

Leave of Absence

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was read and adopted and is as follows:

Your committee would call attention to the fact that Revs. J. P. Hall and J. A. Messer have sent no reasons for absence from several meetings.

Dr. W. C. Tate was excused after Tuesday noon; Prof. E. H. Moore, Rev. Messrs. W. R. Smith and J. R. Cunningham and Messrs,. W. W. Bailey and J. D. Faucette after Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin was excused for tardiness.

We recommend that members of Presbytery who are infirm, honorably retired, or engaged in the general work of the church be not required to give reasons for non-attendance. *F. A. Barnes,*
H. N. Bowers,
Committee.

Minutes of Synod

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod was read and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Synod wishes to report that the minutes have been read, and nothing was found to which the special attention of Presbytery need be called.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. Smith, Chairman.
Frank Taylor.

Overtures to the General Assembly

The Presbytery adopted and ordered sent to the General Assembly meeting at Montreat May 16, 1929, the following overtures:

1. The Presbytery of Holston respectfully overtures the General Assembly to instruct the Executive Committee of Religious Education that they shall not submit to duly ordained ministers in our communion questionnaires in regard to their qualifications to teach the Life of Christ and kindred subjects in our teachers' training schools, nor shall this committee pass on such qualifications of duly ordained ministers who have been declared duly authorized teachers of such subjects by the Presbytery, the only court in our church having jurisdiction in such cases.

2. The Presbytery of Holston respectfully overtures the General Assembly of 1929 to instruct the Executive Committee on Religious Education either to discontinue its donation of books to ministers and other workers, or to allow recipients to choose what books they shall receive up to the value to be donated.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Presbytery by acclamation accepted the invitation of the Pineola (North Carolina) Church for the fall meeting of Presbytery. The time, October 7, 1929, 7:30 p. m.

Women's Work

The report of the Committee on Women's Work was read and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Women's Work congratulates that organization for its very excellent work during this year, as seen from the following report:

Contributions

To Denominational Benevolences—	
Foreign Missions	$ 4,084.00
Assembly's Home Missions (To Atlanta)	1,610.00
(a) Birthday Gift—Nurses' Training School	586.00
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	383.00
Publication and Sabbath School Work	97.00
Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	56.00
Bible Cause	63.00
Synod's Home Missions	338.00
Orphans' Homes	822.00
Educational Institutions	1,461.00
Presbytery's Home Missions	1,329.00
Total denominational benevolences	$10,829.00
To Local Church Work—	
Expenses of Local Auxiliary:	
(a) Local Auxiliary Contingent Fund	$ 2,223.00
(b) Presbyterial and Synodical Contingent Fund	391.00
Building expense	642.00
Total local church work	$ 3,256.00
Miscellaneous contributions	1,414.00
Grand total all contributions	15,499.00
Total decrease compared with last year	2,223.00
Amount per capita	9.05

Churches having organizations	25
Members	1,712
Volunteers for life service	7
Family altars	361
Tithers	416
Auxiliaries doing Christian social service	20

It is recommended that each individual organization of the Women's Work abide by the ruling of the Assembly regarding the distribution of all contributions through their local church treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. Camp, Chairman.

Men's Work

The report of the Committee on Men's Work was read and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Men's Work having reviewed reports as filed with the Stated Clerk, finds only four definite men's organizations within the Presbytery. These are regular Men-of-the-Church organizations according to the Assembly's plan of men's work. They are located in the First Church of Johnson City, Bristol First, Kingsport First, and Spruce Pine. They report a total membership of 246 members. Their activities are largely evangelistic besides assisting in the general program of their local churches.

Your committee would strongly recommend and urge other churches to study carefully the Assembly's plan with a view of adding other organizations along this line within the Presbytery.

It is the conviction of the committee that this plan of organized men's work is much more comprehensive than that of the organized Bible classes, and that it offers vast opportunities for instruction, inspiration and service.

The Assembly's Committee headed by Rev. J. C. Purcell, Henry Grady Building, Atlanta, Ga., stands ready to render every possible assistance to any pastor or church contemplating organization. *Committee.*

The Stated Clerk was requested to write to the Executive Committee on Religious Education to send a list of the books they hold for gratuitous distribution, to our home missionaries and to pastors with small salaries, that they may make a selection before general distribution is made.

Stewardship Report

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted and is as follows:

STEWARDSHIP

Your committee has examined the reports placed in its hands. Of the 46 churches who reported on this subject, 36 churches had the every member canvass and 10 did not. It is worthy of notice that the churches whose pastors taught the principles of stewardship were the ones who carried out the principles in their giving. Another item to notice is that the family altar and the dedication of definite portions of income of God's service dwell in the same communities.

It is to be regretted that in some churches the art of making figures has been lost, therefore the report cannot be complete. What we have show that $34,597 has been pledged for benevolences and $58,446 for current expense. The churches and manses of the Presbytery are valued at about $750,000 and only about $85,000 indebtedness is reported.

In the reports of the E. M. C. it is revealed that seven churches exceeded the "asking" of Presbytery, namely Bristol First, Cove Creek, Gray's Chapel, Micaville, Newdale, Newport and Weaver.

The study of these reports from the churches emphasizes the fact that a faithful teaching of the principles of Christian stewardship is followed by renewed Christian activity.

We would recommend that the churches earnestly endeavor to pay one-twelfth of the "asking" for benevolences each month in order that the various causes of the church may have their support promptly.

We rejoice in the widespread observance, throughout our General Assembly, of "Stewardship Year" as promoted by the stewardship department in consequence of the action of the last Assembly, setting aside the year 1929 as "Stewardship Year." We would call attention to the following outline for the observance of Stewardship:

January—The Stewardship of the Gospel.
(Dept. 2 Presbyterian Progressive Program)
February—The Stewardship of Money.
(Dept. 6 Presbyterian Progressive Program)
March—The Stewardship of the Collection Plate.
(Dept. 6 Presbyterian Progressive Program)
April—The Stewardship of Education and Vocation.
(Dept. 4 Presbyterian Progressive Program)
May—The Stewardship of Foreign Missions.
(Dept. 2 Presbyterian Progressive Program)
June—The Stewardship of Home Missions.
(Dept. 3 Presbyterian Progressive Program)
July—The Stewardship of Time.
(Dept. 1 Presbyterian Progressive Program)

August—The Stewardship of Social Relations.
(Dept. 7 Presbyterian Progressive Program)
September—The Stewardship of Spiritual Life and Evangelism.
(Dept. 1 Presbyterian Progressive Program)
October—The Stewardship of Extension (Sunday School & H. M.)
(Depts. 3 & 5 Presbyterian Progressive Program)
November—The Stewardship of Home and Home Task.
(Dept. 3 Presbyterian Progressive Program)
December—The Stewardship of Leadership and Service.
(Dept. 4 Presbyterian Progressive Program)

Consult the Stewardship department or committees concerned for literature on the above topics.

We would also call attention to the fact that the Assembly ordered a revision of the Presbyterian progressive program and that copies are now available free by writing to the Stewardship Department, 305 Henry Grady Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles B. Boyles, Secretary,
for the Committee.

Orphans' Home Committee

The report of the Committee on Orphans' Home was read and adopted as follows:

The Presbytery's Committee on Orphans' Home submits the following report:

We note with pleasure that item in the report of the Superintendent of Grandfather's Orphans' Home which tells of the two permanent buildings now nearing completion.

The attention of the Presbytery is again called to the former recommendations of this committee, which have been approved by Presbytery, relative to the Sunday school offering, each church giving the first Sunday offering of each month to the Home, as well as to the annual offering to be taken on Thanksgiving or a nearby date, in each church.

Let the pastors of the churches get in touch with the Superintendent of the Home, to the end that the people may know of the needs of the institution, and respond to the these needs. *Committee.*

Courtesy

The Rev. W. B. Guerrant, of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Report and Conference on Evangelism

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and received. Pending its adoption, the Presbytery engaged in a very helpful discussion of evangelism. Thanksgiving to God was expressed for the very large number of accessions by profession of faith in the Presbytery last year. The report was adopted and is as follows:

EVANGELISM

Your Committee on Evangelism submits the following report:

Meetings held, 22; received on confession, 601; an increase of 232 over last year's report.

There were other meetings held which were not reported, but as a whole you will see that there was a great quickening among the churches as is noted by the number of accessions on confession of faith. For which we wish to commend the brethren and praise God.

We wish to make the following recommendations:

1. That a close canvass be made by each pastor of the community for which his church should be responsible, with a view to establishing Sunday schools and mission preaching points.
2. That evangelistic meetings be held in all the churches and mission points of the Presbytery, as nearly as possible, during the year.
3. That the ministers of the Presbytery and the churches lend their full coöperation and assistance to this evangelistic effort.
4. That Home Mission pastors desiring the ministry of certain pastors for meetings, confer at once with the preacher desired and the Home Mission Superintendent.
5. That since it has been proved on many occasions that a pastor can be his own evangelist, that if a visiting minister cannot be secured that all preachers be urged to hold their own meetings.
6. That an order of the day be given for a popular meeting on Evangelism at the fall meeting of Presbytery.

Dan Graham, Chairman.

Statistical Summary

The Stated Clerk read the statistical summary of the Presbytery for the past year. It was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Ministers	32
Churches	51
Candidates	14
Elders	215
Deacons	209
Received on confession	601
Received by certificate	346
Whole number communicants	6,324
Adult baptisms	376
Infant baptisms	72
Total Sunday school enrollment	7,686
Installations	1
Pastoral dissolutions	4

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 15,100
Assembly's Home Missions	5,971
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	2,677
Religious Education	1,152
Assembly's Training School	225
Bible Cause	216
Synod's Home Missions	2,128
Orphans' Home	7,213
Educational Institutions	15,596
Presbytery's Home Missions	12,467
Total to regular benevolences	$ 62,745
Pastors' salaries	40,798
Current expenses	48,125
Congregational Missions	5,108
Building expense	36,962
Miscellaneous	4,530
Grand total to all causes	$198,268

Resolution of Thanks

The Presbytery adopted a suitable resolution of thanks by a rising vote.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and adopted, after which the Presbytery adjourned, with prayer and the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in stated session in the Pineola Presbyterian Church, October 7, 1929, at 7:30 p. m.

Robert Yost, Moderator.
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

CHURCHES REPORTING SABBATH SCHOOLS	Number of Schools	MEMBERSHIP: Total Regular Pupils	Cradle Roll	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	Total Membership	Pupils Added to Church During Year	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS ($'s): Foreign Missions	Assembly's H. M.	Chris. Ed. & Min. Rel.	Pub. and S. S. Work	Assembly's Training School for L. W.	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Mis.	Orphans' Homes	Educational Instit'ns	Presbytery's H. M.	Current Expenses of School	Misc. Contributions	Total of all Contributions
Arcadia	1	32			4	36	3				2				22			14		38
Banner Elk	4	487	5		37	529	51	11			24				48			188	25	296
Bethel	1	97				97														
Blountville	3	174				174									25			81		106
Blowing Rock	1	60			6	66									63			25		88
Bristol First	2	522	37		48	607			16			110			289			635		1050
Buladean	4	268	44	6	22	340	2	23			8				12		12	155		210
Cold Spring	2	130			15	145				10	32				30			125		197
Cove Creek	1					110	4				60				60			32		152
Crossmore	1	89			9	98					17				32			124		183
Ebenezer	1	75				75														
Estatoe	1	42			4	46												10		10
Grassy Creek	1	26			4	30												5		5
Gray's Chapel	2	130			10	140					35							20		55
Harris Memorial	1	55			6	61	8	2		2	2				5			6		17
Hughes																				
Johnson City First	3	1054	40	20	69	1184		170	125	47	30			224	207	150		1461	546	2897
Kingsport First	3	620	76	14	48	764	24	128	45	16	11	4	4	43	74	127	193	433	186	1264
Leesburg	1	73			9	82									6			18		24
Meadow Creek	2	110			11	121												72		72
Micaville	1	83			7	90		4			3				10			24		41
Mooresburg	1	30			5	35									17			30		47
Morristown	2	383			31	414	25	104	33	68	73	3	3	20	18	139	72	44	60	626
Mossy Creek																				
Mount Sterling	1	75				75														
New Bethel	1	90	5		8	102												116		116
Newdale	1	40			3	43	2											10		10
Newland	1	83			9	92					14				19			94	14	141
Newport	1	145	21		18	184	9				15				60		28	299	82	484
New Providence	1	75				75														54
Paint Gap	1	173	15		9	197									5			40	2	47
Paperville																				
Pineola	1	75			4	79									15			78		93
Plumtree	5	209				209					4				13			131		148
Providence	1	26			8	34	6											9		9
Rheatown																				
Rogersville	4	418	18	30	26	492		75			77							555	360	1067
Russellville	1	21			4	25												12		12
Russ Memorial	1	71	12		7	90	9								5			15		20
Rutledge																				
Salem*																				
Shulls Mills																				
Smoky Mountain	1	98				98														
Spruce Pine	1	92			12	104	11				14				149			141	34	338
Strawberry Plains	1	71	6		8	87		10												10
Thomas Memorial	1	60			7	60	10								38			20		58
Viana Valley	1	55			7	62	2											42	23	65
Weavers																				
White Pine*																				
Windsor Avenue	2	215	12	15		242	10	16			10				65			215	20	326
Total	68	6722	271	70	491	7686	268	543	219	143	451	117	7	287	1424	416	305	5403	1352	10667

*No School

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ORGANIZATION

Moderator—The Rev. T. W. Clapp, Plumtree, N. C.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, Kingsport, Tennessee.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tennessee.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Mr. S. M. Holtsinger, Morristown, Tennessee.

Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist—The Rev. Walter K. Keys, Bristol, Tennessee.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, W. H. DuBose, J. R. Cunningham, W. R. Smith, Jr.; Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman*; Frank Taylor, *Secretary*; H. E. Harris, W. W. Hufford; Deacon: Sam R. Sells.

Note: All elders on the following committees are appointed at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2. *Foreign Missions*—Ministers: W. C. Young *Chairman;* J. McC. Sieg. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

3. *Assembly's Home Missions*—Ministers: Jno. W. Young, *Chairman;* J. A. Messer. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

4. *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Tilden Scherer, W. R. Smith, Jr. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

5. *Religious Education*—Ministers: D. C. Amick, *Chairman;* W. C. Frierson, *Chairman Young People's Societies;* T. W. Clapp. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

6. *Bible Cause*—Ministers: J. I. Knight, *Chairman;* Dan Graham. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

7. *Stewardship*—Ministers: Warner H. DuBose, *Chairman;* R. D. Carson, Mr. Frank Taylor, *Secretary*. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

8. *Men's Work*—Ministers: John E. Cunningham, *Chairman;* E. G. Tomkinson. Elders: George E. Stone, Jno. S. Powers. Deacon: Geo. M. King.

9. *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Ministers: J. C. B. McLaughlin, *Chairman;* F. S. Jones. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

10. *Women's Work*—Ministers: E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* McCoy Franklin. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

11. *Educational Institutions*—Ministers: R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* Robert Yost, T. P. Johnston. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

12. *Orphans' Home*—Ministers: W. R. Smith, *Chairman;* R. A. Brown. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

13. *Evangelism*—Ministers: Dan H. Graham, *Chairman;* W. K. Keys, Jno. W. Young. Two elders appointed at Presbytery.

14. *Sessional Records*—Ministers: McCoy Franklin, *Chairman;* J. A. Messer, W. C. Frierson. Four elders appointed at Presbytery.

15. *Vacancy and Supply and Country Church*—Ministers: W. K. Keys, *Chairman;* W. C. Young. One elder appointed at Presbytery.

16. *Program*—The Stated Clerk and the pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. Rev. Dan. H. Graham, spring 1930.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1. *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Warner H. DuBose.

2. *Theology*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and J. R. Cunningham.

3. *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. P. Johnston, W. C. Frierson, and E. G. Tomkinson.

4. *Church History*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick and W. R. Smith.

5. *Philosophy, Logic and Ethics*—The Rev. Messrs. Tilden Scherer and Robert Yost.

6. *Natural Science and Secular Subjects*—The Rev. Messrs. W. K. Keys and T. W. Clapp.

7. *Latin, Greek and Hebrew*—The Revs. Messrs. R. A. Brown and J. C. B. McLaughlin.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To Confer with Trustees of Boone Fork Institute: Mr. Geo. C. Sells, *Chairman;* Rev. Walter K. Keys, Elder J. L. Gray.

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. T. P. Johnston. Elders, J. E. Faucette, A. B. Rogan, J. A. Summers.

TRUSTEES

1. *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. Geo. C. Sells, Arthur W. King, and John S. Powers.

2. *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Sam R. Sells, 1930; E. W. King, 1931; Jas. A. Summers, 1932; Rev. S. H. Hay, 1933; F. H. Stinson, 1934.

3. *Plumtree School for Boys*—Frank Taylor, Geo. C. Sells, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1930; E. B. Ward, D. R. Beeson, Rev. E. F. Camp, 1931; Rev. W. R. Smith, Rev. Warner H. DuBose, Chas. Hughes, 1932.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

John Wesley Combs	Holston Valley, Tenn.
Geo. H. Ellis	Bristol, Tenn.
Taft Franklin	Crossnore, N. C.
Ben T. Harrop	Bristol, Tenn.
Chas. W. Kernan	Plumtree, N. C.
F. DeWolfe Miller III	Stony Point, Tenn.
Johnson E. McKinley	Quentin, Miss.
Rual Rash	Plumtree, N. C.
John Irvin Rhea, Jr.	Blountville, Tenn.
Chas. L. Stucky	Plumtree, N. C.
William Whitlock	Fish Dam, Tenn.
Henry Willis	Greenfield, Va.
John Yelton	Shulls Mills, N. C.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING LEAGUE

Rev. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman*	Box 98, Bristol, Tenn.
Mr. S. M. Holtsinger, *Treasurer*	Morristown, Tenn.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

Holston Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., at 2:00 p. m., July 12, 1929, and was called to order by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, D. D., the last moderator present, and opened with prayer.

The following call was read and found in order:

The constitutional requirements having been met, the Presbytery of Holston is hereby called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tennessee, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., eastern time, Friday, July 12, 1929, to transact the following business, if the way be clear.

1. To receive and dismiss candidates for the ministry.
2. To receive the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson and arrange for his installation as pastor of Mossy Creek Church.
3. To receive the Rev. Ralph A. Brown and arrange for his installation as pastor of the Windsor Avenue Church.
4. To act upon the resignation of the Rev. F. A. Barnes from the Micaville field and to dismiss him to Concord Presbytery.
5. To consider the petition of a congregation at Little Rock Creek, N. C., for the organization of a church.
6. To consider the financial policies of the Presbytery and take such action as may be deemed necessary.
7. To conclude all business growing out of the above.

Robert Yost, Moderator.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

Roll

There were present: *Ministers*—R. D. Carson, T. P. Johnston, W. K. Keys, S. H. Hay, J. R. Cunningham, J. I. Knight, J. C. B. McLaughlin, C. B. Boyles, W. C. Frierson, and W. C. Young. *Ruling Elders*—Bristol First: J. D. Faucette; Mossy Creek: J. W. Zirkle; Rutledge: J. E. Nance; Windsor Avenue: J. C. Henson.

Rev. W. K. Keys was appointed reading clerk.

Courtesy

The Rev. R. A. Brown, Ph. D., of Louisville Presbytery; Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, of Suwanee Presbytery; Rev. J. J. Fix, Abingdon Presbytery, and the Rev. Frank Jones, of Kanawha Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Note was taken of the death of Mrs. George F. Robertson, and the Stated Clerk was requested to write a letter of sympathy and love to Dr. George F. Robertson.

Reception of Messrs. Tomkinson and Brown

Rev. Edwin G. Tomkinson presented a letter of dismission from Suwanee Presbytery which was received, pending his examination. A resolution of appreciation of the services of Mr. Tomkinson from Suwanee Presbytery was read for the information of the Presbytery.

Rev. Ralph A. Brown, Ph. D., presented a letter of dismission from Louisville Presbytery which was received, pending his examination.

After the customary examinations and the signing of the Presbyterial obligation, the Rev. Messrs. Tomkinson and Brown were received and enrolled as members of the Presbytery.

A call for the pastoral services of the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson from Mossy Creek Church was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. Permission was given Mr. Tomkinson to act as stated supply of Rutledge and Strawberry Plains Churches until the next stated meeting of the Presbytery, at the request of these churches. The following commission was appointed to install Rev. E. G. Tomkinson at Mossy Creek on Thursday, July 18, 1929, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. W. K. Keys to preside, Rev. J. R. Cunningham to preach, Rev. R. D. Carson to charge the pastor, Elder A. B. Rogan, Rogersville, to charge the congregation; alternate, Prof. Lawrence Rolfe, Rogersville.

A call for the pastoral services of the Rev. Ralph A. Brown from the Windsor Avenue Church was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Brown as pastor of the Windsor Avenue Church July 21, 1929, 11 a. m.: Rev. Tilden Scherer, to preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. R. D. Carson to preach; Rev. J. J. Fix, of Abingdon Pres-

bytery, is invited to charge the pastor; Elder Nat Thomas, Cold Spring Church, to charge the congregation; alternate, Elder L. H. Wilson, of the Bristol First Church.

Candidate Dismissed

A letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Bluestone was granted Candidate Joseph E. Knight.

Dismission of Rev. F. A. Barnes

The Rev. F. A. Barnes presented his resignation as stated supply of the Micaville group of churches, and requested a letter of dismission to Concord Presbytery. The Presbytery with regret dissolved the stated supplyship and granted Mr. Barnes' request for a letter of dismission to Concord Presbytery.

Organization of Roan Valley Church

A petition for the organization of a church in Roan Valley on Little Rock Creek, Mitchell County, N. C., signed by 25 persons, was read. The petition was granted and the following commission appointed to organize a church: Principals—Rev. Messrs. W. R. Smith, T. W. Clapp, W. K. Keys; Elder W. W. Bailey, of Spruce Pine Church. Alternates—Rev. J. W. Young and Elder Troy Young, of Micaville Church. The date and assignment of duties were left to the commission.

Presbyterial Treasurers Bonded

The following resolution concerning the bonding of Presbyterial Treasurers was adopted:

Resolved, that all treasurers of the Presbytery and of departments under the control of the Presbytery handling funds amounting to $1000, or more, per year be required to file approved bonds with the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. The amount of each treasurer's bond to be determined by the respective departments and the premium on such bonds paid out of the funds of the Presbytery.

The minutes were read and adopted after which the Presbytery adjourned and was closed with prayer by the Rev. R. D. Carson, special mention being made in the prayer of Rev. George F. Robertson, D. D.

Thos. P. Johnston, Moderator.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

Bristol, Tenn., Sept. 11, 1929.

The Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., at 1.30 p. m., at the call of the moderator, Rev. Robt. Yost, and was opened with prayer.

The following call was read and found in order:

The constitutional requirements having been met, Holston Presbytery is called to meet, during the meeting of Synod at Bristol, Tenn., Sept. 10-12, 1929, at the call of the Moderator, to transact the following business:

1. To receive the resignation of Rev. Chas. B. Boyles as Central Treasurer of Benevolences, Treasurer of the Church and Manse League, and Secretary of Stewardship.

2. To grant Mr. Boyles a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of East Mississippi.

3. To fill vacancies, caused by Mr. Boyles resignation, either temporarily or for the full unexpired term.

4. By the authorization of Synod, to consider the request of the Rev. T. H. Spence for a dissolution of his pastoral relationship with the Banner Elk Church.

5. To transact any other business growing out of the above items.

Robert Yost, Moderator.
Sept. 2, 1929. *T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.*

Enrollment

There were present: Ministers—Robert Yost, J. R. Cunningham, T. P. Johnston, C. B. Boyles, T. H. Spence, R. D. Carson, Gilbert Glass, D. C. Amick, Dan Graham, John W. Young, McCoy Franklin, J. I. Knight, J. C. B. McLaughlin, E. F.

Camp, W. R. Smith, W. C. Frierson, W. K. Keys, E. G. Tomkinson, Warner H. DuBose, R. A. Brown, W. C. Young. Elders —J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; S. A. Newland, Arcadia; J. D. Faucette, First Bristol; Frank Taylor, First Johnson City; J. R. Moser, Mossy Creek.

Rev. C. B. Boyles Dismissed

Rev. Chas. B. Boyles presented his reports as Central Treasurer of Benevolences and of the Church and Manse Building League, with the report of the certified public accountant, Mr. C. D. Richards, which were received and approved.

Holston Presbytery Benevolences

Receipts

Balance brought over from last church year		$ 2.52
April 9, 1929, to Sept. 9, 1929		7,593.95
Total		$7,596.47

Disbursements

Foreign Missions		
Regular	$1,906.06	
Woman's Auxiliary Birth-Day Offerings	130.66	
Kellersberger Fund	20.00	$2,056.72
Assembly's Home Missions		$ 863.82
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		389.58
Publication and S. S. Extension		128.33
Assembly Training School		34.37
American Bible Society		35.36
Synod's Home Missions (Synod's Work)		315.44
Synod's Educational Institutions		
Campaign Com. Schools and Colleges	$ 60.00	
Regular	736.24	$ 796.24
Grandfather Orphans Home		$ 596.68
Presbytery's Home Missions		1,971.05
Lees-McRae Institute		398.88
		$7,586.47
Miscellaneous		
China's Famine Sufferers		$ 10.00
		$7,596.47

Respectfully submitted,

Charles B. Boyles, Treasurer.

Church and Manse Building League

Balance on hand at spring meeting of Presbytery	$ 64.80	
Received since spring meeting of Presbytery	15.00	$ 79.80
Disbursed to Mr. J. L. Gray's field		$ 10.00
Balance on hand		$ 69.80

Respectfully submitted,

Charles B. Boyles, Treasurer.

Mr. Charles B. Boyles, Treasurer,
Bristol, Tennessee.

Dear Sir—We have audited the attached statements of receipts and disbursements of Holston Presbytery Benevolence and Church and Manse League Funds from date of last audit to Sept. 9, 1929, and find same to be correct.

Respectfully,

Bristol, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1929.

Charles D. Richards and Company.
C. D. Richards, C. P. A.

Mr. Boyles then offered his resignation as Central Treasurer and as Treasurer of the Church and Manse Building League, and also as Secretary of Stewardship. These resignations were accepted with regret, and Mr. Boyles was commended for his faithful and accurate work as treasurer.

The request of Rev. C. B. Boyles for a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of East Mississippi was granted. The Stated Clerk was requested to write to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of East Mississippi, commending the faithfulness and efficiency of Mr. Boyles to the brethren of that Presbytery.

Committee on Central Treasurer

Presbytery appointed the Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay and R. D. Carson a committee to secure a bonded Central Treasurer of Benevolences and Treasurer of the Church and Manse Building League, at a salary of $100 per year. Mr. Boyles was instructed to turn over his books, accounts, checks, etc., to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery until a new treasurer should be chosen.

The matter of the selection of a Secretary of Stewardship for the Presbytery was placed on the docket for the fall meeting.

Pastoral Relation Dissolved

The request of the Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr., for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between the Banner Elk Church and himself was received. Presbytery accepted the certification of the clerk of the Banner Elk session as to the correctness of the minutes of a congregational meeting held last Sunday, in which the congregation refused to concur with Mr. Spence in his request.

The following representatives of the Banner Elk congregation were granted the privilege of the floor for three minutes each: Mrs. J. H. VonCannon, Mrs. George Banner, and Miss Minnie Banner. Mr. Spence pressed his request and the Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship to take effect October 1, 1929. Presbytery directed the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate the situation at the Banner Elk Church, upon the request of certain members present, and to report at the fall meeting.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator tomorrow.

Presbytery reconvened at the call of the Moderator at 1:00 p. m. on Thursday, Sept. 12.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committee to investigate the situation at Banner Elk and to report at the fall meeting: Rev. Messrs. J. I. Knight, E. G. Tomkinson, and R. A. Brown.

The minutes of the meeting were read and adopted, after which the Presbytery adjourned and was closed with prayer by the Rev. Jno. R. Cunningham.

Robert Yost, Moderator.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

FALL MEETING

Pineola, North Carolina, October 7, 1929.

The one hundred and thirteenth session of Holston Presbytery met in the Pineola Presbyterian Church, Pineola, N. C., beginning October 7, 1929, at 7:30 p. m. The Presbytery was called to order by the Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, the last moderator present, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. C. Young.

Enrollment

The following were present: *Ministers*—R. A. Brown, E. F. Camp, T. W. Clapp, Jno. R. Cunningham, Warner H. DuBose (2), McCoy Franklin, Wm. C. Frierson, Dan. H. Graham, S. H. Hay, Thos. P. Johnston, Walter K. Keys, J. I. Knight, J. C. B. McLaughlin, Geo. F. Robertson, W. R. Smith, E. G. Tomkinson, Jno. W. Young, W. C. Young. *Ruling Elders*—Arcadia, S. A. Newland; Banner Elk, F. W. VonCannon; Blountville, Troy Young; Blowing Rock, W. L. Holshouser (2); Bristol First, W. A. Tanner; Crossnore, E. H. Sloop; Johnson City First, T. B. Strain; Leesburg, B. F. Knight; Micaville, Troy Young; Morristown First, J. D. Hasson; Mossy Creek, J. R. Moser; New Bethel, A. R. Smalling; Newdale, R. L. Young; Newland, A. W. Ray; Pineola, D. M. Thompson; Plumtree, T. C. Singleton; Rogersville, A. B. Rogan; Spruce Pine, W. W. Bailey (2); Thomas Memorial, W. H. Dettor.

Organization

The Rev. T. W. Clapp was elected moderator by acclamation.

The Rev. Wm. C. Frierson was elected reading clerk by acclamation.

Program

The Program Committee offered the following report which was adopted:

PROGRAM

Monday, October 7, 1929

7.30 P. M.	Presbytery opened with prayer.
	Organization.
	Report of Program Committee.
	Opening Sermon by Rev. T. P. Johnston, D. D. (at the request of the retiring moderator, Dr. Yost.)
	Presbyterial Communion.
	Address by Dr. W. J. Martin: The Annuity Plan.

Tuesday, October 8, 1929

8.30 A. M.	Devotional Services led by the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson.
9.00 A. M.	Business Session.
11.30 A. M.	Presbyterial Sermon by the Rev. J. R. Cunningham, D. D.
	Recess for luncheon.
2.00 P. M.	Business Session.
3.00 P. M.	Conference on Evangelism, Rev. D. H. Graham presiding.
5.00 P. M.	Recess.
7.30 P. M.	Popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions. Rev. W. C. Young presiding.
	Addresses by the Rev. S. H. Hay and the Rev. R. A. Brown.
	Business Session until adjournment.

E. F. Camp.
T. P. Johnston.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon, by request of the retiring moderator, the Rev. Robert Yost, D. D., was preached by the Rev. Thos. P. Johnston from Luke 22:19—"This do, in remembrance of me."

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. Dan H. Graham and Wm. C. Frierson, assisted by the following elders: S. A. Newland, Arcadia; T. B. Strain, First Church, Johnson City; J. R. Moser, Mossy Creek; and W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial.

Ministers' Annuity Fund

The Presbytery listened to an address from Dr. W. J. Martin, of Concord Presbytery, concerning the Ministers' Annuity Fund, after which the Presbytery, by a rising vote, pledged anew its support and coöperation to the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

The Presbytery made an order of the day, Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:00 a. m., for a round table of questions and answers concerning the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

The Presbytery adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. John W. Young, to meet Tuesday at 8:30 a. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:30 a. m. The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, from John 13:5—"After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded."

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The printed minutes of the last meeting were distributed.

The minutes of two called meetings were read for the information of the Presbytery.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

Standing Committees

1. *Bills and Overtures:* Robert Yost, J. R. Cunningham.
2. *Leave of Absence:* J. C. B. McLaughlin, R. L. Young.
3. *Minutes of Presbytery:* R. A. Brown, J. R. Moser.
4. *Minutes of General Assembly:* Warner H. DuBose, S. A. Newland.
5. *Nominations:* W. R. Smith, T. P. Johnston.
6. *Resolutions:* S. H. Hay, W. A. Tanner.
7. *Judicial:* McCoy Franklin, T. B. Strain.

Elders on Permanent Committees for this meeting—
Foreign Missions: A. R. Smalling.
C.E. and M. R.: A. B. Rogan.

Bible Cause: A. W. Ray.
Stewardship: J. D. Hasson.
Sabbath and Family Religion: W. H. Dettor.
Evangelism: B. F. Knight.
Vacancy and Supply: Troy Young.

The Rev. T. W. Clapp was excused for absence from the last stated meeting.

Communications

A communication from the *Christian Observer* was referred to the Committee of Stewardship.

The Presbytery granted the request of the Rev. J. Allen Messer to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery, while in attendance at Union Seminary.

Two requests from Dr. S. M. Tenney, Curator of the Historical Foundation, were granted: (1) For the deposit of the Presbytery's records with the Historical Foundation; (2) the printed minutes to be 5 1-2 inches by 8 1-2 inches in size.

A communication from the Assembly's Committee on Men's Work was referred to the Permanent Committee on Men's Work.

The Presbytery granted the request of the Rev. Earnest Thompson, D.D., Chairman of the Committee on Assembly's Work, for a conference on Evangelism, at the fall meeting.

A communication from the Rev. Henry W. McLaughlin, D. D., Director of Country Church Work, was read and referred to the Committee on Vacancy and Supply.

A communication from the Rev. J. D. Leslie, D. D., Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, concerning organic union with the United Presbyterian Church, was referred to the Committee on Assembly's Minutes.

An overture to the Executive Committee on Religious Education, concerning the change of the date of Rally Day to the last Sunday in September, was referred to the Committee on Religious Education.

A request to the Committee on Assembly's Work, concerning some changes in Administration, was referred to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Roan's Chapel Organized

The report of the commission appointed to organize a church in Roan Valley was read and approved.

On Friday night, Sept. 27, 1929, at Roan Valley, Mitchell County, N. C., the commission, appointed by Holston Presbytery to perfect the organization of a Presbyterian Church, met.

There were present: Rev. Walter K. Keys, Rev. T. W. Clapp, Rev. Jno. W. Young, and Elder Troy L. Young. The commission organized by naming Rev. Mr. Keys to preside and Troy L. Young to act as clerk. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Keys, who stated the purpose of the meeting, and Rev. T. W. Clapp was introduced to the congregation, and preached a sermon on the subject "Work and Prayer."

Following his sermon the church was formally organized, and the following officers were elected and ordained: Elders: Mr. Bachus Young, Mr. David Troutman. Deacons: Mr. Jess Young, Mr. Herbert Gouge, Mr. Thomas Burleson.

The Rev. Mr. Clapp delivered a charge to the officers, and the Rev. Mr. Young charged the congregation. Elder Bachus Young was elected representative to the fall meeting of Presbytery. A committee was appointed to select a name for the church. (Note: The name selected and approved was "Roan's Chapel.")

The minutes of the commission were read and approved.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. W. Clapp.

Troy L. Young, Clerk.

Installations

The report of the commission to install Rev. E. G. Tomkinson at Mossy Creek was read and approved:

The commission to install Rev. E. G. Tomkinson in the Mossy Creek Church, met in the church on July 18 at 7:30 p. m., and was constituted with prayer by Rev. R. D. Carson.

Present: Rev. W. K. Keys, chairman, Rev. R. D. Carson and Ruling Elder Lawrence Rolfe, of the Rogersville Church. Dr. Jno. R. Cunningham, the other member of the commission, was detained by illness.

Mr. Rolfe was appointed clerk of commission.

By request of the pastor elect, in the absence of Dr. Cunningham, the sermon was preached by Rev. R. D. Carson, who also charged the pastor. The constitutional questions were propounded by Rev. W. K. Keys, who also presided. The charge to the congregation was delivered by Elder Lawrence

Rolfe, and the pastoral relation was declared established agreeably to the Word of God and the constitution of the Presbyterian Church.

After the reading and approval of the minutes the commission adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. K. Keys.

Lawrence Rolfe, Clerk of Commission.

The report of the commission to install Rev. R. A. Brown at Windsor Avenue Church was read and approved.

The commission to install Rev. Ralph A. Brown in the Windsor Avenue Church met in the church on Sunday morning, July 21, and was constituted with prayer.

Present: Dr. J. J. Fix, of the Presbytery of Abingdon, and Dr. R. D. Carson. The commission was constituted with prayer. After the sermon by Rev. R. D. Carson, Dr. Fix presided and propounded the constitutional questions, and charged the pastor, and Dr. Carson delivered the charge to the people; and the pastoral relation was declared established agreeably to the Word of God and the constitution of the Presbyterian Church.

The commission adjourned after prayer and the approval of the minutes.

J. J. Fix, Chairman.
R. D. Carson, Clerk.

It was made the second order of the day to receive ministers into the Presbytery.

Round Table on Ministers' Annuity Fund

The Presbytery held a round table discussion on the Ministers' Annuity Fund, conducted by Dr. W. J. Martin, of Concord Presbytery. The Presbytery expressed its appreciation to Dr. Martin by a rising vote.

Courtesy

The Rev. Messrs. J. McC. Sieg, of Union Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and Frank Jones, of Kanawha Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Reception of Ministers

Rev. J. McC. Sieg presented a certificate of dismission from Union Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and Rev.

Frank S. Jones, a certificate of dismission from Kanawha Presbytery, which were received, pending their examination.

After the customary examinations, and the signing of the obligation, the brethren were enrolled as members of the Presbytery.

Report of Commissioners to the Assembly

The verbal reports of Rev. Warner H. DuBose, Rev. D. C. Amick, Elders S. A. Newland, and Elder F. S. Thomas, as commissioners to the General Assembly, were made. The reports were approved and these brethren commended for their diligence.

Election of Central Treasurer

The Presbytery approved the selection of Mr. S. M. Holtsinger, Morristown, Tenn., as Central Treasurer of Benevolences and Treasurer of the Church and Manse Building League, by the committee appointed, and expressed its appreciation to the committee for their efficient work, and to Mr. Holtsinger for his acceptance.

Pastors' Salaries

The Presbytery ordered the paragraph, in the Manual, defining the duty of the Standing Committee on Pastors' Salaries be changed to read as follows:

"This committee shall compile the reports by sessions at each spring meeting of the pastors' salaries, whether paid or unpaid.

"In a case where the salary is unpaid or not paid in full, and the church be under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, the matter shall be referred to that committee for immediate action.

"In each case where the salary is unpaid or not paid in full, and the church be not under the jurisdiction of the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery, the Presbytery shall ordinarily appoint a special committee consisting of one minister and one elder, who shall correspond with the church and if necessary visit it to consult as to means of meeting the delinquency. In case the delinquency can not be remedied, the committee may require the congregation to show cause in Presbytery why the contract in the call should not be modified or annulled."

Statistical Report to Synod

The Statistical Report of the Stated Clerk to Synod was approved and ordered printed in the minutes.

Statistical Report of Holston Presbytery

The Presbytery of Holston respectfully reports to the Synod of Appalachia in session at the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., Sept. 10, 1929, as follows:

Holston Presbytery has 51 churches and 34 ministers, 13 candidates for the ministry, 215 elders, 209 deacons and 6,344 communicants. There were added on examination 601 new members, and by certificate 346, a total of 947. The total Sunday school enrollment is 7,686.

Candidates Received—Sept. 12, 1928, Taft Franklin from the Crossnore Church; Oct. 2, 1928, John Wesley Combs from the Cold Spring Church: April 15, 1929, John Irvin Rhea, Jr., from the Blountville Church.

Ministers Received—July 12, 1929, Rev. Ralph A. Brown from Louisville Presbytery; July 12, 1929, Rev. E. G. Tomkinson from Suwanee Presbytery.

Installations—July 18, 1929, Rev. E. G. Tomkinson at Mossy Creek Church; July 21, 1929, Rev. Ralph A. Brown at Windsor Avenue Church.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved—Sept. 30, 1928, Rev. Geo. F. Johnson and the Windsor Avenue Church; Oct. 2, 1928, Rev. Chas. G. McKaraher and the Blowing Rock Church; Dec. 31, 1928, Rev. Chas. G. McKaraher and the Shulls Mills Church; Jan. 10, 1929, Rev. John Jordan Douglass and the Mossy Creek Church.

Ministers Dismissed—Sept. 12, 1928, Rev. Geo. F. Johnson to Paris Presbytery; Dec. 13, 1928, Rev. Chas. G. McKaraher to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North (U. S. A.); April 15, 1929, the Rev. J. J. Douglass to the Presbytery of Winston-Salem; July 12, 1929, Rev. F. A. Barnes to Concord Presbytery.

Candidate Dismissed—July 12, 1929, Joseph E. Knight to Bluestone Presbytery.

Candidate Dropped from Roll—April 16, 1929, Jno. D. Rowe.

Churches Organized—None.

Ministers deceased—None. *Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.*

Sabbath and Family Religion

The report of the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion was read and adopted, and is as follows.

Recognizing the need for a clear and confident voice speaking on the subject, we recommend that the title for the Presbyterial sermon for the spring meeting be "The Duty of Observing the Sabbath," and that Dr. S. H. Hay be appointed to preach it, with Dr. Warner H. DuBose as the alternate.

J. C. B. McLaughlin, Chairman.

Nomination of Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following were nominated commissioners to the General Assembly:

Ministers—Principals: Rev. McCoy Franklin and Rev. J. I. Knight. *Alternates:* Rev. J. W. Young and Rev. T. W. Clapp. *Elders—Principals:* John F. Gross, New Bethel; George E. Stone, Kingsport. *Alternates:* J. D. Hasson, Morristown; A. W. Maine, Rogersville.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. J. R. Cunningham, from II Chronicles 16:9—"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."

The Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. George F. Robertson.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Presbytery accepted, unanimously, the invitation of the New Bethel Church, for the spring meeting of Presbytery. The time, April 14, 1930, 8 p. m. (Eastern time).

Banner Elk Church

The special committee, appointed to visit the Banner Elk Church, read the following report, which was adopted, and the committee discharged.

Your committee presents the following recommendations concerning the Banner Elk situation, at this time:

First, that Presbytery at this time offer a special prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in adjusting the situation and the securing of the right man to become pastor of the church.

Second, that Presbytery request the Banner Elk Church to offer a special prayer at each public service, church, Sunday school and mid-week, for the

Holy Spirit to come into the hearts of the officers and members of the congregation and to guide them in securing the right man for pastor.

Third, that Presbytery assist the church in securing a suitable stated supply to carry on the work of the church until the right man under the guidance of the Holy Spirit is secured as pastor.

Fourth, that Presbytery hereby express its confidence in the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.

Fifth, that this committee be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. Knight, Chairman.

The Rev. J. I. Knight was appointed to coöperate with the Banner Elk Church in the securing of supplies for the pulpit.

The Rev. J. I. Knight and the Rev. J. R. Cunningham were appointed a committee to confer with the session of the Banner Elk Church, for the selection of a moderator of the session and to assist them in the securing of a pastor.

The Presbytery was led in prayer, for the Banner Elk Church, by the Rev. S. H. Hay.

Stewardship Report

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted and is as follows:

Your Stewardship Committee recommends:

First, that the following schedule of percentages be adopted for the distribution of benevolence funds:

	per cent	*per cent*
Assembly Causes:		
Foreign Missions	23.5	
Assembly's Home Missions	12.	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	6	
Religious Education	1.5	
Assembly's Training School	.5	
Bible Cause	.5	44
Synod's Causes:		
Home Missions (Synod's Work)	6	
Educational Institutions	12	18
Presbytery's Causes:		
Home Missions	28	
Grandfather Orphans Home	4	
Banner Elk Schools	6	38
Total per centage		100

Second, that Presbytery accept the same apportionment as last year and that this be divided and the churches asked to accept their portions as follows:

Arcadia	$ 250.00	New Bethel	$ 250.00
Banner Elk	1,000.00	Newdale	75.00
Bethel	25.00	Newland	200.00
Blountville	850.00	Newport	1,100.00
Blowing Rock	150.00	New Providence	250.00
Bristol First	13,750.00	Paint Gap	75.00
Buladean	125.00	Paperville	75.00
Cold Spring	700.00	Pineola	150.00
Cove Creek	150.00	Plumtree	150.00
Crossnore	500.00	Providence	50.00
Ebenezer	40.00	Rheatown	250.00
Estatoa	75.00	Rogersville	5,000.00
Grassy Creek	40.00	Russellville	150.00
Gray's Chapel	30.00	Russ Memorial	50.00
Harris Memorial	50.00	Rutledge	350.00
Hughes	30.00	Salem (Whitesburg)	75.00
Johnson City First	13,750.00	Shulls Mills	25.00
Kingsport First	5,000.00	Smoky Mountain	25.00
Leesburg	300.00	Spruce Pine	800.00
Meadow Creek	150.00	Strawberry Plains	100.00
Micaville	125.00	Thomas Memorial	200.00
Mooresburg	150.00	Vians Valley	25.00
Morristown	11,060.00	Weavers	75.00
Mossy Creek	1,125.00	White Pine	50.00
Mount Sterling	25.00	Windsor Avenue	1,000.00
			$60,000.00

Third, that a Secretary of Stewardship be elected at this meeting of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

Warner H. DuBose, Chairman.

Secretary of Stewardship Elected

Ruling Elder Frank Taylor, of the Johnson City First Church, was elected Secretary of Stewardship for the Presbytery by acclamation.

Minutes of Presbytery

The report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Presbytery was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Minutes of Presbytery

Your Committee on Presbytery's Minutes would report that it has examined the minutes of the Presbytery and finds them accurately kept.

R. A. Brown, Chairman.

Men's Work

The report of the Committee on Men's Work was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Men's Work have considered the Assembly's plan of Men's Work and are increasingly convinced of its practical value to all types and sizes of churches. It is the conviction of the committee that either the Men's Bible Class suffers in the accomplishment of its major purpose or the comprehensive development and instruction of the men is limited, where the work is attempted in this organization. Further, your committee would strongly recommend to all pastors and churches in Holston Presbytery the careful consideration of effecting such organization of the men.

Second, your committee would recommend that special emphasis by all men's organizations throughout the year be that of evangelism.

J. R. Cunningham, Chairman.

Grandfather Orphanage

The Presbytery requested the ministers and elders to arrange for a Thanksgiving offering, in their churches, for the Grandfather Orphanage, and for a collection, one Sunday a month, in each Sunday school.

The Presbytery referred the recommendation of Synod, with reference to a Case worker for the Orphanage, to the attention of the trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, with the approval of Presbytery.

Conference on Evangelism

A conference in the interest of Evangelism was held, the Rev. W. K. Keys presiding, at the request of the chairman of the committee, Rev. Dan Graham. The Presbytery listened to the following addresses:

Rev. Warner H. DuBose—Revivals in the Old Testament;

Rev. S. H. Hay—Revivals in the New Testament;

Rev. J. R. Cunningham—Revivals in America;
Rev. T. P. Johnston—Personal Experiences in Evangelism;
Rev. W. R. Smith—Personal Evangelism.

The Presbytery was lead in prayer for greater evangelistic power, by Rev. George F. Robertson.

Bills and Overtures

The Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures verbally recommended the adoption of the following overture to the Committee on Assembly's Work, which recommendation was adopted:

Committee of Assembly's Work,
Dear Brethren:

The Presbytery of Holston in session at Pineola, N. C., requests you to prayerfully consider certain changes in administrative work.

First, to combine the department of Country Church with the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, making it a department of our Assembly's Home Mission Work.

Second, to combine the department of Stewardship with the Committee of Religious Education, making Stewardship a department of Religious Education.

Third, to recommend to the General Assembly to place the support of the two Foreign Mission Secretaries, who were retired by previous Assemblies, upon some other source of income other than the gifts of churches for Foreign Missions.

We request this of you for the following reasons:

(a) The combination of the Country Church department with the Assembly's Home Missions is a logical act. This department of work deals directly with the development of the home church. By no stretch of the imagination have we the right to tax the Foreign Mission cause or the cause of Ministerial Relief or Religious Education, for the support of the Country Church work. We believe that the combination of this department with the Assembly's Home Mission Committee would broaden the appeal and service of this committee, and make its work more effective to the whole church.

(b) The combination of Stewardship with Religious Education is also a logical step, and will develop and strengthen the spirit of stewardship in the whole church. A great portion of the giving power of the church is found in our adult classes. Also, within a few years the young people of the present generation will be the leaders of the church. We believe that Stewardship should be made an integral part of Religious Education.

(c) Since the retirement of our two Foreign Mission Secretaries, by former Assemblies, there has been a spirit of unrest throughout the church. We believe that this unrest is a stumbling block to our Foreign Mission cause, and we urge you to make some provision for these men other than a direct tax upon Foreign Mission gifts.

(d) We believe that our different Assembly agencies should be given opportunity to present their work in a direct way to the church. We believe in the budget, and as a Presbytery have given whole hearted support to the budget; but we believe that the emphasis on the budget has curtailed personal interest on the part of our people in the different departments of our Assembly's work. The church at large needs to catch the vision of the glorious work that God has given to us to do through our different Assembly agencies.

We pray that God's richest blessing will rest upon you in your work.

Organic Union with the United Presbyterian Church

The report of the Committee on Assembly's Minutes containing the matter of organic union with the United Presbyterian Church, was docketed until the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 p. m.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 p. m., and was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin.

Popular Meeting for Foreign Missions

A popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions was held, with the Rev. W. C. Young presiding. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery listened to the following addresses:

Rev. S. H. Hay—The Obligation of Foreign Missions;
Rev. Ralph A. Brown—Developing the Foreign Mission Spirit in a Congregation.

The report, with its recommendations, was adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Foreign Missions

Your Committee on Foreign Missions submits the following report:

We rejoice in the indications of progress in the various fields.

In Japan and Korea the schools are in a flourishing condition, the Christian percentage of students is increasing. Inquirers are unusually large in numbers.

North and East Brazil missions report steady progress in evangelism, and large attendance in the schools.

Africa reports nearly one-half of the outstations supported by the native church, and a great demand for doctors, nurses, and native evangelists.

In China many of the missionaries are back at work, the hospitals are open, mostly under Chinese management, with both foreign and native doctors and nurses. Communicants remained faithful, for the most part, under persecution.

In Mexico the hospital work is increasing, and the schools in good condition. Notwithstanding the new laws, our ministers there have and unlimited field in reaching the unsaved and in training native ministers.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That pastors endeavor to enlist their churches, Sunday schools, societies, and members to support, in whole or in part, definite workers and institutions.

2. That Schools of Missions be held in the churches during the church year.

3. That a special prayer be offered in Presbytery, that God may rule and overrule to bring peace in China, and that the work may not be retarded.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Young, Chairman.

Presbytery was led in prayer for China by the Rev. T. P. Johnston.

Rev. T. H. Spence Dismissed

The Rev. T. H. Spence, Jr., was granted a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of Brooklyn-Nassau, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Vacancy and Supply

The report of the Committee on Vacancy and Supply was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Vacancy and Supply

The Committee on Vacancy and Supply of Holston Presbytery makes the following report:

Since the last meeting of Presbytery the following fields or churches have secured pastors: Windsor Avenue Church, Bristol, Rev. R. A. Brown, Ph.D.; the Mossy Creek group, Rev. E. G. Tomkinson; and the Micaville group, Rev. F. S. Jones.

At present the only churches without pastors or supplies are these: the Meadow Creek group which was served during the summer by Mr. Chas. W. Browning, Jr., of Union Theological Seminary; the Cocke County group of mission churches made vacant by the going of Rev. J. A. Messer to the Seminary; and the Banner Elk Church vacant since the recent resignation of Rev. T. H. Spence as pastor.

Your committee recommends:

First, that earnest prayer by all the Presbytery be offered that God may send the men of His own choosing to these vacant fields soon.

Second, that the following men act as stated supplies at the following places until the next meeting of Presbytery:

Rev. F. S. Jones, Micaville, Paint Gap, Estatoa, and Newdale.
Rev. John Young, Buladean, Russ Memorial, and Harris Memorial.
Rev. W. R. Smith, Grassy Creek.
Rev. T. W. Clapp, Plumtree and Hughes.
Rev. W. C. Young, Leesburg, Mooresburg, Salem, and Providence.
Rev. D. H. Graham, Weavers.
Rev. J. I. Knight, Paperville.

Walter K. Keys, Chairman.

Country Church Work

The Presbytery directed the Committee on Vacancy and Supply to serve as the Committee on Country Church Work, till the next stated meeting.

Religious Education

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was adopted:

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following overture which was submitted to it for approval. We recommend that it be sent to the Executive Committee on Religious Education.

"The Presbytery of Holston overtures the Executive Committee of Religious Education to change the date of Rally Day from the first Sunday in October to the last Sunday in September.

"We submit this overture for the following reasons:

"First, it will give us an opportunity to rally our people for the fall and winter's work one week earlier than the present date.

"Second, our Sunday schools will have their promotions before the new quarter's lessons begin, and will be ready to take up these lessons in earnest.

"Third, it will give the church opportunity to give special consideration at the morning service, to the needs of youth. Throughout our Assembly, as a usual thing, the Lord's supper is observed on the first Sunday in October.

"In sending this overture, the Presbytery expresses the hope that the Committee of Religious Education will give prayerful consideration to this suggestion, and recommend this change to the next General Assembly."

Wm. C. Frierson, Chairman pro tem.

Bible Cause

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE

During the past year the Bible has been circulated by the publication of over eleven million copies.

The budget of the American Bible Society calls for $1,300,000. Last year our church contributed $16,000 of this.

We recommend:

1. That our people be assured that the American Bible Society will help in getting Bibles in every home.

2. That our ministers make December 8th Bible Sunday, and that they preach on some suitable theme on the Bible as an agent in propagating the gospel.

J. I. Knight, Chairman.

Nominations

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted. (The matter of this report is contained under the head of "Organization," in the front of the Minutes.)

Leave of Absence

The Committee on Leave of Absence read a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. We recommend that the following be excused for absence from the sessions of Presbytery herein named: Rev. J. A. Messer, Drs. Robert Yost and R. D. Carson for this meeting of Presbytery; Rev. Warner H. DuBose for Monday night; Rev. D. H. Graham and Elders Toy King, W. W. Bailey and Warren H. Dettor after 3 p. m. Tuesday; Rev. J. I. Knight after 4 p. m. Tuesday; Rev. W. C. Frierson and Elders T. B. Strain, W. L. Holshouser and Rankin Smalling after 5 p. m. Tuesday. Elders A. W. Ray and Donald Thompson for Tuesday.

2. We further recommend that the Leave of Absence Committee be abolished and that the members of Presbytery be held responsible for their presence by their sessions or the bodies they represent.

John C. B. McLaughlin, Chairman.

Judicial Business

The Committee on Judicial Business reported no business had come into their hands.

Free Conversation on the State of Religion

The Presbytery omitted, for this meeting, the free conversation on the state of religion, as it was embraced in the Conference on Evangelism.

Special Prayer for Sick

The Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. J. R. Cunningham, for Elder J. L. Gray, of Cove Creek Church, who was reported sick, and for the seriously ill infant son of Rev. D. C. Amick.

Roll Call for New Business

The roll of the Presbytery was called for new business.

The Presbytery authorized the Rev. J. P. Hall to solicit funds for the erection of a chapel at Slippery Hill.

Resolution of Thanks

The Presbytery adopted a suitable resolution of thanks by a rising vote.

Adjournment

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted, after which the Presbytery adjourned, with prayer and the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in adjourned session at the call of the Moderator.

T. W. Clapp, Moderator.
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

HOLSTON PRESBYTERY MINUTES

1930 - 1943

MINUTES

OF

THE SPRING MEETING

OF

Holston Presbytery

IN THE

New Bethel Presbyterian Church

Piney Flats, Tennessee

APRIL 14, 1930

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Vians Valley Presbyterian Church

Toecane, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 29, 1930, 7:30 P. M.

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ORGANIZATION

Moderator—Ruling Elder E. W. King, Bristol, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, Kingsport, Tennessee.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tennessee.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Mr. S. M. Holtsinger, Morristown, Tennessee.

Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist—The Rev. Walter K. Keys, Bristol, Tennessee.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, W. H. DuBose, J. R. Cunningham, W.R. Smith, Jr.; Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary;* H. E. Harris, W. W. Hufford; Deacon: Sam R. Sells.

Note: Elders on the following committees are appointed at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2. *Foreign Missions*—Ministers; W. C. Young, *Chairman;* J. McC. Sieg.

3. *Assembly's Home Missions*—Ministers: R. A. Brown, *Chairman;* Jno. W. Young.

4. *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Tilden Scherer, W. R. Smith, Jr.

5. *Religious Education*—Ministers: D. C. Amick, *Chairman;* W. C. Frierson, *Chairman Young People's Societies;* T. W. Clapp.

6. *Bible Cause*—Ministers: J. I. Knight, *Chairman;* Dan H. Graham.

7. *Stewardship*—Ministers: Warner H. DuBose, *Chairman;* R. D. Carson, Mr. Frank Taylor, *Secretary.*

8. *Men's Work*—Ministers: John R. Cunningham, *Chairman;* E. G. Tomkinson. Elders: George E. Stone, Jno. S. Powers. Deacon: Geo. M. King.

9. *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Ministers: J. C. B. McLaughlin, *Chairman;* F. S. Jones.

10. *Women's Work*—Ministers: E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* McCoy Franklin.

11. *Educational Institutions*—Ministers: R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* Robert Yost, T. P. Johnston.

12. *Orphans' Home*—Ministers: W. R. Smith, *Chairman;* R. A. Brown.

13. *Evangelism*—Ministers: Dan H. Graham, *Chairman;* W. K. Keys. Jno. W. Young.

14. *Sessional Records*—Ministers: McCoy Franklin, *Chairman;* W. C. Frierson, Roy Shortridge.

15. *Vacancy and Supply and Country Church*—Ministers: W. K. Keys, *Chairman;* W. C. Young.

16. *Program*—The Stated Clerk and the pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. Elder Troy Young, fall 1930.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1. *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Warner H. DuBose.

2. *Theology*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and J. R. Cunningham.

3. *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. P. Johnston, W. C. Frierson, and E. G. Tomkinson.

4. *Church History*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick and W. R. Smith.

5. *Philosophy, Logic and Ethics*—The Rev. Messrs. Tilden Scherer and Robert Yost.

6. *Natural Science and Secular Subjects*—The Rev. Messrs. W. K. Keys and T. W. Clapp.

7. *Latin, Greek and Hebrew*—The Revs. Messrs. R. A. Brown and J. C. B. McLaughlin.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To Confer with Trustees of Boone Fork Institute: Mr. Geo. C. Sells, *Chairman;* Rev. Walter K. Keys, Elder J. L. Gray.

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. T. P. Johnston. Elders J. E. Faucette, A. B. Rogan, J. A. Summers.

TRUSTEES

1. *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. Geo. C. Sells, Arthur W. King, and John S. Powers.

2. *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—E. W. King, 1931; Jas. A. Summers, 1932; Rev. S. H. Hay, Rod Armstrong, 1933; F. H. Stinson, 1934; Rev. J. R. Cunningham, Sam R. Sells, 1935.

3. *Plumtree School for Boys*—E. B. Ward, D. R. Beeson, Rev. E. F. Camp, 1931; Rev. W. R. Smith, Rev. Warner H. DuBose, Chas. Hughes, 1932; Frank Taylor, Geo. C. Sells, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1933.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

John Wesley Combs.....Holston Valley, Tenn.
Geo. H. Ellis.....Bristol, Tenn.
Taft Franklin.....Crossnore, N. C.
Ben T. Harrop.....Bristol, Tenn.
Chas. W. Kernan.....Plumtree, N. C.
F. DeWolfe Miller III.....Stony Point, Tenn.
John Irvin Rhea, Jr.....Blountville, Tenn.
Chas. L. Stucky.....Plumtree, N. C.
Henry Willis.....Greenfield, Va.
John Yelton.....Shulls Mills, N. C.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING LEAGUE

Rev. Walter K. Keys, *Chairman*.....Box 98, Bristol, Tenn.
Mr. S. M. Holtsinger, *Treasurer*.....Morristown, Tenn.

MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY

The written records of Holston Presbytery from its organization thru the year 1923 are deposited with the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches at Montreat, N. C. Any information desired from these records will be gladly furnished by the Foundation upon request. A number of extra copies of the printed minutes from 1920 to date have also been placed with the Foundation. These copies are for distribution, and may be secured upon request, as long as the supply lasts.

SPRING MEETING

Piney Flats, Tenn., April 14, 1930.

The one hundred and fourteenth session of Holston Presbytery met in the New Bethel Presbyterian Church, Piney Flats, Tennessee, beginning April 14, 1930, at 8:00 p. m. The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the moderator, the Rev. T. W. Clapp.

Enrollment

The following were present: *Ministers*—D. C. Amick (2), R. A. Brown (2), R. D. Carson (2), T. W. Clapp, Warner DuBose (2), McCoy Franklin, W. C. Frierson Jr., Dan H. Graham, S. H. Hay (2), Thos. P. Johnston, Frank Jones, W. K. Keys, J. I. Knight, J. C. B. McLaughlin, Tilden Scherer, W. R. Smith, E. G. Tomkinson, Robert Yost (2), John W. Young, W. C. Young. *Ruling Elders*—Arcadia, James Gaines; Banner Elk, F. H. Stinson (2); Blountville, Rhea Anderson; Bristol First, E. W. King; Cold Spring, E. B. Comerford; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Crossnore, E. H. Sloop; Johnson City First, John S. Powers; Kingsport First, R. T. Beaty (2); Leesburg, B. F. Knight (2); Micaville, Troy Young; Mossy Creek, H. H. Tittsworth (2); New Bethel, A. R. Smalling; Newdale, R. L. Young; Newport, H. G. Anderson (2); Rogersville, A. B. Rogan (2); Rutledge, J. E. Nance; Roans Chapel, David Troutman; Spruce Pine, W. W. Bailey (2); Thomas Memorial, J. A. L. Rhea; Weavers, Sam Peavler.

Organization

Ruling Elder E. W. King, of the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tennessee, was elected moderator by a rising vote.

Program

The Committee on Program offered the following report which was adopted:

Monday, April 14, 1930

8.00 p. m.	Presbytery opened with prayer.
	Organization.
	Report of Program Committee.
	Opening sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. T. W. Clapp.
	Presbyterial Communion.

Tuesday, April 15, 1930

9.00 a. m.	Devotional services conducted by the Rev. W. C. Frierson.
9.30	Business session.
10.30	Examinations of candidates for licensure.
11.30	Sermon by candidate Roy L. Shortridge.
	Recess for luncheon.
2.00 p. m.	Song service by the New Bethel choir.
2.30	Program in the interest of the Country Church. Rev. W. K. Keys, presiding.
3.00	Presbyterial Sermon by the Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D.
3.30	Business session.
5.30	Recess.
8.00	"Presbytery's Home Missions" Night. Mr. J. D. Faucette, Chairman, presiding.
	Musical program by the King College Glee Club.
	Presbytery's Home Missions Report—Rev. W. K. Keys.
	Address by the Rev. Thos. P. Johnston.
	Business session until adjournment.

Dan H. Graham.
Thos. P. Johnston.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. T. W. Clapp, retiring moderator, from the text, Hebrews 2:10, "Perfect thru suffering."

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. Tilden Scherer and Wm. C. Young, assisted by the following elders: E. B. Comerford, Cold Spring; David Troutman,

Roan's Chapel; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; R. L. Young, Newdale; J. E. Nance, Rutledge; Troy L. Young, Micaville; J. A. L. Rhea, Thomas Memorial; and John S. Powers, Johnson City First.

Courtesy

The Rev. G. W. Painter, D. D., of Abingdon Presbytery, and the Rev. H. F. Beaty, of Suwanee Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The Presbytery adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. McCoy Franklin, to meet Tuesday at 9 a. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 9 a. m. The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. W. C. Frierson, from John 1:14, on "The Glory of the King."

The Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Rev. T. P. Johnston.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The printed minutes of the last meeting were distributed.

Courtesy

The Rev. M. W. Doggett, D. D., of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees and Elders for the Permanent Committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures:* T. W. Clapp, J. A. L. Rhea.
2. *Auditing:* John S. Powers, R. T. Beaty.
3. *Minutes of Presbytery:* J. I. Knight, J. E. Nance.
4. *Minutes of Synod:* R. A. Brown, E. B. Comerford.
5. *Nominations:* E. G. Tomkinson, T. P. Johnston.
6. *Pastors' Salaries:* McCoy Franklin, Troy L. Young.
7. *Resolutions:* J. L. Gray, Rhea Anderson.
8. *Judicial:* W. R. Smith, James Gaines.
9. *Elders on Sessional Records:* J. E. Nance, J. A. L. Rhea, B. F. Knight, Troy Young.

Elders on Permanent Committees for this meeting:
Assembly Home Missions: R. L. Young.
C. E. and M. R.: Rhea Anderson.
Religious Education: A. R. Smalling.
Educational Institutions: E. H. Sloop.
Orphans' Home: David Troutman.
Stewardship: H. G. Anderson.
Evangelism: J. L. Gray.

Communications

A communication from the Assembly's Committee on Religious Education concerning the change in the date of Rally Day was read for information.

Two communications from Mr. R. E. Magill concerning the promotional agencies of the church were read and referred to the Committee on Religious Education and Publication.

The request of the Mossy Creek Church for the Presbytery's approval of and consent to the change of name to "The First Presbyterian Church of Jefferson City, Tennessee," was read, and the request granted.

A communication from Mr. W. R. Miller, concerning Union Theological Seminary, was read and received as information.

Records of Presbytery Deposited with the Historical Foundation

A communication from the Rev. S. M. Tenney, D. D., Curator, acknowledging receipt of the records of the Presbytery was read, approved, and ordered printed in the minutes.

Montreat, N. C., Oct. 23, 1929.

The Presbytery of Holston,
Brethren:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt this morning of the following volumes of Records from Holston Presbytery for deposit with the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches:

Records:
Holston Presbytery (O. S. & U. S.)
Vol. I, Jan. 1, 1827-Sept. 28, 1843.
Vol. II, April 18, 1844-Nov. 15, 1850.
Vol. III, April 18, 1850-July 24, 1857.
Vol.—, Sept. 25, 1857-Aug 25, 1865.

Holston Presbytery (N. S., United Synod of the South, and U. S.)
Vol. I, Jan. 1, 1827-May 12, 1860.
Vol. II, Aug. 31. 1860-April 17, 1875.
Vol.—, April 19, 1875-April 9, 1887.
Vol.—, May 6, 1887-April 25, 1891.
Vol.—, Sept. 17, 1891-Feb. 13, 1897.
Vol.—, April 14, 1897-May 30, 1906.
Vol.—, Aug. 29. 1906-Mar. 29, 1912.
Vol.—, Sept. 25, 1912-Feb. 27, 1917.
Vol.—, April 10, 1917-April 12, 1923.

We thank the Presbytery of Holston for the deposit of these Records, and suggest that this receipt be read to the Presbytery at its next approaching meeting, and have the same approved and recorded in its minutes. . . . . At any time that information may be desired from these records request for same will be honored at once, and we will make investigations, copy, etc., and forward.

Very sincerely yours,
S. M. Tenney, Curator.

Trustees for Edgar Tufts Memorial Association

The following communication from Mr. Edgar H. Tufts was read:

The trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, at a recent meeting, passed unanimously the following motion of Mr. Sells, seconded by Dr. Hood:

"That each Presbytery, viz., Concord and Holston, be petitioned to appoint for each Presbytery seven trustees to the board of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, and that the board so constituted be authorized to elect not to exceed ten additional members at large to be selected from men of high Christian character."

Mr. Sam R. Sells, a trustee of the association, was granted the privileges of the floor, and addressed the Presbytery concerning the above request for the enlargement of the Board of Trustees. The request was granted by the Presbytery, and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Licensure of Mr. Roy L. Shortridge

A communication from the Stated Clerk of Abingdon Presbytery certifying to the good standing of candidate Roy L. Shortridge and of their purpose to act on his request for dismission,

at the next stated meeting, was read and accepted in lieu of a letter of dismission.

The Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Mr. Shortridge for licensure. The oral examinations of Mr. Shortridge were sustained as parts of trial. His diploma from college and expected diploma from the Seminary were accepted in lieu of the examination in the studies covered by these courses.

The popular lecture on "The 51st Psalm" was received, and referred to the Committee on Experimental Religion, which recommended its acceptance as a satisfactory part of trial. This was approved by the Presbytery.

The thesis on "The Atonement" was received, and referred to the Committee on Theology, which recommended its acceptance as a satisfactory part of trial. This was approved by the Presbytery.

The Greek exegesis of the 12th chapter of John was received, and referred to the Committee on Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, which recommended its acceptance as a satisfactory part of trial. This was approved by the Presbytery.

The Presbytery listened to a sermon by Mr. Shortridge, from Luke 10:42, "But one thing is needful, and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." The Presbytery sustained the sermon as a satisfactory part of trial.

After answering in the affirmative the customary questions, the Moderator, after prayer by the Rev. Robert Yost, licensed Mr. Shortridge, in the following words: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by that authority which He has given to the Church for its edification, we do license you to preach the gospel wherever God, in His Providence, may call you; and for this purpose may the blessing of God rest upon you, and the spirit of Christ fill your heart. Amen."

Meadow Creek Calls Mr. Shortridge

The call of the Meadow Creek Church, for one half of Mr. Shortridge's time, at a salary of $900 per year, with the free use of the manse, was received, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

The following commission was appointed to ordain and install licentiate Roy L. Shortridge as pastor of the Meadow Creek Church, at a time to be settled by the commission and the church: Rev. W. K. Keys to preside and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. D. H. Graham to preach the sermon, Rev. D. C. Amick to charge the pastor, Elder R. P. Barnett, of Newport, to charge the congregation. Alternates on the commission: Rev. J. I. Knight and Elder Frank Taylor of the First Church, Johnson City.

It was made the second order of business this afternoon to take up the report of the Committee on Religious Education and Publication.

Treasurer's Report

The report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery was read, received, and with his accounts referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of T. P. Johnston, Treasurer, Holston Presbytery
April 12, 1929, to April 12, 1930

Receipts

Balance brought forward	$ 279.98	
Assessments received from churches	1,498.60	
Loan (First National Bank, Kingsport)	40.00	$1,818.58

Disbursements

Salaries:			
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk & Treas.	$150.00		
Chas. B. Boyles, Central Treasurer	137.50		
S. M. Holtsinger, Central Treasurer	50.00		
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	20.00	$ 357.50	
Stated Clerk's Office Expense:			
Printing and mailing minutes	172.62		
Printing forms	9.50		
Sessional report blanks	7.90		
Postage	7.50		
Binding official minutes	4.43		
Bonding fee	2.50	204.45	

Central Treasurer's Office Expense:			
Bonding fee	12.50		
Postage	3.25		
Box file	.50	16.25	
Miscellaneous:			
General Assembly Assessment	474.80		
Synod's Assessment	95.16		
Loans Repaid (First National Bank)	190.00		
Interest on loan	1.00		
S. H. Hay, Committee expense	4.75	765.71	
Total disbursements		$1,343.91	
Balance in bank April 12, 1930		474.67	$1,818.58

The following churches are delinquent in the payment of the Presbyterial assessment for 1929: Banner Elk, $46.50; Estatoa, $6.40; Micaville, $6.20; Mt. Sterling, $3.25; Newdale, $7.20; Newland, $31.00; Pineola, $26.75; Shulls Mills, $7.00. All assessments for 1930 are now due and payable to the Treasurer.

Recommendations

(1) The Treasurer has reduced the assessment for 1930 from 25c to 20c per capita. It is recommended that this reduction be approved.

(2) That Paperville be excused of back taxes amounting to $6.25, and Paint Gap be excused of $2.20.

(3) That the rate of assessment for 1931 be 20c per capita.

(4) That all churches be asked to pay their assessments as promptly as possible. The Treasurer had to borrow from the bank last year to meet bills on time. This costs the Presbytery interest charges.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. P. Johnston, Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer of Presbytery Home Missions

The report of Mr. Frank Taylor, Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions, was read, received, and with his accounts referred to the Auditing Committee.

To the Presbytery of Holston:

I hereby submit my report for year April 1, 1929, to March 31, 1930:

Receipts

April 1, 1929, balance	$ 1,786.08
Assembly's Home Mission Committee, Atlanta	14,999.10
Central Treasurer	6,801.80
Dr. Geo. F. Graham Fund	1,250.00
Morristown Church	977.60
Assembly's Home Mission Committee for Cocke County Field	580.00
Rev. E. V. Tadlock, Supt. for Cocke County Field	112.50
J. D. Faucette, Treas. Schools and Colleges	46.00
Payments on Loan	30.00
	$26,583.08

Disbursements

Payrolls Home Mission Workers	$11,998.18
Assembly's Home Mission Committee	5,800.00
Committee Expense	241.06
Manse rent for Supt. and Evangelist	480.00
Expenses of Supt. and Evangelist	798.80
Pastors' Salaries Home Mission Churches	666.55
Plumtree School for Boys, Banner Elk, N. C.	36.00
Franklin Guaranty Bank, Certificate of Deposit	500.00
Worker, Sullivan County Field	120.00
Summer Workers	1,725.55
Workers Conference, Banner Elk, N. C.	36.00
Repairs to Cottage, Roan Valley	45.00
Repairs to Chapel, Little Rock Creek	10.00
Loan Fund	180.00
Harris Memorial Church	150.00
Repairs to roof, Beech Hill, N. C.	95.57
Furnace for Church, Pineola, N. C.	250.00
New Church, Burbank, Tenn.	300.00
Insurance on Manse, Buladean, N. C.	13.20
Box rent, Unaka and City National Bank	3.00
Cocke County Field	531.60
Teachers, Buladean, N. C.	200.00

Teachers, Hughes Chapel, N. C.	80.00
Russ Memorial Church, Bad Creek, N. C.	744.41
Deposit Banner Elk Bank	250.00
	25,254.92
April 1, 1930. By Balance	$1,328.16

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Taylor, Treasurer.

Report of Central Treasurer

The report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences was read, received, and with his accounts referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of Central Treasurer for year ending March 31, 1930

Holston Presbytery Benevolences

Receipts

	Congregation	*S. S.*	*W. Aux.*	*C. E.*	*Totals*
Arcadia	$ 140.00		...		$ 140.00
Banner Elk	141.50				141.50
Blountville	624.82		$ 33.00		657.82
Blowing Rock	75.00	38.99			113.99
Bristol First	7,711.79	328.43	1,590.00		9,630.22
Buladean	78.43	47.00			125.43
Cold Spring	244.82	67.00	20.00		331.82
Concord	8.57				8.57
Cove Creek	151.00				151.00
Crossnore	18.75		59.00		77.75
Estatoa	22.95				22.95
Gray's Chapel		66.00			66.00
Harris Memorial	25.00	6.00			31.00
Hughes	28.59				28.59
Johnson City First	6,132.87		904.44	8.70	7,046.01
Kingsport First	2,660.35	761.11	676.00		4,097.46
Leesburg	139.00				139.00
Meadow Creek	19.74				19.74
Micaville	22.80				22.80
Mooresburg	44.39	12.46	10.00		66.85
Morristown	155.93				155.93
Mossy Creek	36.85	152.83	553.67		743.35
New Bethel	352.25				352.25
Newdale	13.60				13.60
Newport	470.00	37.00	146.00	5.00	658.00

Newland			$ 4.00		$ 4.00
New Providence	$ 12.80				12.80
Paint Gap	33.29	$ 14.50			47.79
Pineola	18.50	6.25	8.66		33.41
Plumtree	9.55	13.00			22.55
Providence	21.00				21.00
Rheatown	7.22				7.22
Rogersville	2,859.09	122.70			2,981.79
Roans Chapel	20.70				20.70
Russellville	6.00		45.50		51.50
Russ Memorial	12.00				12.00
Salem	5.00		3.50		8.50
Spruce Pine		86.97	62.70		149.67
Thomas Memorial	224.55	8.66			233.21
Vians Valley	25.00				25.00
Weaver Church	124.00				124.00
White Pine	50.00				50.00
Windsor Ave.	237.30	41.32	230.55	11.00	520.17
Miscellaneous Cash					.06
Cash Balance April 1, 1929	2.52				2.52
	$22,987.52	$1,810.22	$4,347.02	$24.70	$29,169.52

Disbursements

Foreign Missions		
Regular	$7,222.70	
Kellersberger Fund	315.00	
		$7,537.70
Assembly Home Missions		3,386.91
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		1,530.24
Publication and S. S. Extension		675.01
Assembly Training School		117.42
American Bible Society		119.35
Synod's Home Missions (Synod's Work)		1,423.13
Educational Institutions		3,070.11
Stonewall Jackson		40.00
Lees-McRae		1,664.08
Montreat Normal		2.00
Grandfather Orphans' Home		2,110.19
Presbytery's Home Missions		7,461.15

Miscellaneous		
Famine Sufferers in China	$10.00	
Protestant Relief in Europe	1.00	
Kings Mountain Memorial Hospital	14.00	
Baby Cottage—Banner Elk	3.73	
Contingent fees for Auxiliaries	3.50	$32.23
		$29,169.52

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. Holtsinger, Treasurer.

Church and Manse Building League

The report of the Treasurer of the Church and Manse Building League was read, received, and with his accounts referred to the Auditing Committee.

Church and Manse Building League
Report of Treasurer

Receipts

From Kingsport Church	$60.10
From Mrs. C. S. Simmons, Newport, Tenn.	7.50
	$67.60

Disbursed

J. L. Gray, Burbank Church	$60.10
J. L. Gray, Cove Creek work	7.50
	$67.60

March 31, 1930.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. Holtsinger, Treasurer.

Vacancy and Supply

The Committee on Vacancy and Supply submitted the following report which was read and adopted:

The Committee on Vacancy and Supply makes the following report:

The vacant fields in Holston Presbytery at present are the Meadow Creek group, from which Mr. Roy Shortridge has accepted a call and will begin his ministry there soon; the Cocke County group, to which Mr. Charles Kernan has been called. His decision is not known. Also the Banner Elk-Blowing Rock field. Earnest effort is being made to secure God's man for this field soon. All other churches and fields of the Presbytery are happily supplied with pastors.

We recommend that the following ministers be authorized to moderate the sessions and act as stated supply at the following places:

Rev. F. S. Jones, Micaville, Newdale, Paint Gap, and Estatoa.
Rev. W. R. Smith, Grassy Creek.
Rev. J. W. Young, Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial, and Roan's Chapel.
Rev. T. W. Clapp, Plumtree and Hughes.
Rev. W. C. Young, Salem, Leesburg, Mooresburg, and Providence.
Rev. D. H. Graham, Weavers.
Rev. J. I. Knight, Paperville.

Walter K. Keys, Chairman.

Lees-McRae College

The report of Lees-McRae College was read, received, and referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions.

Grandfather Orphans' Home

The report of the Grandfather Orphans' Home was read, received, and referred to the Committee on Orphans' Home:

Grandfather Orphans' Home submits the following report to Holston Presbytery for year ending December 31, 1929:

The two cottages begun in 1928 were occupied, one in August and the other in September. This addition increased the capacity of the Home very little as one old building has been vacated as sleeping quarters and another has been relieved of over-crowded conditions.

In addition to the new buildings there was enough work done on the Grier Cottage (built in 1918 and formerly occupied by boys) to make it serviceable as an administration building.

A total of 103 children (89 of whom were from Holston Presbytery) received whole or part time care, 17 admitted, 16 discharged, giving 31,102 days of care at a cost of about 70c per child-day.

Financially speaking, the Home did not have a profitable year. Current expenses amounted to $22,919.58. Current receipts totaled $20,583.13—churches, $3,284.51; transferred from special fund, $1,506; borrowed from bank, $500; donated commodities, $1,550.58; other sources, $13,688.04. We call your attention especially to the $1,560 transfer and the $500 borrowed which bring the actual receipts down to $18,523.13. Of the church contributions, both cash and donated commodities, $3,960.48 came from Holston Presbytery. At 70c per day per child Holston supported 15.5 children of the 85.5 average population.

In view of these facts it seems imperative that something be done to either increase contributions or decrease expenditures, and the administration does not feel that the work can be done in an acceptable manner on less than 70c per day per child.

We entreat Holston Presbytery to give more serious and constructive thinking than ever before to this phase of its work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Painter, Supt.

The Rev. D. C. Amick made a report on his attendance at the General Assembly, which was received, and his diligence commended. He was excused for non-attendance at the fall meeting of the Presbytery.

Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following were elected commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers—Principals: Rev. McCoy Franklin and Rev. J. I. Knight. Alternates: Rev. J. W. Young and Rev. T. W. Clapp. Elders—Principals: John F. Gross, New Bethel; George E. Stone, Kingsport. Alternates: J. D. Hasson, Morristown; A. W. Maine, Rogersville.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Vians Valley Church, Toecane, N. C., for the fall meeting of the Presbytery, on September 29, 1930, at 7:30 p. m.

The Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m., after prayer by the Rev. R. D. Carson.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m., and was led in prayer by the Rev. Warner H. DuBose.

The Presbytery listened to a very interesting song service by the junior and senior choirs of the New Bethel Church.

Conference on Country Church Work

A conference on Country Church Work was held, under the leadership of the Rev. W. K. Keys. Addresses were made by Rev. W. K. Keys—The Importance of the Country Church; Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin—General Assembly's Country Church

Work; Mr. J. D. Faucette—What Community Spirit Accomplished in a Needy Section; Mr. J. L. Gray—How Three Churches were Erected in a Mountain District.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by Rev. R. D. Carson, in behalf of country homes; Rev. Warner H. DuBose, in behalf of country ministers; Rev. T. P. Johnston, in behalf of evangelism in the country.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. S. H. Hay, from Isa. 58:13, on the subject "The Duty of Observing the Sabbath."

The Presbytery was favored with a solo by the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, who sang "Not my will, but Thine be done."

Overtures

Three overtures were read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Stewardship

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Stewardship submits the following report:

Thirty-four of our churches reported on the every member canvass. We feel sure that some other churches have also observed the every member canvass, but they neglected to send in their reports and so cannot be included in this report.

We note the report of 319 tithers and 166 family altars.

We wish to heartily commend the splendid work of Mr. Frank Taylor, who was elected secretary of Stewardship at the time of the removal from Presbytery of Mr. Boyles, who was secretary of Stewardship. Mr. Taylor has given a great deal of time to this work, and his efforts deserve a finer co-operation on the part of our churches in sending in reports.

We recommend a year-round emphasis upon the principles of stewardship.

We recommend that the privileges of the family altar be brought to the attention of our people often from the pulpit, and in the pastoral care of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Warner H. DuBose, Chairman.

Religious Education

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Education wishes to submit our report in two sections: First, a report on Sabbath Schools; second, a report on Young People's Work.

(1) **Sabbath Schools**—There has been an increase of three in the number of schools; 573 increase in the total enrollment, and 19 increase in the number of pupils added to the church on confession of faith. It is with regret that we must report a decrease in benevolence gifts. All causes except the Bible Cause and Presbytery's Home Mission suffered a substantial decrease. There was also a decrease in total contributions of $935.

Almost all the schools in the Presbytery report more or less work done in memorizing the Bible, hymns, and catechisms. Twenty-eight daily vacation Bible schools were reported with a total enrollment of 1,667. All the schools reporting are evergreen except one. We wish to call attention to the fine extension work done by the Plumtree Church. This church reports six schools. Fifteen churches out of 51 reporting report two or more schools.

Recommendations

We recommend:

(1) That each church be urged to provide for at least one week of training for its Sabbath school workers, either under local, Presbyterial, or Synodical direction.

(2) That each school be urged to provide in its program for a special offering or offerings for Grandfather Orphanage.

(3) That pastors and sessions be urged to observe Rally Day, and to take an offering for the cause of Religious Education.

(4) That Presbytery give a place on the docket of its fall meetings for occasional popular discussions of religious education under the direction of the Committee on Religious Education.

(5) That the statistical report on Sabbath schools be printed in back of minutes.

D. C. Amick, Chairman for S. S.

(2) **Young People's Societies**—The statistical reports on Young People's Societies reveal the following interesting facts:

Twenty-two churches reported a total of fifty societies; the total membership was 1,450. Contributions to benevolences totaled $124; to current expenses, $320; miscellaneous contributions, $47; total of all contributions $491.

We recommend that churches anticipating the organization of their young people investigate the Presbyterian League, with a view to using its plans.

T. W. Clapp, for the Committee.

Union with the U. P. Church

The Committee on Assembly's Minutes, to which had been referred the matter of union with the United Presbyterian Church, offered its report, which was read and adopted as follows:

At the fall meeting of Presbytery, the basis of the union between our General Assembly and the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church was referred to your committee for consideration and report at the spring meeting of Presbytery.

We recommend, that the Presbytery of Holston consent to this union when in God's providence it can be consummated, and that the Stated Clerk of our Presbytery be authorized to advise the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of our action.

Respectfully submitted,

Warner DuBose, Chairman.

Educational Institutions

The following report of the Committee on Educational Institutions was read and adopted:

There has been referred to this committee the report of the superintendent of Lees-McRae College. We recommend the printing of this report in the minutes. *R. D. Carson, Chairman.*

Report of Lees-McRae College

April 14, 1930.

Gentlemen of the Presbytery:

We herewith submit the following report, including statistical data on the year's operation of Lees-McRae College. All reference to finances is based on fiscal year ending June 30, 1929.

Material Improvements

The plant and equipment have been increased by the amount of $41,-132.56. The endowment fund has grown by $872.82.

Enrollment

This year's enrollment has totaled 236. Of this number 77 per cent are high school students as compared to 71 per cent last year, 64 per cent the preceding year and 37 per cent the year before. Of this total enrollment 77 per cent are boarding students. By classes the enrollment is as follows: College students, 27; eleventh grade, 32; tenth grade, 46; ninth grade, 42; eighth grade, 61; seventh grade, 28. By denominations the enrollment is as follows: Presbyterians, 147; Methodists, 17; Baptists, 30; Christian, 2; Lutheran, 2; Holiness, 1; Episcopal, 2; members of no church, 35 (12 of this number have withdrawn).

Finances

The actual operating expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, amounted to $32,179.96. The following data as to the various sources of income are of interest:

	Per Cent
From students' fees	31
From gifts	26
From church collections	12
From investments	20
From other sources	11

For the church year ending March 31, 1930, the following items were received: From Holston Presbytery through the regular 6 per cent appropriation allotted Lees-McRae College, $1,037.13; from Assembly's Home Mission Committee as "special appropriation for Holston Presbytery," $1,200; from Concord Presbytery through the regular two per cent appropriation, $497.62. The total amount thus received through the budget apportionments was $2,734.75, as compared to $3,745.16 on the same date last year.

Since April 1st the following amounts ahve been received from the Central Treasurer, which, we judge, should have been accounted for during the church year, but were too late to be entered on our books: Holston Presbytery, $501.17; Concord Presbytery, $246.47.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar H. Tufts, Superintendent.

Report on Orphans' Home

The report of the Committee on Orphans' Home was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Orphans' Home submits the following report:

We find the work has made great progress in the past year in its building program, but is not continuing at present. Greater efficiency is being used in the management of the institution than ever before. Many recent improvements in the controlling and training of the children have been made. The work as a whole is progressing nicely.

Recommendations

(1) That W. L. Painter, the superintendent, be commended for the excellent work he is doing in the home.

(2) That Presbytery continue its gifts according to the present percentage of 4 per cent.

(3) That the churches continue to make the special Thanksgiving offering to the home.

(4) That those Sabbath schools which are not already doing so, be urged to allow the offering on each *first* Sunday go to the orphanage.

(5) That these two special offerings be sent as such to the home, and not be counted in the regular percentage offering thru the Presbytery's Central Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Smith, Chairman.

Auditing Committee Report

The report of the Committee on Auditing was read and adopted.

The Auditing Committee of Presbytery begs to submit that we have examined the reports and accounts of Rev. T. P. Johnston, Treasurer of the Presbytery; Mr. Frank Taylor, Treasurer of Home Missions of Holston Presbytery; and Mr. S. M. Holtsinger, Central Treasurer of Benevolences of Holston Presbytery, and also Treasurer of the Church and Manse Building League. We find these accounts and reports to be correct, and recommend their approval.

John S. Powers, Chairman.
R. Thos. Beaty.

Minutes of Presbytery

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Presbytery was read and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Presbytery's Minutes reports that it has examined the minutes of Presbytery, and finds that they are accurately and neatly kept.

J. I. Knight, Chairman.

Pastors' Salaries

The report of the Committee on Pastors' Salaries was read and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Pastors' Salaries submits the following report:

We find salaries reported unpaid by the following churches:

New Providence	$628.00
Buladean	33.00
Paint Gap	16.58

Estatoa	37.50
Russ Memorial	29.00
Harris Memorial	15.00
Plumtree	216.00
Grassy Creek	70.00

We recommend that the rules of the Presbytery apply to the churches which are behind in the salaries as listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

C. McCoy Franklin, Chairman.
Troy Young.

In accordance with the recommendation of the above report, the Home Mission churches were referred to the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee for investigation. A committee composed of the Rev. R. D. Carson and Ruling Elder A. B. Rogan was appointed to visit the New Providence Church to consult with them concerning the pastor's salary.

Nominations

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations would offer the following changes in the organization of the Presbytery:

Committee on Assembly's Home Missions: R. A. Brown be made chairman, Jno. W. Young in place of J. A. Messer.

Committee on Sessional Records: Roy Shortridge in place of J. A. Messer.

Trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association: Mr. Rod Armstrong be elected for a period of three years; Dr. J. R. Cunningham and Mr. Sam R. Sells be elected for a period of five years.

Trustees of Plumtree School for Boys: Rev. D. C. Amick, Mr Frank Taylor, Mr. Geo. C. Sells be elected for a period of three years.

Respectfully submitted,

E.G. Tomkinson, Chairman.

Statistical Report

The Stated Clerk offered the following summary of the statistics of the Presbytery, which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly:

Statistical Summary of Holston Presbytery

Ministers	33	Adult baptisms	385
Churches	52	Infant baptisms	85
Licentiates	1	Total S. S. enrollment	7,788
Candidates	10	Installations	2
Elders	223	Dissolutions	1
Deacons	216	Churches organized	1
Received on confession	525		
Received by certificate	267		
Whole No. of communicants	6,647		

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$12,704
Assembly's Home Mission	4,391
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	5,431
Religious Education and Publication	1,298
Assembly's Training School	213
Bible Cause	238
Synod's Work	3,011
Orphans' Home	3,606
Educational Institutions	10,028
Presbytery's Home Missions	12,203
Total to regular Benevolences	$53,123
Pastors' salaries paid direct	41,746
Current expenses	43,311
Congregational missions	1,848
Building expense	51,525
Miscellaneous	4,701
Total contributions to all causes	$196,254

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

Sessional Records

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read and adopted.

The Committee on Sessional Records were careful in reading all the sessional records, and find them to be in good order except as follows: Paint Gap—Meeting not opened with prayer. Russ Memorial—No dates on part of the records.

Respectfully submitted,

C. McCoy Franklin, Chairman.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief reported verbally discussing phases of the work of the Executive Committee, and offered the following recommendations which were adopted:

Recommendations

(1) That ministerial candidates Ruel Rash, J. E. McKinley, and William Whitlock be dropped from the roll, with the understanding that they may upon application be reinstated by action of Presbytery's Committee.

(2) That application be made for relief funds for our beneficiaries at the same rate as the past year, with authority granted to the committee to make changes upon discovery of changing needs during the year.

S. H. Hay, Chairman.

Men's Work

The report of the Committee on Men's Work was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Men's Work offers the following report:

Out of fifty-two churches in our Presbytery, only six report having any Men's Work. Four of these call themselves "the Men of the Church," using the Assembly's plan. The four organizations have a total membership of 180. The other two do not report membership, but report that they are working through other organizations in the church. Of the four making reports, their activities show a wide range of service which is very commendable.

We recommend:

(1) That pastors and elders continue the study of the Assembly's plan of Men's Work, and if the way be clear to adopt this or some similar plan to

enlist the men of the church in more enthusiastic service for the Master.

(2) That a popular meeting in the interest of Men's Work be held at the next spring meeting of the Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. Tomkinson, Chairman.

Women's Work

The Committee on Women's Work was read and adopted.

Your Committee would offer the following report:

The Presbytery of Holston is much encouraged over the splendid work done by our consecrated women as shown in these incomplete but heartening figures:

Gifts to Foreign Missions		$4,054
Assembly's Home Missions	1,079	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	320	
Religious Education	107	
Assembly's Training School	50	
Bible Cause	74	
Synod's Home Missions	342	
Orphans' Home	803	
Educational Institutions	1,195	
Presbytery's Home Missions	1,644	
Special Benevolences	471	
Total gifts to Benevolences		$10,139
Total gifts to local church work		6,180
Total gifts to miscellaneous		1,144
Total gifts		$17,463
Membership		1,678
Number of organizations reported on		24
Prayer bands		59
Mission study classes		39
Stewardship study classes		11
Organizations other than Auxiliaries		1

We call especial attention to the fine record of the Auxiliaries at Rogersville, Crossnore, and Kingsport, which rated 100 per cent in the "Standard of Excellence."

Respectfully submitted,

John C. B. McLaughlin, Chairman.

Bills and Overtures

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted, and is as follows:

We recommend that the following two overtures be sent to the General Assembly meeting at Charlottesville, Va.:

(1) The Presbytery of Holston overtures the General Assembly, meeting in Charlottesville, Va., to discontinue the Stewardship Department as such, and to assign its functions and duties to the Committee of Religious Education and Publication, requesting the management and editorial staff of this committee to include each month in the literature published by this committee instruction or messages or stories or other information bearing upon stewardship and missions.

(2) The Presbytery of Holston overtures the General Assembly in session at Charlottesville, Va., to make some provision for the promotional agencies of our church other than a tax upon the benevolences of our church, in order that the money given by our people may be used for the specific purposes for which it is given.

T. W. Clapp, Chairman.

The Presbytery took recess until 8 p. m.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8 p. m., with prayer by Mr. A. B. Rogan.

King College Glee Club

A very enjoyable song service was given by the King College Glee Club.

Popular Meeting for Home Missions

A popular meeting in the interest of Presbytery's Home Missions was held under the leadership of Mr. J. D. Faucette, the Chairman of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. The report of the Home Mission Committee was read by the Rev. W. K. Keys, Superintendent and Evangelist, and pending the adoption of the report the Presbytery was addressed by Rev. T. P. Johnston on the Value of Home Mission Work; Rev. Tilden Scherer on King and Stonewall Jackson Colleges and their needs. The report was adopted.

Report of Presbytery's Home Missions

The following report is presented to Holston Presbytery by the Home Missions Committee of the Presbytery regarding the work done during the church year ending March 31st, 1930:

It is our purpose to make this report as comprehensive and at the same time as brief as possible. If there are any facts which might be helpful to the people of our churches in enlisting and enlarging their interest in our Home Mission work we trust that the representatives to Presbytery will carry such facts back to the people.

Items of Special Interest

During the year certain transactions of the Home Missions Committee have been somewhat unusual and significant, and are listed below as items of special interest.

(1) After a long period of correspondence and conferences with representatives of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, a transfer of the mountain mission work in Cocke County, Tenn., was made from the Mountain Department of the Assembly's Committee to the Home Missions Committee of Holston Presbytery. This work is under our direction and oversight. The Atlanta Committee has made a special appropriation of a sum not to exceed $3,000 for the maintenance of this work under our direction. It is our purpose to emphasize the pastoral and evangelistic sides of the work in this field.

(2) Recently your committee purchased the building of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the mouth of Bad Creek known as Forbes Chapel for the sum of $678. This building is being completed, and will furnish a well equipped church home for our Russ Memorial work. This purchase and the completion of the building has been made possible thru the Graham legacy for the mission work at this point.

(3) During the year past one church has been organized—the Roan's Chapel in Mitchell County, N. C. This church now has an enrollment of 23.

(4) During the last six months of the past year the Banner Elk Church has been vacant following the resignation of the Rev. T. H. Spence as pastor. Since December your committee has coöperated in securing Dr. Robert Yost as supply for this church.

Summer Work

The largest summer program ever attempted in our Presbytery was carried out last summer and with gratifying results. Seminary students were employed in connections with the pastorates of Dr. R. D. Carson and Rev. D. H. Graham, and in the Meadow Creek field. These young men rendered fruitful ministries. Two full-time teams from the Training School—four young ladies—were employed in Vacation Bible School work. Some eight

or ten part-time workers also assisted in these schools. About twenty schools were held in our missions and country churches with large attendance and fine interest. Our program for the coming summer will have to be greatly reduced unless we are able to find special support for this type of work.

Sunday School and Community Work (Including Young People's Work).

The request was sent out at the end of the year to all the field workers for a real heart message about their work. The response has been both gratifying and inspiring. To those of us who know so much about the sacrificial service of these workers, and the small remuneration which they receive for their work financially, their unswerving devotion to their work, and self-denial in it, are wonderful. Through the long, dreary, rigorous winter they have stood by their posts. The Sunday School and Young People's work has been carried on in the face of every obstacle. Our aim of an evergreen Sunday school at every mission point has been almost attained. In every community sickness and physical distress has been present in an unusual degree, and our workers have played the Good Samaritan to many lives this year; and therein has the fullness of their joy been attained.

Vacancies

The fields which have been vacant a part or all of the past year are the Meadow Creek field the Cocke County field, the Micaville field, and the Banner Elk-Blowing Rock field. During the summer Mr. Charles Browning, of Union Seminary, supplied the Meadow Creek field, and since his leaving the Superintendent of Home Missions has supplied. The Cocke County field has been supplied since becoming vacant by Rev. D. C. Amick and men of the Newport and Morristown churches. Soon after the resignation of Rev. F. A. Barnes as supply for the Micaville group, Rev. F. S. Jones was secured for the field. He is fast winning the people to an enlarged interest in the Lord's work. Dr. Yost has been supplying the Banner Elk Church, and Mr. Keys the Blowing Rock Church. During the winter Rev. E. F. Camp was granted a leave of absence from the Newland group, and these churches were supplied for three months by Rev. H. F. Beaty. The Meadow Creek group has called Mr. Roy Shortridge, of the senior class, Union Seminary, Richmond, to their pastorate, and Mr. Shortridge has accepted, and will begin his ministry soon.

Buildings.

This has been a good building year in Holston Presbytery. The Meadow Creek Church was completed at an approximate cost of $12,000 and dedicated free of debt last September. The Pineola Church, costing about $6000, and fully equipped for all church activities, was finished. The Burbank Chapel, beautiful in its setting and structure, was used for worship a few weeks ago for the first time. A worker's cottage was built at Roan Valley. Improvements have been made on a number of churches and other buildings. Building programs now under way are the Reedy Creek Chapel, the Russ Memorial

Church, the Weaver's Church, community and Sunday school rooms at Paint Gap.

Finances.

It has been a rather lean year financially for the Home Mission work of Holston Presbytery. A special contribution which we had received for several years from the Franklin Street Church, Baltimore, was discontinued. The contributions of the churches of the Presbytery have been far under the amount the schedule of benevolences promises. Special gifts to our work have been few and small. We begin the new year with a cut of about $2,000 from the Assembly's Committee. It seems that the only hope for the continuance of our aggressive Home Mission work lies in a more loyal and liberal support of our work on the part of our own people.

Evangelism.

The year was richly blessed in the winning of souls and the enlarging of the churches in Home Mission realms. Almost every field reports substantial increases in church membership. It is evident from incomplete reports that about 350 members were added to those churches which received some Home Mission aid. This does not include the members received thru the chapels of the larger churches as a result of meetings held by Home Mission workers. During the year the Presbytery's evangelist held twelve evangelistic services within the Presbytery with 207 professions and 170 additions to the churches. Two meetings were held without the Presbytery with 45 professions and nearly as many additions.

All in all, the past year has been a good year, a blessed year in the Master's service in Holston Presbytery, and to Him would we give all the praise for the good which has been done.

Recommendations

(1) That Presbytery approve the work of the Home Missions Committee and authorize the continuance of this work along the lines already adopted.

(2) That each of the churches of the Presbytery be urged to keep the members informed about our Home Mission work, and that a special Presbytery's Home Mission Day be observed, if possible. That all the churches not contributing to this cause thru the regular channels be asked to take one special collection during the year for this cause.

(3) That all the churches and missions of the Presbytery be urged to hold evangelistic services during the year, and that the ministers of the Presbytery be used as much as possible in these meetings.

(4) That our Home Mission work be remembered especially in prayer at this meeting of Presbytery.

Superintendent and Evangelist

The report of the Superintendent and Evangelist, Rev. W. K. Keys, was received as information.

Report of Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist of Holston Presbytery

Period of March 12, 1929-Feb. 25, 1930

Sermons preached	248
Other addresses	12
Meetings held in Presbytery	12
Meetings outside Presbytery	2
Total professions	207
Total additions	167
Miles traveled	22,000
Miles charged to Committee	9,160
Expenses	$798.80
Collections	$244.44

New Bethel Male Quartet

The New Bethel male quartet favored the Presbytery with special music.

Letters of Sympathy

The Stated Clerk was requested to write letters of sympathy to the Rev. J. R. Cunningham, who recently lost his mother, and to the Rev. C. C. Carson, who continues ill. The Presbytery requested remembrance of the two ministers in the closing prayer.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Rev. E. G. Tomkinson was elected to preach the Presbyterial sermon at the fall meeting, the subject to be of his own choosing; the Rev. W. R. Smith to be his alternate.

Resolution of Thanks

A suitable resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted; after which the Presbytery adjourned with song and prayer, and the benediction by the Rev. S. H. Hay, to meet in stated session in the Vians Valley Church, Sept. 29, 1930, at 7:30 p. m. (eastern time.)

E. W. King, Moderator.
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

CHURCHES REPORTING SABBATH SCHOOLS	Number of Schools	MEMBERSHIP: Total Regular Pupils	Cradle Roll	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	Total Membership	Pupils Added to Church During Year	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS ($'s): Foreign Missions	Assembly's H. M.	Chris. Ed. & Min. Rel.	Pub. and S. S. Work	Assembly's Training School for L. W.	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Mis.	Orphans' Homes	Educational Instit'ns	Presbytery's H. M.	Current Expenses of School	Misc. Contributions	Total of all Contributions
Arcadia	1	40			4	44												12	3	15
Banner Elk	3	501	12		37	550		40										157		197
Bethel	1	82			8	90	5				12							30		42
Blountville	1	52			15	67									28			68	34	120
Blowing Rock	1	74			6	80									75			40		115
Bristol First	2	694	46		59	799	30				69				281			690	78	1118
Buladean	3	179	24	8	13	224	5	6			21				20			48		95
Cold Spring	2	115			15	130					33				34			128	31	226
Cove Creek	2	201			12	213	3				56							50		106
Crossnore	1	149	4		9	162	19				13				7			99	14	133
Ebenezer	1	98			5	103					4							42		46
Estatoa	1	40				40														
Grassy Creek	1	25			5	30														
Gray's Chapel	2	118			11	129	22				13							28		41
Harris Memorial	1	43	9		4	56		1	1						5			10		17
Hughes*																				
Johnson City First	3	1103	33	23	74	1243	8	81							48			1349		1478
Kingsport First	3	709	81	14	45	903	47	194	57	29	7	2	2	29	268	86	134	723	50	1581
Leesburg	1	68			7	75	11											24	1	34
Mason Creek	1	103			7	110														
Micaville	1	55			5	60												36		36
Mooresburg	1	28			2	30	1								13			15		28
Morristown	2	333	20		30	383	7	44	91	35	51	10	10	65	47	100	100	13	130	679
Mosby Creek	1	97		17	9	123	1	5							179		21	122	17	344
Mount Sterling	1	41			3	43												26		26
New Bethel	2	192				192									14			158		172
Newdale	1	21			3	25												9		9
Newland	3	173			17	193												130		130
Newport	1	135	21		20	176	2	5	7		15				35		51	196	94	433
New Providence	1	70			5	75	4								24			32	21	77
Paint Gap	1	161	14		8	183	17								6			67		73
Paperville*																				
Pineola	2	116			9	125	5											100		100
Plumtree	6	262			32	290					4				60			108		172
Providence	1	58			6	64	7				2				15			10		27
Pheatown*																				
Roan's Chapel	1	50	17		7	74	3											13	10	23
Rogersville	4	359	8	31	26	424		67	50		47				36			711	153	1034
Russellville	1	24			4	28												13		13
Rust Memorial	1	42			5	47	4											23	3	25
Rutledge	1	20			5	25	2											15		15
Shulls Mills*																				
Smoky Mountain	1	64			4	68												25		25
Spruce Pine	1	85	6		11	102	3				14				100			100	25	239
Strawberry Plains	1	72			7	79		6							16			71		93
Thomas Memorial	1	46				46							10		16			65	34	125
Vians Valley	1	48			6	54	1				10							26		36
Weavers†	1																			
White Pine*																				
Windsor Avenue	2	231	35	15	20	301	7				14				24			405		443
	71	7234	330	105	579	8259	287	449	206	64	385	12	22	94	1344	186	306	5987	697	9752

* No School. † Union School.

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MINUTES

OF

The Fall Meeting

OF

Holston Presbytery

IN THE

VIANS VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Toecane, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 29, 1930

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETINGS

Johnson City, Tennessee, June 10, 1930
Johnson City, Tennessee, June 26, 1930
Bristol, Tennessee, August 12, 1930

Time and Place of Next Meeting

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Jefferson City, Tennessee

April 20, 1931, 7:30 p. m.

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ORGANIZATION

Moderator—The Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., Banner Elk, N. C.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, Kingsport, Tenn.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist—The Rev. Walter K. Keys, Bristol, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, W. H. DuBose, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, E. G. Tomkinson; Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary and Treasurer;* H. E. Harris, A. B. Rogan; Deacon: Sam R. Sells.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report.

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, *Chairman*, and Rev. J. McC. Sieg.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. R. A. Brown, *Chairman*, and Rev John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. Tilden Scherer, Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. Warner H. DuBose, *Chairman Sunday Schools;* Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, *Chairman Young People's Societies;* Rev. T. W. Clapp.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., *Chairman;* Rev. Dan H. Graham.

7) *Stewardship*—Rev. R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary;* Rev. Roy L. Shortridge.

8) *Men's Work*—Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, *Chairman;* Rev. F. S. Jones. Elders: Geo. E. Stone, John S. Powers. Deacon: Geo. M. King.

9) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* Rev. McCoy Franklin.

10) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. W. C. Frierson, *Chairman*; Rev. F. S. Jones.

11) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman*; Rev. Robert Yost, Rev. T. P. Johnston.

12) *Orphans' Home*—Rev. T. W. Clapp, *Chairman*; Rev. R. A. Brown.

13) *Evangelism*—Rev. Dan Graham, *Chairman;* Rev. W. K. Keys, Rev. J. W. Young.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

John Wesley Combs.....Holston Valley, Tenn.
Geo. H. Ellis.....Bristol, Tenn.
Taft Franklin.....Crossnore, N. C.
Ben T. Harrop.....Bristol, Tenn.
Chas. W. Kernan..... Plumtree, N. C.
F. DeWolfe Miller III.....Stony Point, Tenn.
Wylie K. Mills.....Piney Flats, Tenn.
Orion W. Perrell..... Crossnore, N. C.
John Irvin Rhea, Jr.....Blountville, Tenn.
Chas. L. Stucky.....Plumtree, N. C.
Henry Willis.....Greenfield, Va.
John Yelton.....Shulls Mills, N. C.

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING LEAGUE

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Rev. D. C. Amick, *Treasurer*.....Newport, Tenn.

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14) *Sessional Records*—Rev. McCoy Franklin, *Chairman;* Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. Roy L. Shortridge.

15) *Vacancy and Supply, and Country Church*—Rev. W. K. Keys, *Chairman;* Rev. W. C. Young.

16) *Program*—The Stated Clerk and the pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, spring 1931.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Warner H. DuBose.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and the Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. P. Johnston, W. C. Frierson, and E. G. Tomkinson.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, W. R. Smith, Jr., and McCoy Franklin.

5) *Scripture Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To Confer with Trustees of Boone Fork Institute: Mr. Geo. C. Sells, *Chairman;* Rev. Walter K. Keys, Elder J. L. Gray.

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. T. P. Johnston. Elders J. E. Faucette, A. B. Rogan, J. A. Summers.

TRUSTEES

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. Geo. C. Sells, Arthur W. King, and John S. Powers.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—E. W. King, 1931; Jas. A. Summers, 1932; Rev. S. H. Hay, Rod Armstrong, 1933; F. H. Stinson, 1934; Rev. J. R. Cunningham, Sam R. Sells, 1935.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—E. B. Ward, D. R. Beeson, Rev. E. F. Camp, 1931; Rev. W. R. Smith, Rev. Warner H. DuBose, Chas. Hughes, 1932; Frank Taylor, Geo. C. Sells, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1933.

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MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

Persuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., at 11:00 a. m., June 10, 1930. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Elder E. W. King of the First Church, Bristol, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Robert Yost.

Enrollment

The following were present: Ministers—D. C. Amick, R. D. Carson, Robert Yost, W. R. Smith, J. R. Cunningham, E. G. Tomkinson, Warner H. DuBose, T. P. Johnston W. C. Young, S. H. Hay, and Licentiate Roy L. Shortridge. Ruling Elders—F. R. DeVault, Leesburg; E. W. King, Bristol First; J. E. Wardrep, Jefferson City First.

The following call was read and found in order:

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tenn., at 11:00 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, June 10, 1930, to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1) To act upon the resignation of Dr. John R. Cunningham as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol and to sever the pastoral relationship.

2) To complete any business growing out of the above items.

E. W. King, Moderator.

Courtesy

Elder B. G. Alexander, of Knoxville Presbytery, and Mr. H. G. Peabody were introduced to the Presbytery. Elder Alexander was invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Dr. Cunningham Resigns Pastorate

The Rev. J. R. Cunningham offered his resignation as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, and asked that the pastoral relation be dissolved, in order that he might accept the Presidency of the Louisville Theological Seminary of Kentucky. The Presbytery heard from the church thru its representatives,

reluctantly concurring with Dr. Cunningham in his request, and dissolved the relationship, to take effect July 1, 1930. Presbytery instructed the Stated Clerk to write a letter of commendation of Dr. Cunningham to the Trustees of Louisville Theological Seminary.

At the request of the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Presbytery appointed the Rev. Robert Yost moderator of the session of the Bristol First Church, in the interim between pastorates.

A request for prayer was made in behalf of the Rev. W. K. Keys, who is now ill. This request was complied with in the closing prayer of the Presbytery.

The minutes were read and adopted, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. D. Carson.

E. W. King, Moderator.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Holston met in called session in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tenn., at 11 a. m., on Thursday, June 26, 1930, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Warner H. DuBose, D. D. The following were present: Ministers—Warner H. DuBose, W. C. Frierson, W. R. Smith, Jr., and J. I. Knight. Ruling Elder—E. W. King, Bristol First. W. C. Frierson was elected clerk pro tem. The following call was read and found in order:

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tenn., at 11:00 o'clock a. m., Thursday, June 26, 1930, to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1) To act upon the resignation of Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., as pastor of Spruce Pine Presbyterian Church, Spruce Pine, N. C., and to sever the pastoral relationship.

2) To authorize Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., to act as stated supply of Blowing Rock Church until the fall meeting of Presbytery, if the way be clear.

3) To complete any business growing out of the above item.

E. W. King, Moderator.

Courtesy

Ruling Elders J. D. Faucette, Bristol First, and Edgar Tufts, Banner Elk, were invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Dissolution of Pastoral Relation Between Mr. Smith and the Spruce Pine Church

The Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., offered his resignation as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Spruce Pine, and presented his request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between the Spruce Pine Church and himself, in order that he might accept work as the director of religious activities with the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association at Banner Elk, and as stated supply at Blowing Rock. After hearing from the church through a written communication in which the congregation reluctantly concurred in the request, the pastoral relation was dissolved to take effect immediately.

Presbytery concurred with the request of the Blowing Rock Church in granting the Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., permission to give to the Blowing Rock Church one-fourth of his time as stated supply. Mr. Smith was given evangelistic powers to serve in any other field contiguous to his work.

The Clerk pro tem was instructed to notify the clerk of the session of the Spruce Pine Church of certain corrections in their letter of concurrence with the request of Mr. Smith regarding the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

The minutes were read and adopted, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Ruling Elder J. D. Faucette.

E. W. King, Moderator.
W. C. Frierson, Clerk pro tem.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Holston met in the First Church, Bristol, Tenn., on Tuesday, August 12, 1930, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

There were present: *Ministers*—Robert Yost, J. C. B. McLaughlin, J. I. Knight, R. A. Brown. *Elders*—F. S. Thomas of the Cold Spring Church, and E. W. King, Bristol First.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the moderator, Elder E. W. King, and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. A. Brown.

The Rev. M. A. Chappell, of Presbytery of Havana, Synod of N. J., was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

In absence of the Stated Clerk, the Rev. W. R. Smith was elected to act as clerk.

The call for the meeting was read and found in order and is as follows:

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery in the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tenn., at 10:00 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, August 12, 1930, to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1) To act upon the resignation of the Rev. J. I. Knight as pastor of the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, Holston Valley, Tenn., and to sever the pastoral relationship.

2) To complete any business growing out of the above item.

E. W. King, Moderator.

Dismission of Rev. J. I. Knight

Rev. J. I. Knight offered his resignation as pastor of the Cold Spring Church and requested that the pastoral relationship be dissolved, to become effective August 20, 1930. The church was represented by Elder F. S. Thomas, who reported that the church reluctantly concurred with Mr. Knight's request. The pastoral relation was dissolved and Mr. Knight was granted a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of Wilmington. Presbytery requested that Stated Clerk write a letter of commendation to the Presbytery of Wilmington, and send it with the letter of dismission.

Presbytery appointed the Rev. Robert Yost to declare the pulpit vacant, and to supply the pulpit till the fall meeting of Presbytery.

Resolutions

Presbytery ordered that a copy of the following resolutions from the Cold Spring Church be embodied in the minutes:

Be it resolved, 1st, that these resolutions be adopted by the members of the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, and that a copy of them be included in the minutes of the session.

Be it resolved, 2nd, that the membership of this church herein expresses its appreciation of the services and character of its outgoing pastor; appreciation of his high type of character and thoroughly Christian attitude.

Be it resolved, 3rd, that the members of this church do herein express their deep and sincere regret at the departure of their highly respected and truly admired pastor and his family. The church realizes, however, that God works in a wondrous way, and His calls are not to be ignored, nor His wisdom questioned.

Be it resolved, 4th, that the members of this church do unanimously and whole-heartedly unite in praying God's most opulent blessing and benignity on Reverend Knight and his family in their new field.

Be it resolved, lastly, that the church commends its departing pastor in deepest love and well wishes to the Mt. Olivet Church, praying God's blessing alike for both church and pastor in their future work.

Nat Thomas,
E. D. Darter,
John W. Combs,
Resolutions Committee.

The minutes were read and adopted, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. M. A. Chappell.

E. W. King, Moderator.
W. R. Smith, Acting Clerk.

FALL MEETING

Toecane, N. C., September 29, 1930.

The one hundred and fifteenth session of Holston Presbytery met in the Vians Valley Presbyterian Church, Toecane, N. C., beginning September 29, 1930, at 7:30 p. m. The Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, Elder E. W. King, of the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., and was opened with prayer by the Rev. R. A. Brown.

Enrollment

The following were present: *Ministers*—D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, E. F. Camp (2), R. D. Carson (2), T. W. Clapp, W. H. DuBose (2), McCoy Franklin, W. C. Frierson, Dan H. Graham, S. H. Hay, H. H. Thompson, Thos. P. Johnston, F. S. Jones, W. R. Smith, E. G. Tomkinson, John W. Young, W. C. Young, Roy Shortridge, C. W. Kernan. *Ruling Elders*—Arcadia, S. A. Newland; Blountville, Rhea Anderson; Bristol First, E. W. King; Buladean, J. M. Butler; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Johnson City First, John Whisnant (2); Micaville, Troy Young; Meadow Creek, Robert Rupert; New Bethel, J. F. Gross; Newdale, R. L. Young; Plumtree, Fred Burleson (2); Russellville, E. H. Moore; Roan's Chapel, B. S. Young; Spruce Pine, J. A. Steele (2); Thomas Memorial, W. H. Dettor.

Organization

The Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., was elected moderator by acclamation. The Rev. T. P. Johnston was elected stated clerk, and the Rev. W. C. Young permanent clerk, both for a term of three years.

Program

The Program Committee offered the following report, which was adopted:

Monday, Sept. 29, 1930

7.30 p. m. Presbytery opened with prayer.
Organization: Moderator, Stated and Permanent Clerks.
Report of Program Committee.
Opening sermon by the Rev. Chas. W. Kernan.
Presbyterial Communion.
Ordination of the Rev. Chas. W. Kernan.
Business session until adjournment.

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 1930

8.30 a. m. Devotional services, led by the Rev. H. H. Thompson.
9.00 a. m. Business session.
10.00 a. m. Report of Foreign Mission Committee, Rev. W. C. Young, Chairman.
Address by the Rev. J. Harper Brady of our Japan Mission.
Business session.
12.00 m. Recess for lunch.
1.30 p. m. Business session.
2.00 p. m. Conference on Presbytery's Home Missions, Mr. J. D. Faucette, Chairman, presiding.
4.30 p. m. Business session until adjournment.

Troy Young.
Thos. P. Johnston.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon, at the request of the retiring moderator, Elder E. W. King, of Bristol, was preached by Candidate Chas. W. Kernan, from the text Psalms 90:1, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations."

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick and R. L. Shortridge, assisted by the following elders: E. H. Moore, Russellville; S. A. Newland, Arcadia; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek, and B. S. Young, Roan's Chapel.

Courtesy

The Rev. Messrs. H. H. Thompson, D. D., of Louisiana Presbytery, and J. H. Brady, of Concord Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brothers.

Ordination of Mr. Chas. W. Kernan

Candidate Chas. W. Kernan presented himself for ordination to the Gospel ministry. He was examined on Theology, the Sacraments, and Church Government, which examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

The Thesis, on "What Is Prayer?" was received and approved as a satisfactory part of trial.

The Exegisis, on the "Beatitudes," was received and approved as a satisfactory part of trial.

The Popular Lecture, on the "Seventh Commandment," was received and approved as a satisfactory part of trial.

The opening sermon of the Presbytery was made the ordination sermon, and approved as a satisfactory part of trial.

The examinations were sustained as a whole, and his diplomas from Hampden-Sidney College and Union Theological Seminary accepted in lieu of examination on other secular and religious subjects.

After answering the constitutional questions in the affirmative, Mr. Kernan was ordained to the Gospel ministry, by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, the ordination prayer being offered by the Rev. S. H. Hay. Mr. Kernan was ordained as an evangelist, and powers were given him to preach the Word, to administer the sacraments, to receive members in churches where there is no session, and to act as moderator of sessions at their invitation.

A charge was delivered to Rev. C. W. Kernan by the Rev. Dan H. Graham, after which Mr. Kernan was enrolled and directed to sign the customary obligation.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

1) Bills and Overtures: E. W. King and T. W. Clapp.
2) Minutes of Presbytery: Frank Jones and W. H. Dettor.
3) Minutes of the Assembly: McCoy Franklin and John F. Gross.
4) Nominations: T. P. Johnston and E. G. Tomkinson.
5) Resolution of Thanks: W. C. Frierson and J. L. Gray.

The following elders were appointed on Permanent Committees for this meeting:

Foreign Missions: J. M. Butler.
Sabbath and Family Religion: S. A. Newland.
Bible Cause: W. H. Dettor.
Stewardship: Rhea Anderson and E. H. Moore.
Evangelism: Rhea Anderson.
Vacancy and Supply: Troy Young.

Communications

A communication from the Assembly's Home Mission Committee was received, and referred to the Permanent Committee on Assembly's Home Missions.

A communication from the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was received, and referred to the Permanent Committee of Foreign Missions.

A communication from the Assembly's Committee on Country Church Work was received, and referred to the Permanent Committee on Country Church.

A communication concerning the Presbyterian Foundation was received, and referred to the Rev. T. P. Johnston.

A communication from the *Christian Observer* was read, and received as information.

Resignation of Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin

The Rev. J. C. B. McLaughlin offered his resignation as pastor of the New Providence Church, and requested a certificate of dismission to Fayetteville Presbytery. The New Providence Church having been heard from, in an official communication

concurring with the pastor, the pastoral relationship was dissolved and the certificate of dismission granted.

Ordination and Installation of the Rev. R. L. Shortridge

The report of the commission to ordain and install the Rev. R. L. Shortridge pastor of the Meadow Creek Church was read and approved, and the commission discharged.

Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Licentiate Roy L. Shortridge as Pastor of the Meadow Creek Church.

The commission met at the Meadow Creek Church, July 6, at 11:00 a. m., on the day appointed by the Presbytery and the church. The commission convened with the session of the church in the Sunday school room. In the absence of Rev. Walter K. Keys on account of illness, the commission was called to order by Rev. D. C. Amick and opened with prayer by Rev. Dan H. Graham.

Present: Rev. D. C. Amick, Rev. Dan H. Graham, Rev. J. I. Knight and Elder R. P. Barnett of Newport.

Rev. J. I. Knight was designated to preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. D. C. Amick to act as clerk.

Rev. F. E. Clark, D. D., of Abingdon Presbytery, was invited to sit with the commission as a visiting brother and to make the ordination prayer.

The commission then adjourned to the auditorium of the church where ordination and installation took place.

The Rev. Dan H. Graham preached a forceful sermon on the text II Tim. 2:3.

The Rev. J. I. Knight propounded the constitutional questions for ordination and installation to Licentiate Shortridge and to the congregation of the Meadow Creek Church, which were answered satisfactorily.

Then Mr. Roy L. Shortridge was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the laying on of hands by the Presbytery. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. F. E. Clark.

A charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. D. C. Amick and a charge to the people by Elder R. P. Barnett.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Roy L. Shortridge. The commission then adjourned to the Sunday school room, where the minutes were read and adopted. The commission adjourned with prayer.

J. I. Knight, Moderator.
D. C. Amick, Clerk.

Statistical Report to Synod

The statistical report of the Presbytery to the Synod of Appalachia was received and ordered printed in the minutes.

The Presbytery of Holston respectfully reports to the Synod of Appalachia in session in the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Tenn., September 16, 1930, as follows:

Holston Presbytery has 52 churches and 34 ministers; 10 candidates for the ministry, 223 ruling elders, 216 deacons, and 6,647 communicants. There were added to the rolls on examination 525 new members, and by certificate 267, a total of 792. The total Sunday school enrollment is 7,788.

Candidate received: April 15, 1930, Roy L. Shortridge from Abingdon Presbytery.

Candidates dropped from the roll: April 15, 1930, Messrs. J. E. McKinley, William Whitlock and Ruel Rash.

Licensure: April 15, 1930, Candidate Roy L. Shortridge.

Ordination: July 6, 1930, Licentiate Roy L. Shortridge.

Ministers received: Oct. 8, 1929, Rev. Frank S. Jones from Kanawha Presbytery, and the Rev. J. McC. Sieg from Union Presbytery, U. S. A.

Installation: July 6, 1930, Rev. Roy L. Shortridge at Meadow Creek Church.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved: June 10, 1930, Rev. J. R. Cunningham and the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tenn.; June 26, 1930, Rev. W. R. Smith and the First Presbyterian Church of Spruce Pine, N. C.; August 20, 1930, Rev. J. I. Knight and the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church.

Minister Dismissed: August 20, 1930, Rev. J. I. Knight to the Presbytery of Wilmington.

Church Organized: Sept. 7, 1929, Roan's Chapel, Bakersville, N. C., R. F. D. (Reported to Presbytery after the 1929 meeting of Synod.)

Church name changed: April 15, 1930, Mossy Creek to "First Presbyterian Church of Jefferson City, Tennessee."

Ministers Deceased: None.

Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

It was made the first order of the morning session to receive candidates and new ministers.

The Presbytery adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. C. W. Kerman, to meet Tuesday at 8:30 a. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:30 a. m. The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. H. H. Thompson, of Louisiana Presbytery, who spoke from the second chapter of Mark, concerning the healing of the paralytic.

The minutes of last night's session were read and adopted.

There were added, for this meeting of the Presbytery, the Rev. R. A. Brown to the Committee of Vacancy and Supply and Country Church, and Elder Rhea Anderson to the Committee on Stewardship.

The printed minutes of the spring meeting were distributed.

The minutes of called meetings held since the spring meeting were read for information.

Reception of the Rev. H. H. Thompson

A motion was passed to examine the Rev. H. H. Thompson with a view to receiving him, pending the reception of his letter of dismission. After the customary examination, Dr. Thompson was received and enrolled, and directed to sign the customary obligation, pending the reception of his letter by the Stated Clerk.

The following commission was appointed to pass on the call and to install the Rev. H. H. Thompson as pastor of the First Church, Bristol, the time and assignments of parts to be left with the commission: The Rev. Messrs. Robert Yost, R. A. Brown, and T. P. Johnston, and Elder Rhea Anderson, of the Blountville Church.

Reception of Candidates

Mr. Wylie K. Mills presented a testimonial from the session of the New Bethel Church, and, after the customary examination, was received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. The charge to Mr. Mills was delivered by the Rev. R. D. Carson, and the prayer was offered by the Rev. T. P. Johnston.

The session of the Crossnore Church recommended Mr. Orion W. Perrell as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. His examination having been conducted by Concord Presbytery, and certified as satisfactory by the Stated Clerk, was accepted as satisfactory by Holston Presbytery, and he was received under the care of the Presbytery.

Popular Meeting for Foreign Missions

A popular meeting for Foreign Missions was held, with the Rev. W. C. Young, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions, presiding. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. J. H. Brady, of our Japan Mission. The recommendations were considered seriatim and adopted, except that the first recommendation was referred to the Committee on Stewardship, and the report, as amended, adopted.

Report of Committee of Foreign Missions

Your committee calls the attention of the Presbytery to the serious financial condition of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

For two and one-half years receipts for the regular work of the Executive Committee have been steadily decreasing. Last year the receipts were the smallest in seven years. Up to Sept. 1st of this church year, the receipts were $12,222.37 less than the corresponding part of the last church year. This falling off in receipts becomes more serious when we consider:

1) That the cost of everything that enters into Foreign Mission Work has risen 25 per cent.

2) The most urgent need of our mission stations for more missionaries, doctors, nurses, and equipment.

3) That a very drastic cut in our Foreign Mission force must be made before April 1, 1931, unless the church people rally to the help of the committee with increased offerings.

Recommendations

We recommend:

1) That the percentage for Foreign Missions in the Presbytery's budget be raised to 25 per cent—the percentage recommended last year by the Synod's Committee on Stewardship.

2) That our churches be urged to make supplemental offerings, in January, for Foreign Missions, as requested by the Assembly's Work Committee.

3) That the Congress on World Missions, to be convened in Chattanooga, Feb. 16, 1931, be commended to our churches, and that they be asked to send delegates.

4) That the appreciation of the Presbytery be expressed to the Rev. J. H. Brady, for his interesting and instructive address.

5) That an offering for Foreign Missions be taken by the Presbytery, and sent to the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Young, Chairman.

A free will offering for Foreign Missions, amounting to $24.28, was made by the Presbytery.

Courtesy

The Rev. P. D. Miller, of Athens Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother and the Program Committee requested to give him a place on the program.

The privilege of the floor was granted permanently to the Chairman of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee.

Special Committee for New Providence Church

The Rev. R. D. Carson made a report for the Special Committee appointed to visit the New Providence Church, which was received and the committee discharged.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Presbytery accepted, by a rising vote, the invitation of the First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, for the spring meeting, to convene Monday, April 20, 1931, at 7:30 p.m., Central time.

A communication from the Director of Country Church Work was read and referred to the Committee on Presbytery's Home Missions.

Nominations of Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following were nominated as commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers—Principals: Rev. T. W. Clapp and Rev. J. W. Young; alternates: Rev. R. D. Carson and Rev. E. F. Camp. Elders—Principals: E. H. Moore, Russellville; J. D. Hasson, Morristown; alternates: W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial; Robert Rupert, Meadow Creek.

Presbyterian Foundation

The Rev. T. P. Johnston made a verbal statement concerning the Presbyterian Foundation, which was received as information.

Reports of Commissioners

The reports of the commissioners to the last General Assembly, the Rev. Messrs. J. I. Knight and McCoy Franklin, and Elders John F. Gross, of New Bethel, and George E. Stone, Kingsport, were made to the Presbytery, and approved, and the diligence of the commissioners commended.

Sabbath and Family Religion

The report of the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Recognizing the need of more consecrated Christian homes, your committee recommends that a sermon be preached at the spring meeting of Presbytery on the subject "The Christian's Duty in the Home" or "The Need of a Family Altar," and that Dr. Robert Yost be appointed to preach the sermon, with Dr. T. P. Johnston as the alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. B. McLaughlin, Chairman.

Vacancy and Supply

The report of the Committee on Vacancy and Supply was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Vacancy and Supply would submit the following report:

The vacant fields in Holston Presbytery at this time are Banner Elk, Spruce Pine, Grassy Creek, New Providence, Paperville.

The committee has corresponded with the above fields regarding the securing of pastors, and hope that they may soon be supplied.

We recommend that the following ministers be authorized to moderate the sessions, and act as stated supply in the following fields:

Rev. F. S. Jones—Micaville, Newdale, Paint Gap, Estatoa.
Rev. Jno. W. Young—Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial, Roan's Chapel.
Rev. T. W. Clapp—Plumtree and Hughes.
Rev. W. C. Young—Salem, Leesburg, Mooresburg, Providence.
Rev. Dan H. Graham—Weavers.
Rev. W. R. Smith—Blowing Rock.
Rev. C. W. Kernan—Bethel, Ebenezer, Smoky Mountain, Mt.Sterling.

We further recommend that at the spring meeting of Presbytery a discussion be held on "Making Changes in Pastorates" in connection with the report of this committee.

W. C. Young.
R. A. Brown.

The Presbytery took recess until 1:30 p. m. after prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 p. m. and was opened with prayer by the Rev. T. W. Clapp.

Country Church Work

The report of the Committee on Country Church was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Country Church Work makes the following recommendations to the Presbytery:

1) That special attention be given to evangelism this next year, including surveys, personal evangelism, cottage prayer meetings, and at least one evangelistic meeting in each church.

2) That emphasis be laid upon leadership training, especially among the young people.

3) That all the town and country churches be urged to use the Assembly's standard for village and country churches.

4) That May 10th be designated as Rural Life Sunday, with appropriate programs and special prayers for our town and country churches.

5) That the use of country church libraries obtainable from the Department of Country Church Work, Box 1176, Richmond, Va., be commended to our rural churches.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Young, Acting Chairman.

Evangelism

The following report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and adopted:

Report on Evangelism

Twenty-nine meetings were reported held in the Presbytery. It is impossible, however, to get an accurate report on the number of accessions to the church since last fall. There were 525 additions on profession of faith and 267 by certificate during the year ending March 31, 1930, showing a considerable decrease from last year. It took over eleven members to win one.

We recommend:

1) That each pastor try to hold a meeting in each church and mission point and try to open up new work during the coming year in adjacent territory.

2) That the ministers who are requested to hold meetings in Home Mission churches try by all means to do so.

3) That a conference on evangelism be arranged at some central point this fall or winter, to discuss the winning of souls. That a committee of three ministers and two elders be appointed to secure a speaker, arrange program, time and place.

4) That the Presbytery be urged to pray for those who have made professions during the year, and that a deep and pungent conviction of sin be sent upon this country.

5) That the Presbytery offer prayer for the Rev. Walter K. Keys, our Superintendent and Evangelist, in his present illness.

Dan H. Graham, Chairman.

Committee on Evangelistic Conference

The Moderator appointed the following committee to arrange for the evangelistic conference: the Rev. Messrs. Dan Graham, R. D. Carson, T. P. Johnston; Elders Rhea Anderson, of Blountville, and J. Fred Johnson, of Kingsport.

Minutes of the Assembly

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was read and adopted:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly would make the following report: We call the attention of the Presbytery to the report of the Stewardship Committee; also to the recommendations of the Committee

on Foreign Missions. November has been set apart by the General Assembly as Home Mission month, with the same recommendations as for Foreign Missions in January.

Respectfully submitted,

McCoy Franklin, Chairman.

Bible Cause

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted, and is as follows:

The American Bible Society is continuing its fine work in publishing and distributing the Holy Scriptures. The whole Bible or parts thereof have been translated into over 800 languages and dialects.

We recommend that the churches of the Presbytery be urged to observe Bible Sunday, if they have not already done so, and that a sermon on the Word of God be preached on that day.

Committee.

Nominations

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Nominations

We recommend that the following changes be made in the committees of the Presbytery:

1) Presbytery's Home Missions: R. D. Carson in place of J. R. Cunningham; H. H. Thompson in place of W. R. Smith; A. B. Rogan in place of W. W. Hufford; E. G. Tomkinson be added to this committee.

5) Religious Education: W. H. DuBose be made chairman in place of D. C. Amick; C. W. Kernan be made chairman of Y. P. Societies in place of W. C. Frierson.

6) Bible Cause: W. R. Smith be made chairman in place of J. I. Knight.

7) Stewardship: R. D. Carson be made chairman in place of W. H. DuBose. Roy Shortridge be added to this committee.

8) Men's Work: E. G. Tomkinson be made chairman in place of J. R. Cunningham. F. S. Jones be added to this committee.

9) Sabbath and Family Religion: W. C. Frierson be made chairman in place of J. C. B. McLaughlin.

11) Educational Institutions: H. H. Thompson in place of R. D. Carson as chairman of this committee.

12) Orphans' Home: T. W. Clapp be made chairman in place of W. R. Smith.

14) Sessional Records: C. W. Kernan in place of W. C. Frierson.

Examining Committees

2) Name changed to "Theology and Thesis." Rev. H. H. Thompson in place of J. R. Cunningham.

Committees 4, 5, 6, and 7 be dissolved, and in their place there be added committees as follows:

4) Popular Lecture: The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, W. R. Smith, Jr., and McCoy Franklin.

5) Scripture Exegesis: The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

T. P. Johnston.
E. G. Tomkinson.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that nothing had come into their hands.

Minutes of Presbytery

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Presbytery was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Presbytery's Minutes reports that it has examined the minutes of Presbytery, and finds that they are accurately and neatly kept.

Frank S. Jones, Chairman.

Stewardship

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read. Its recommendations were considered seriatim and adopted, and the report as a whole adopted.

Your Committee on Stewardship would make the following report:

The Synod has apportioned $52,000 plus to Holston Presbytery. We recommend:

1) That the Presbytery accept this amount, and that the Stewardship Committee be instructed to apportion this amount among the churches on the most equitable basis.

[Clerk's Note: The following apportionments have been supplied by the Stewardship Committee, and are given here for information:]

Apportionments

Arcadia	$ 200
Banner Elk	600
Bethel	25
Blountville	800

Blowing Rock	150
Bristol First	13,000
Buladean	100
Cold Spring	700
Cove Creek	100
Crossnore	400
Ebenezer	25
Estatoa	50
Grassy Creek	40
Gray's Chapel	25
Harris Memorial	50
Hughes	25
Johnson City First	13,000
Kingsport	4,000
Leesburg	275
Meadow Creek	150
Micaville	100
Mooresburg	125
Morristown	10,000
Jefferson City	1,000
Mt. Sterling	25
New Bethel	250
Newdale	50
Newland	150
Newport	900
New Providence	250
Paint Gap	50
Paperville	50
Pineola	125
Plumtree	125
Providence	50
Rheatown	150
Roan's Chapel	25
Rogersville	4,000
Russelville	125
Russ Memorial	50
Rutledge	300
Salem	50
Shull's Mills	25
Smoky Mountain	25
Spruce Pine	600
Strawberry Plains	100
Thomas Memorial	200
Vian's Valley	25

Weavers	75
White Pine	50
Windsor Avenue, Bristol	800

2) That the percentages of the schedule for distribution for the present year be adopted for the distribution of these funds the coming year, viz:

	Per Cent	*Per Cent*
Assembly Causes:		
Foreign Missions	23.5	
Assembly's Home Missions	12.	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	6.	
Religious Education	1.5	
Assembly's Training School	.5	
Bible Cause	.5	44
Synod's Causes:		
Home Missions (Synod's Work)	6.	
Educational Institutions	12.	18
Presbytery's Causes:		
Home Missions	28.	
Grandfather Orphans' Home	4.	
Lees-McRae College	6.	38
Total per centage		100

3) That the office of Secretary of Stewardship and of Central Treasurer of Benevolences be combined, and that the Rev. D. C. Amick be elected to the combined office at a salary of $300 a year and office expenses, to be paid from the funds of the Treasurer of Presbytery.

4) That Presbytery express its appreciation to Messrs. S. M. Holtsinger and Frank Taylor for the work they have so graciously done before the above combination of these offices.

R. D. Carson.
Rhea Anderson.

Popular Meeting for Home Missions

The Presbytery held a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions, with Mr. J. D. Faucette, Chairman of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, presiding.

Addresses were made by the Rev. Messrs. McCoy Franklin, T. W. Clapp, E. F. Camp, W. R. Smith, Frank Jones, C. W. Kernan, J. W. Young, Roy Shortridge; the Misses Daisy Thrift, Emma Milburn, Osma Newton, Lucy Abrams, and Bessie West; and Messrs. Marshall Abrams, Troy Young, and J. L. Gray.

The Rev. P. D. Miller, Educational Secretary of the A
sembly's Home Mission Committee, addressed the Presbyte
on the Work of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee.

Mr. Howard Hubbauer and Mrs. Ingle, of the Blowi
Rock Church, were granted the privilege of the floor, to tell
plans of the Blowing Rock Church.

Resolution of Thanks

A suitable resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vo

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted, af
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City, Monday April 20, 1931, at 7:30 p. m., Central time.

W. R. Smith, *Moderator.*
Thos. P. Johnston, *Stated Clerk.*
W. C. Young, *Permanent Clerk.*

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The Rev. P. D. Miller, Educational Secretary of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, addressed the Presbytery on the Work of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee.

Mr. Howard Holshouser and Mrs. Ingle, of the Blowing Rock Church, were granted the privilege of the floor, to tell of plans of the Blowing Rock Church.

Resolution of Thanks

A suitable resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted, after which the Presbytery adjourned, with song and prayer, to meet in stated meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, Monday April 20, 1931, at 7:30 p. m., Central time.

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ORGANIZATION

Moderator—The Rev. Dan H. Graham, Blountville, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, Kingsport, Tenn.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Superintendent of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tennessee.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, W. H. DuBose, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, E. G. Tomkinson; Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary and Treasurer;* H. E. Harris, A. B. Rogan; Deacon: Sam R. Sells.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, *Chairman*, and Rev. J. McC. Sieg.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. R. A. Brown, *Chairman*, and Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. Tilden Scherer, Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. Warner H. DuBose, *Chairman Sunday Schools;* Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, *Chairman Young People's Societies;* Rev. T. W. Clapp.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., *Chairman;* Rev. Dan H. Graham.

7) *Stewardship*—Rev. R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary;* Rev. Roy L. Shortridge.

8) *Men's Work*—Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, *Chairman;* Rev. F. S. Jones. Elders: Geo. E. Stone, John S. Powers. Deacon: Geo. M. King.

9) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* Rev. McCoy Franklin.

10) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. W. C. Frierson, *Chairman;* Rev. F. S. Jones.

11) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman;* Rev. Robert Yost, Rev. T. P. Johnston.

12) *Orphans' Home*—Rev. T. W. Clapp, *Chairman;* Rev. R. A. Brown.

13) *Evangelism*—Rev. Dan Graham, *Chairman;* Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

14) *Sessional Records*—Rev. McCoy Franklin, *Chairman;* Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. Roy L. Shortridge.

15) *Vacancy and Supply, and Country Church*—Rev. John Martin, *Chairman*; Rev. W. C. Young.

16) *Program*—The Stated Clerk and the pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. Rev. T. W. Clapp, fall 1931.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Warner H. DuBose.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and the Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. P. Johnston, W. C. Frierson, and E. G. Tomkinson.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, W. R. Smith, Jr., and McCoy Franklin.

5) *Scripture Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

PERMANENT COMMISSION ON VACANCY AND SUPPLY

Mr. J. D. Faucette, Rev. T. P. Johnston, 1932; Rev. R. D. Carson, Rev. Jno. Martin, 1933; Mr. A. B. Rogan, Rev. Warner DuBose, 1934.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To Confer with Trustees of Boone Fork Institute: Mr. Geo. C. Sells, *Chairman*; Rev. John Martin, Elder J. L. Gray.

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. T. P. Johnston. Elders J. E. Faucette, A. B. Rogan, J. A. Summers.

Orphans' Home Program—Rev. T. P. Johnston, *Chairman;* Rev. H. H. Thompson, Rev. R. D. Carson, Mr. Sam R. Sells, Mr. L. H. Corbett.

TRUSTEES

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. Geo. C. Sells, Arthur W. King, and John S. Powers.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Jas. A. Summers, 1932; Rev. S. H. Hay, Rod Armstrong, 1933; F. H. Stinson, 1934; Rev. H. H. Thompson, Sam R. Sells, 1935; E. W. King, 1936.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Rev. W. R. Smith, Rev. Warner H. DuBose, Chas. Hughes, 1932; Frank Taylor, Geo. C. Sells, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1933; E. B. Ward, D. R. Beeson, Rev. E. F. Camp, 1934.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

Geo. H. Ellis	Bristol, Tenn.
Robert D. Earnest	Chucky, Tenn.
Taft Franklin	Crossnore, N. C.
F. DeWolfe Miller III	Stony Point, Tenn.
Wylie K. Mills	Piney Flats, Tenn.
Orion W. Perrell	Crossnore, N. C.
John Irvin Rhea, Jr.	Blountville, Tenn.
Chas. L. Stucky	Plumtree, N. C.
Henry Willis	Greenfield, Va.
John Yelton	Shulls Mills, N. C.

CLERKS OF SESSIONS OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

Church	*Clerk*	*Address*
Arcadia	S. A. Newland	Indian Springs, Tenn.
Banner Elk	F. H. Stinson	Banner Elk, N. C.
Bethel	Rev. C. W. Kernan	Newport, Tenn.
Blountville	Rhea Anderson	Blountville, Tenn.
Blowing Rock	W. L. Holshouser	Blowing Rock, N. C.
Bristol First	W. A. Tanner	Bristol, Tenn.
Buladean	Jesse Bennett	Buladean, N. C.
Cold Spring	C. D. Thomas	Emmett, Tenn.
Cove Creek	J. L. Gray	Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Crossnore	E. H. Sloop	Crossnore, N. C.
Ebenezer	A. J. Corn	Del Rio, Tenn.
Estatoa	A. M. Patton	Celo, N. C.
Gray's Chapel	J. L. Gray	Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Grassy Creek	T. S. Greenlea	Mt. Mitchell, N. C.
Harris Memorial	R. A. Peak	Toledo, N. C.
Hughes	Brown Hughes	Hughes, N. C.
Jefferson City First	J. E. Wardrep	Jefferson City, Tenn.
Johnson City First	W. F. Davis,	Johnson City, Tenn.
Kingsport First	W. W. Hufford	Kingsport, Tenn.
Leesburg	F. R. DeVault	Greeneville, Tenn., R. F. D.
Micaville	Rev. F. S. Jones	Micaville, N. C.
Meadow Creek	Robert Rupert	Greeneville, Tenn. R. 14
Mooresburg	F. M. Summers	Mooresburg, Tenn., R. F. D.
Morristown First	J. N. Fisher	Morristown, Tenn.
Mt. Sterling	Rev. C. W. Kernan	Newport, Tenn.
New Bethel	Jno. F. Gross	Piney Flats, Tenn.
Newdale	Dexter Cox	Newdale, N. C.
Newland	Charlie Hughes	Newland, N. C.
Newport	H. C. Alexander	Newport, Tenn.

New Providence	Sam P. Miller	Rogersville, Tenn. R. 4
Paint Gap	J. W. Holcomb	Paint Gap, N. C.
Paperville	R. P. Carmack	Bristol, Tenn., R. 2
Pineola	E. C. Robbins	Pineola, N. C.
Plumtree	F. L. Burleson	Spear, N. C.
Providence	S. B. Morelock	Limestone, Tenn., R. F. D.
Rheatown	Nic P. Earnest	Chucky, Tenn.
Roan's Chapel	B. S. Young	Bakersville, N. C.
Rogersville	A. B. Rogan (Acting Clerk)	Rogersville, Tenn.
Russellville	E. H. Moore	Russellville, Tenn.
Russ Memorial	G. B. Forbes	Honeycutt, N. C.
Rutledge	J. E. Nance	Rutledge, Tenn.
Salem	S. B. Day	Whitesburg, Tenn. R. F. D.
Shull's Mills	W. S. Whiting	Shull's Mills, N. C.
Smoky Mountain	W. D. Messer	Hartford, Tenn.
Spruce Pine	W. W. Bailey	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Strawberry Plains	A. C. Parrott	Strawberry Plains, Tenn.
Thomas Memorial	Joe J. Thomas	Bluff City, Tenn.
Vians Valley	Dock Woody	Toecane, N. C.
Weavers	Karl O. Rhea	Bristol, Tenn.
White Pine	J. P. Riggs	White Pine Tenn.
Windsor Avenue	J. R. Allen	708 Georgia Ave., Bristol, Tenn.

MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY

The written records of Holston Presbytery from its organization thru the year 1923 are deposited with the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches at Montreat, N. C. Any information desired from these records will be gladly furnished by the Foundation upon request. A number of extra copies of the printed minutes from 1920 to date have also been placed with the Foundation. These copies are for distribution, and may be secured upon request, as long as the supply lasts.

SPRING MEETING

Jefferson City, Tenn., April 20, 1931.

The one hundred and sixteenth session of Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, Tenn., beginning April 20, 1931, at 7:30 p. m.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. R. Smith, retiring moderator, from the text, I Corinthians 2:16, "But we have the mind of Christ."

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson and H. H. Thompson, assisted by the following elders: C. W. Henry, Bristol First; E. G. Underdown, Blowing Rock; Frank Fulkerson, Rogersville; and Troy Young, Micaville.

Memorial of Rev. W. T. Howison

A memorial of the late Rev. W. T. Howison was read, and, by a rising vote, adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

Rev. William Thomas Howison

Mr. Howison was born in Calloway County, Mo., and was educated at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., and received from this institution the degrees of B. A. and M. A. He entered Union Seminary in Virginia with the class of 1872 and was graduated in 1875. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Missouri in 1875 and ordained by the same Presbytery in 1876. The most of his pastoral service was given to churches in Texas, Arkansas and Missouri. He served with great fidelity for a full half century of active ministry, and wherever he served he commended the gospel not only by the sermons he preached, but by the devotion and sacrifice of a life that was hid with Christ in God. For eight years he was president of Woodlawn Seminary in O'Fallon, Mo. In 1915 he was called to the pastorate of the Blountville and Arcadia Churches in Sullivan County, Tenn., and here for six years he wrought with great acceptance. He fell and broke his hip and at the end of this six year pastorate he retired from active work and resided for a time in Bogota, Texas, but for the past eight years he had made his home in San Antonio, Texas, from which place he entered upon the glories and rewards of the life eternal on Jan. 26, 1931.

He was married to Miss Laura Flanagan of Arkadelphia, Ark., a daughter of a former governor of that State, and in her he found a real helpmeet who wrought with him in all his pastoral work and who is most tenderly remembered by all the people among whom her lot was cast.

The ministry of Mr. Howison was a rich blessing to every church which he ever served. In his association with his people he was tender and amiable, impressing men with the universal courtesy of a gentleman and the humble, devoted character of a child of God. As a preacher he was scholarly and yet practical; thorough in his preparation for the pulpit, sound in his doctrine, but always bringing real help to the spiritual lives of those to whom his ministry was given. He had the heart of the real shepherd. No home was so humble that it was neglected, and no life was so depraved that he did not seek to win it to a better way. He loved little children and was able to meet them on their own ground and enter into their joys and sorrows. His people tell that he could go into a home where there were ten children and make a call, and go back after weeks had passed and call every child's name.

It was my privilege to spend ten days with him in his field in evangelistic work, preaching in the home church at night, visiting in the outlying country in the day and preaching in the afternoons in chapels and school houses in every part of a widely scattered congregation. Though nearly three score years and ten had exacted their toll in physical strength, he never seemed to tire, but faced the winds of November with a burning love for the souls of his people that warmed his own heart and brought a glow to the souls of those among whom he served.

Never a week passed during his residence in Blountville that he and Mrs. Howison did not go to the jail in a ministry of word and song and prayer with those who were confined there.

After the full four score years, lived in the service of God and of his fellowmen, this veteran of Jesus "rests from his labors and his works do follow him." He was laid to rest in Arkadelphia, Ark., beside her who was the companion of his youth, who reached the goal of the Christian's hope just four years before her devoted husband. Lives like these are the indisputable evidences of Christianity, for "men took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus."

R. D. Carson.

Opening of Presbytery

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., retiring moderator.

Enrollment

The following were present: *Ministers*—D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, E. F. Camp (2), R. D. Carson, T. W. Clapp (2), W. B. Doyle (2), Warner DuBose (2), McCoy Franklin, W. C. Frierson

(2), Dan H. Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, Frank S. Jones, C. W. Kernan, R. L. Shortridge, W. R. Smith, H. H. Thompson, E. G. Tomkinson, Jno. W. Young, W. C. Young, John Martin, and Licentiate Sexton Buchanan. *Ruling Elders*—S. A. Newland, Arcadia; C. W. Henry, Bristol First; Fred VonCannon (2), Banner Elk; Rhea Anderson, Blountville; E. G. Underdown, Blowing Rock; A. K. Combs, Cold Spring; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; A. M. Chisholm, Crossnore; R. A. Peake, Harris Memorial; G. B. Ford (2), Johnson City First; H. H. Tittsworth, Jefferson City First; B. F. Knight, Leesburg; Troy Young, Micaville; I. L. Ward, Meadow Creek; S. R. McKamey, New Bethel; R. P. Barnette, Newport; H. W. Carson, Providence; E. H. Moore, Russellville; Frank Fulkerson, Rogersville; Nic P. Earnest, Rheatown; Frank Bryan, Rutledge; Dave Troutman, Roan's Chapel; J. F. Burton, Straw Plains; Joe J. Thomas, Thomas Memorial; Karl O. Rhea, Weavers.

Organization

The Rev. Dan H. Graham was elected moderator. Elder B. F. Knight was elected temporary clerk.

Program

The Committee on Program offered the following report which was adopted:

Monday, April 20, 1931

7.30 p. m. Opening sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr.
Presbyterial Communion.
Memorial to Rev. William Thomas Howison.
Presbytery opened with prayer.
Organization.
Report of Program Committee.
Address of Prof. C. W. Henry on King College.
Reception of candidates.

Tuesday, April 21, 1931

8.30 a. m. Devotional service, conducted by the Rev. McCoy Franklin.
9.00 a. m. Business session.
10.30 a. m. Reports of Departments of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.
11.15 a. m. Recess.
11.30 a. m. Presbyterial sermon by the Rev. T. P. Johnston.
Recess for luncheon served at the church.
2.00 p. m. Business session.
2.30 p. m. Report on Vacancy and Supply, Rev. W. C. Young, presiding.
Addresses on "Changing Pastorates"—Rev. W. C. Frierson and Elder E. H. Moore.
3.00 p. m. Trial sermon of Licentiate G. Sexton Buchanan.
4.00 p. m. Recess for committee meetings.
7.30 p. m. Report of Committee on Presbytery's Home Missions, Mr. J. D. Faucette, Chairman, presiding.
8.00 p. m. Popular meeting in the interest of "Young People's Work," Rev. Warner DuBose, Chairman, presiding.
Reports on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.
Addresses.

Wednesday, April 22, 1931

8.30 a. m. Devotional service conducted by the Rev. Roy L. Shortridge.
9.00 a. m. Business session.
10.00 a. m. Report on Men's Work, Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, Chairman, presiding.
Address by Dr. J. P. McCallie.
10.45 a. m. Business session until adjournment.

E. G. Tomkinson.
Thos. P. Johnston.

Courtesy

The Rev. Messrs. John Martin, of Norfolk Presbytery, and M. L. Latham, of Union Presbytery, Presbyterian Church U. S. A., and Licentiate G. Sexton Buchanan, of Abingdon Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Address of Prof. Chas. W. Henry

The Presbytery listened to an address on King College by Prof. Chas. W. Henry, the president-elect of King College.

Reception of Robert D. Earnest

Mr. Robert D. Earnest presented a testimonial from the session of the Rheatown Church, recommending him as a candidate for the ministry. After the customary examination on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry, and the answering of the customary questions, Mr. Earnest was received under the care of the Presbytery, as a candidate for the gospel ministry. The Presbytery was led in prayer in behalf of Mr. Earnest by Rev. S. H. Hay; the charge to Mr. Earnest was delivered by the moderator, Rev. Dan H. Graham.

The Presbytery adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. R. A. Brown, until 8:30 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:30 a. m., and was led in a devotional service by the Rev. McCoy Franklin.

The minutes of yesterday's session of Presbytery were read and adopted.

The printed minutes of the fall meeting of Presbytery were distributed.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees, and elders on Permanent Committees:

Bills and Overtures—W. R. Smith, Frank Fulkerson.
Auditing—Rhea Anderson, Nic P. Earnest.
Minutes of Presbytery—John W. Young, Joe J. Thomas.
Minutes of Synod—R. A. Brown, I. L. Ward.
Nominations—H. H. Thompson, T. P. Johnston.
Pastors' Salaries—Karl O. Rhea, John Martin.
Resolutions—S. H. Hay, S. A. Newland.
Judicial—R. D. Carson, S. R. McKamey.
Elders on Sessional Records—Frank Bryan, A. M. Chisholm, J. F. Burton, A. K. Combs.

Elders on Permanent Committees:

Christian Ed. and M. R.—Nic P. Earnest.
Religious Education—H. W. Carson.
Educational Institutions—J. L. Gray.
Orphans' Home—Dave Troutman.
Evangelism—R. P. Barnette.
Stewardship—Frank Fulkerson.
Men's Work—H. H. Tittsworth.
Women's Work—R. A. Peake.
Vacancy and Supply—B. F. Knight.

The roll of churches was called for their sessional records.

Order of the Day

It was made the second order of the afternoon session to elect the commissioners to the General Assembly.

Communications

A request from Rev. J. Allen Messer for a certificate of dismission to Potomac Presbytery was received and granted.

A request from candidate B. T. Harrop for a certificate of dismission to Norfolk Presbytery was received and granted.

A request from candidate John Yelton, in Louisville Seminary, for a recommendation to the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, was received and granted.

A request from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly for the printing of a list of the clerks of sessions in the spring minutes was read, and the printing of the list ordered.

Installation of the Rev. H. H. Thompson

The report of the commission appointed to install Rev. H. H. Thompson pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, was received, and the commission discharged.

The commission appointed to install Rev. H. H. Thompson met in the pastor's study in the First Presbyterian Church at 7:15 p. m. November 16, 1930. There were present the Rev. Messrs. Robert Yost, R. A. Brown, and T. P. Johnston, and Ruling Elder Rhea Anderson, of Blountville. A full quorum being present, the meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the chairman, Dr. Robert Yost.

Rev. T. P. Johnston was appointed clerk of the commission.

A call for the pastoral services of the Rev. H. H. Thompson from the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tenn., was read and found in order, accepted by Dr. Thompson, and placed in his hands. Rev. T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk of Presbytery, reported that the letter of dismission of Dr. Thompson had been received from Louisiana Presbytery.

Parts for the installation service were assigned as follows: Rev. T. P. Johnston to preside, propound the constitutional questions, and deliver the charge to the pastor. Rev. Robert Yost to preach the sermon. Rev. R. A. Brown to deliver the charge to the congregation.

The commission then adjourned to the church auditorium, where after a devotional service a sermon was preached by Dr. Yost, and the constitutional questions asked by Rev. T. P. Johnston. These having been satisfactorily answered by both pastor and people, Dr. H. H. Thompson was declared duly installed. A charge was given the pastor by Rev. T. P. Johnston, and a charge to the congregation by Rev. R. A. Brown. The services were concluded by the singing of a hymn and the benediction pronounced by the new pastor.

The commission then adjourned to the Sunday school room, where the minutes were read and adopted, and the whole meeting closed with prayer.

Robert Yost, Moderator.
Thos. P. Johnston, Clerk.

Reception of the Rev. John Martin

The Rev. John Martin presented a certificate of dismission from Norfolk Presbytery. Having answered satisfactorily the customary examinations, he was received and enrolled, and directed to sign the Presbyterial obligation.

Overtures to the General Assembly

Four overtures to the General Assembly, touching the departments of Stewardship, Country Church, Men's Work, and Women's Work, were read and referred to the standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Report of Treasurer of Presbytery

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was read, received, and together with his accounts and vouchers referred to the standing Committee on Auditing.

Report of T. P. Johnston, Treasurer of Holston Presbytery
April 13, 1930, to April 8, 1931

Receipts

Balance brought forward	$ 474.67	
Assessments received from churches	1,014.33	
Loan (First Nat'l Bank, Kingsport)	100.00	$1,589.00

Disbursements

Salaries:		
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk and Treas.	$ 150.00	
S. M. Holtsinger, Central Treasurer	50.00	
D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer	150.00	
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	20.00	$ 370.00
Stated Clerk's Office Expense:		
Printing and mailing minutes	145.13	
Sessional report blanks	7.85	
Postage	4.50	
Bonding fee	2.50	
Printing notices	2.00	$ 161.98
Central Treasurer's Office Expense:		
Printing blanks (S. M. H.)	15.00	
Bonding fee (S. M. H.)	12.50	
Postage (S. M. H.)	5.00	
Auditing books (S. M. H.)	10 00	
Difference in bonding fee (D. C. A.)	2.50	
Expense account rendered (D. C. A.)	7.15	52.15

Miscellaneous:			
General Assembly assessment	507.52		
Appalachia Synod assessment	99.70		
Home Mission Committee expense account	7.50		
Loan repaid (1st Nat'l Bank, Kingsport)	100.00		
Interest on loan	1.50	716.22	
Total disbursements		$1,300.35	
Balance in bank April 8, 1931		288.65	$1,589.00

The following churches are delinquent for the following amounts in the payment of the Presbyterial assessment for 1930: Ebenezer $4.00; Estatoa $10.40; Grassy Creek $4.20; Micaville $9.20; Newdale $6.80; Newland $13.20; Paint Gap $15.80; Plumtree $7.80; Shull's Mills $4.00.

It is recommended—

1) That the above churches be urged to pay these back assessments as soon as possible.

2) That in Home Mission churches all unpaid balances prior to 1930 be excused.

3) That the assessment rate for 1932 be 20 cents per capita.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. P. Johnston, Treasurer.

Treasurer P. H. M. Report

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was read, received and, together with his accounts and vouchers, referred to the standing Committee on Auditing.

Report

To the Presbytery of Holston:

I hereby submit my report for the year April 1, 1930, to March 31, 1931:

Receipts

Balance on hand April 1, 1930	$ 1,328.16
Assembly's Home Mission Committee	12,499.92
Central Treasurer	7,913.21
A. H. M. Com. for Cock County field	2,385.00
Received from Morristown Church	451.54
Received from Dr. Geo. F. Graham fund	850.00
Special gifts	155.00
Treasurer Holston Presbytery (Committee expense)	7.50
Bank deposits	822.60
Total	$26,412.93

Disbursements

Payroll Home Mission workers	$11,524.00
General Assembly's Home Mission Committee	5,200.00
Committee expense	458.45
Manse rent for Superintendent-Evangelist	330.00
Expenses of Superintendent-Evangelist	192.30
Delinquent salaries, Home Mission pastors	443.30
Certificates of deposit	1,500.00
Worker Sullivan County field	240.00
Summer workers	889.00
Loan fund	150.00
Insurance	18.70
Cock County field	2,263.60
Teaching and Sunday school work ("Special")	339.97
Russ Memorial Church	563.77
Worker at Boone, N. C.	375.00
Moving workers to fields	252.00
Repairs to churches	223.82
Building funds for new churches	1,450.00
Total	$26,413.94
Deficit, April 1, 1931	$ 1.01

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Taylor, Treasurer.

Reports of Central Treasurers

The reports of Messrs. S. M. Holtsinger and D. C. Amick, Central Treasurers of Benevolences, were read and received and together with their accounts and vouchers referred to the Standing Committee on Auditing.

Report of Central Treasurer of Benevolences
S. M. Holtsinger, Treasurer

Receipts from April 1, 1930, to October 1, 1931

Churches	*Congregation*	*W. S.*	*S. S.*	*Y. P. S.*	*Totals*
Blountville	$ 110.20	$	$	$	$ 110.20
Bristol First	2,420.56	522.00	107.88		3,050.44
Buladean			17.00		17.00
Cold Spring	53.90	20.00			73.90
Cove Creek	75.00				75.00

Ebenezer	$ 5.60				$ 5.60
Estatoa	7.20				7.20
Gray's Chapel	44.00				44.00
Harris Memorial	2.00				2.00
Hughes	5.00				5.00
Johnson City	1,975.00	$ 261.00			2,236.00
Kingsport First	821.65	220.00	$176.00	$ 17.50	1,235.15
Leesburg	50.00				50.00
Mooresburg			5.04		5.04
Morristown	21.47				21.47
Jefferson City	40.40	119.40	66.79		226.59
Newdale	14.12				14.12
Newport	108.70	19.00			127.70
New Providence		22.00			22.00
Paint Gap	9.50				9.50
Plumtree	16.90				16.90
Providence	13.90				13.90
Rheatown	98.30				98.30
Rogersville	1,200.00		83.00		1,283.00
Russellville	3.00				3.00
Rutledge	100.00				100.00
Spruce Pine		9.00			9.00
Strawberry Plains	106.00				106.00
Thomas Memorial	127.16				127.16
Total receipts	$7,429.56	$1,192.40	$455.71	$17.50	$9,095.17

Disbursements from April 4 to October 4, 1930.

Foreign Missions:		
Regular	$2,188.70	
Kellersberger fund	125.00	
Special	3.00	
		$2,316.70
Assembly's Home Missions		1,043.03
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief:		
Regular	554.22	
Birthday	58.00	
		612.22
Religious Education and Publication Committee		150.62
Assembly's Training School		47.19
American Bible Society		48.27
Synod's Work		511.05

Educational Institutions	$ 983.97
Grandfather's Orphans' Home	589.58
Presbytery's Home Missions	2,311.99
Banner Elk Schools	480.53
Total	$9,095.17

Report of Central Treasurer of Benevolences
D. C. Amick, Treasurer

Receipts from October 1, 1930, to March 31, 1931

Churches	*Congregation*	*W. S.*	*S. S.*	*Y.P.S.*	*Totals*
Arcadia	$ 21.00	$	$	$	$ 21.00
Blountville	355.84	53.50			409.34
Bristol First	3,832.84	864.50	143.51		4,840.85
Blowing Rock	100.00	12.00			112.00
Buladean	40.00	11.00	49.00		100.00
Cold Spring	143.63	32.50			176.13
Concord	8.51				8.51
Cove Creek	105.84		60.00		165.84
Crossnore		42.00			42.00
Estatoa	5.00				5.00
Gray's Chapel	25.00		11.00		36.00
Harris Memorial	47.00				47.00
Hughes	5.00				5.00
Johnson City First	4,253.80	855.70		38.78	5,148.28
Kingsport First	1,645.57	639.85	643.40		2,928.82
Leesburg	78.00				78.00
Mooresburg	15.43		10.00		25.43
Morristown	36.41				36.41
Jefferson City	80.80	541.09	76.79		698.68
Mount Sterling	24.05				24.05
New Bethel	150.00	38.15			188.15
Newland		29.00			29.00
Newport	102.30	168.00	53.00	5.00	328.30
New Providence	22.47				22.47
Paint Gap	32.50				32.50
Pineola		18.25			18.25
Plumtree	22.15				22.15
Providence	17.25				17.25
Roans Chapel	30.00				30.00
Rogersville	2,108.00	1,419.55	155.19		3,682.74
Russellville	25.00	2.00			27.00
Russ Memorial	16.13				16.13
Salem	19.00				19.00

Smoky Mountain	$ 4.50				$ 4.50
Spruce Pine		$ 70.00			70.00
Strawberry Plains	25.00				25.00
Thomas Memorial	130.16				130.16
Vians Valley	30.00				30.00
Weavers	100.00				100.00
Windsor Avenue	14.25	96.49	$ 31.39		142.13
Miscellaneous	24.48			$ 3.00	27.48
	$13,715.16	$4,875.33	$1,233.28	$46.78	$19,870.55
Second checks	83.43				83.43
Total receipts	$13,798.49				$19,953.98

Disbursements from October 1, 1930, to April 3, 1931

Foreign Missions		
Regular	$5,623.44	
Kellersberger Fund	481.00	
		$ 6,104.44
Assembly's Home Missions		2,328.07
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		
Regular	$1,071.16	
Birthday offering	31.00	
		1,102.16
Religious Education and Publication Committee		428.96
Assembly's Training School		97.33
American Bible Society		84.33
Synod's Work		931.38
Educational Institutions		1,964.43
Presbytery's Home Missions		4,586.36
Grandfather Orphans' Home		1,189.14
Banner Elk Schools		1,020.61
Miscellaneous		
Ministers' Annuity Fund	$ 19.33	
Protestant Relief	7.30	
Contingent fees Woman's Aux.	6.50	
Merchants and Planters Bank	83.43	116.56
Total disbursements		$19,953.77
Cash in bank carried as balance		.21
		$19,953.98

Church and Manse Building League

Your Treasurer begs to report that no funds were received nor disbursements made for the Church and Manse Building League for the year 1930-31.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. Amick, Treasurer.

Special Prayer

The Presbytery was led in a session of prayer by the Revs. R. L. Shortridge, R. D. Carson, and H. H. Thompson, in behalf of the Revs. Walter K. Keys, George F. Robertson, and J. P. Doggett, prevented from being at Presbytery by reason of infirmities; and, also, in thanksgiving for the splendid benevolence report of the Presbytery.

Courtesy

Rev. J. A. Ellison, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, Jefferson City, Tenn., was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Edgar Tufts Memorial Association

The report of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association was read. Pending action on this report the Presbytery listened to Mr. Leo K. Prichett, concerning Lees-McRae College; Mr. Edgar Tufts, concerning Grace Hospital; Mr. Sam R. Sells, concerning Grandfather Orphanage.

The report was referred to the Committee on Orphanage.

Teacher Training Resolution

The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

For a number of years the General Assembly's Committee of Publication and Sabbath School Work, now called Committee of Religious Education, functioning at Richmond, has offered a curriculum for a standard course of training for Sunday school teachers, bestowing credits duly for work done.

The trained and ordained ministers of the Word throughout the church have been required to take examination on the course, along with the young people and laymen, before being allowed to teach the course or any part of it.

At its spring meeting in 1929 Holston Presbytery, feeling that trained and experienced ministers ought not to be discredited as incompetent to teach the course even to their own parishioners, and ought not to be required to take examination under the committee's staff of workers, overtured the Assembly to remove the disability.

The Assembly complied in part, ruling that ordained ministers shall without necessity of examination be allowed to teach Bible subjects in the course, but only Bible subjects, thus leaving the ministers under the old disability in the main.

Holston Presbytery feels that the pastor of a church is the key to stable and continuous teaching and training of Sunday school workers, and that in the aggregate the pastors, being constantly at their posts, can do more teaching that can be done by any other arrangement, and that the quality of the teaching done by pastors should be reasonably good, at least. The Presbytery feels that placing the ministers under disability and requiring them to take examination under the working staff of the committee before being allowed to teach the comparatively simple studies of the course is unjust and tends to injure the teaching authority of the pastor appointed to do such work, and thereby reduces his efficiency and tends to reduce the aggregate of teaching and training that Sunday school teachers obtain and should obtain in the churches. The Presbytery further feels when the pastors and other ministers have fulfilled the regular, law-imposed requirements of the church by putting themselves through the arduous and long disciplines of college and seminary and have thereafter been examined by the Presbytery in regard to their academic and theological competence and have been duly ordained, they are entitled to sufficient standing as teachers to relieve them of the necessity of being examined by the committee's staff as to their fitness.

The Presbytery, therefore, in full appreciation of the valuable work and zeal of the committee in arranging curricula, and really wishing to give as large fulfillment as possible to the committee's intention to train teachers for the Sunday schools, and believing itself also to be in accord with the spirit and larger purpose of the General Assembly and of Presbyterianism in general, regards the Presbytery as a true agency and authority for determining the fitness of its ministers to teach, and does hereby offer to all ordained ministers of the Presbytery full authorization to teach, at each minister's own discretion, all studies of the courses outlined and prescribed by and through the committee of the Assembly, and hereby accredits all its ministers for this work within the Presbytery.

The Presbytery further respectfully requests the committee, through the Stated Clerk, to accept in full as a matter of courtesy and right the accrediting conferred by Holston Presbytery upon its ministers; and if the committee feels incompetent to do this without authorization of the General Assembly, the Presbytery of Holston earnestly requests the committee to apply to the Assembly for such authorization.

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In the meanwhile, until and in the event the committee can and shall comply, the Presbytery directs the appointment by the Moderator of a special permanent committee, or the use of an existing permanent committee, to discharge the duty hereby assigned to it of awarding credits, certificates, or diplomas, or other recognition of work done, to all proper persons laboring in the Presbytery who shall apply for the same after having earned them, in accordance with the general rules of the committee, under the teaching and certification of a minister or ministers of the Presbytery. And the Stated Clerk is directed to write for all ministers of the Presbytery, that shall ask for it, a certificate of authority and credit to teach the courses.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon on "Religion in the Home" was preached by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, from the text, Joshua 24:15, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m., after the benediction.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. Frank S. Jones.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Plumtree Church for the fall meeting, the time, October 5, 1931, at 7:30 p. m.

Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following were elected commissioners to the General Assembly: *Ministers*—Principals: Rev. T. W. Clapp and Rev. J. W. Young; alternates: Rev. R. D. Carson and Rev. E. F. Camp. *Elders*—Principals: E. H. Moore, Russellville; J. D. Hasson, Morristown; alternates: W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial; Robert Rupert, Meadow Creek.

Vacancy and Supply

The report of the Committee on Vacancy and Supply was read, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery heard addresses by the Rev. W. C. Frierson and Elder E. H. Moore on the subject "Changing Pastorates." The report was received and ordered printed in the minutes. The part relating to changing pastorates was docketed for consideration at the fall meeting.

Report of Committee on Vacancy and Supply

Your Committee on Vacancy and Supply would submit the following report:

The vacant fields in Holston Presbytery at this time are Banner Elk, Shulls Mills, Concord, Paperville, and New Providence.

We recommend that the following ministers be authorized to moderate the sessions and act as stated supply in the following fields:

Rev. Robert Yost—Cold Spring.
Rev. J. W. Young—Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial, Roan's Chapel, Viana Valley.
Rev. J. W. Roseborough—Spruce Pine and Grassy Creek.
Rev. W. R. Smith—Blowing Rock.
Rev. F. S. Jones—Micaville, Newdale, Paint Gap, Estatoa.
Rev. T. W. Clapp—Plumtree and Hughes.
Rev. W. C. Young—Salem, Leesburg, Mooresburg, Providence.
Rev. Dan H. Graham—Weavers.
Rev. C. W. Kernan—Bethel, Ebenezer, Smoky Mountain, Mount Sterling.
Rev. R. L. Shortridge—Rheatown.
Rev. W. B. Doyle—White Pine.

Report on Changing Pastorates

Pursuant to the request from the Assembly's Ad-Interim Committee on Plans for Changing Pastorates, your committee presents the following report:

The problem of changing pastorates is of vital importance to the progress of the church and the welfare of the ministry. Failure to secure a change, when advisable, is likely to result in harm to the individual church or minister, while happy changes will mean growth and progress of both.

In approaching this problem, your committee believes that any plans, or organization, affecting the relationship of churches and the ministry must be such as will permit the guidance, or intervention, of the Holy Spirit. But we also recognize that men must do their part, and not expect the Holy Spirit to do everything.

There are now organizations in the Assembly and the Presbyteries capable of functioning, but which are prevented by definite lacks that could be supplied easily and economically.

The Assembly's committee alone seeks to bring vacant churches and ministers together; but last year's report showed only 200 churches and 190 ministers registered, out of all the Assembly, and there is no available record to show how many were helped. The principal weakness of the Assembly committee is that it is too far removed from churches and ministers to supply easily the definite information that both parties desire.

The Presbyteries' committees, on the other hand, are concerned principally with reporting the supplies secured for the churches within their own borders by the Home Mission Committee or Superintendent, or by their self supporting churches.

Finally, the ministers who desire to change their fields must use what methods they can in finding what churches are vacant and friends who will present their names for favorable consideration. We are aware that the minister may not apply directly for fields that are open.

The fundamental lacks of the present system are two: adequate information, and an orderly method of using it. With such things in mind, your committee believes the following plan will meet the situation more satisfactorily:

1) Let the Assembly's Committee on Vacancy and Supply remain the central committee for registering all vacant churches, the clerks of the Presbyteries notifying the Assembly's committee of vacancies occurring, with information necessary to permit direct communication with the proper official of the church.

2) The monthly publication by the Assembly's committee of the vacancies in the Assembly, these reports to be mailed to the committee in each Presbytery and to the seminaries.

3) Ministers seeking a change of pastorate can communicate with the Presbytery's committee concerning churches and have their names sent to churches until a change is made. This will enable ministers to have official assistance in securing changes, without stigmatizing anyone.

4) This method preserves the essential principle of free choice of church and minister.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Young.
R. A. Brown.
B. F. Knight.

Ordination Trials of G. Sexton Buchanan

Licentiate G. Sexton Buchanan presented a certificate of dismission from Abingdon Presbytery, and a testimonial from Union Seminary, Richmond. The Presbytery heard a sermon from Mr. Buchanan, from the text Gal. 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." The sermon was highly approved and sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

The examinations in experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry, in theology, and in church government and the sacraments were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial. The examinations were sustained as a whole.

The following commission was appointed to ordain licentiate G. Sexton Buchanan, in Rogersville, Tenn., at 7:30 p. m., May 3, 1931, as an evangelist, to labor in Hawkins County, Tenn., under the direction of the Rogersville session and the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee: Rev. T. P. Johnston to preside, propound the constitutional questions and make the prayer of ordination; Rev. H. H. Thompson to preach the sermon; Rev. R. D. Carson to charge the evangelist. Alternate ministers, Rev. John Martin; Elders, A. B. Rogan and J. D. Faucette.

The Presbytery took recess until 7:30 p. m., after prayer by the Rev. John Martin.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. R. A. Brown.

The Northside Colored Choir, of Jefferson City, favored the Presbytery with several interesting negro spirituals.

Home Missions Report

The report of the Home Missions Committee was read, and, pending its adoption, Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. John Martin, superintendent of Home Missions. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

Home Missions Report

Since the last spring meeting of Presbytery, through illness, we have lost the services of our former superintendent, Rev. W. K. Keys. We continued his salary till his wife advised us that she felt the Home Missions Committee had done all they had a right to expect, that there was no probability that Mr. Keys would soon be able to undertake the strenuous work of superintendent, and that the work should not be left to suffer for want of a superintendent.

Your chairman wishes to express his appreciation to the members of the Home Missions Committee who so willingly and efficiently aided in looking after the work. Rev. John Martin, who some years ago so efficiently served as our chairman, was called to be superintendent and began his work January 28, 1931. Our work for the most part is in good shape and we approach the new church year with confidence and trust in our Heavenly Father.

Work Accomplished

Definite records have not been kept but we feel that our workers have been rendering good service and that the year has brought good results.

Additions to Church

The work of soul-winning has been stressed and there have been many evidences of the work of God's Spirit not only in convicting and converting, but many have been added to the church.

While it was hoped that each mission pastor would hold an evangelistic meeting at each of his preaching points, although this has not been fully carried out, at least 24 meetings have been held. The results of these meetings are not only inspiring but they make us profoundly grateful unto God for so blessing the labor of His servants, that over 210 have accepted Christ as their personal Savior and have united with the church. Part of these additions are due to the efficient work of our Sunday Schools and Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

Women Community Workers

These workers are doing a heroic and self sacrificing work. They are teaching school for the counties in some of the most inaccessible places and serving as Sunday School superintendents and community leaders. In order to do this work some have actually jeopardized their health just to be able to serve their Master. We are sorry to report in connection with this work that in some places in North Carolina they are planning to use men as teachers in some of the places where some of our community workers have been laboring thus hindering the work we have been trying to do, but we sincerely hope that in another year this will be changed.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools

Many successful schools were held last year and we are making plans for activity in this work for the summer believing that much good is accomplished by these schools.

Material Equipment

One church at Burbank (Mr. Gray's field) value about $3,000. Also one church on Reedy Creek, "Dan Graham Presbyterian Church," value $5,000. A teacher's cottage at Bean Creek (Rev. John Young's field) is nearing completion.

Financial

Your Home Missions Committee has finished the year without debt and it is our policy to stay out of debt. The Assembly's H. M. Committee has been forced to again reduce appropriations to this Presbytery, and if our work is to be maintained and expanded this year without cutting salaries our people must respond as God prospers them. We urge all our pastors and workers to stress proportional systematic offerings for the support of the work of the Kingdom, and that our workers be instructed to take an offering at each preaching service.

Our God is the possessor of all things and He will supply us with all needed means if we will only render to Him our dues and use the means under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We are not unaware of the unrest and dissatisfaction of the people and the activities of Satan in the world, but we also know that our God is able to give us the victory if we only trust Him and do our part.

We solicit most earnestly the prayers and co-operation of all our people for our great Home Mission work, the committee and workers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Faucette, Chairman.

Reports on Religious Education

The reports of the Committee on Religious Education were read, and, pending their adoption, the Presbytery listened to Rev. R. A. Brown, on the Importance of Teacher Training; Rev. Dan Graham, on the Daily Vacation Bible School; Rev. T. P. Johnston, on the Young People's Conference at Banner Elk;

Rev. S. H. Hay, on Young People's Group Conferences, Larger Churches with Smaller Churches; Rev. McCoy Franklin, on Winning our Young People to Christ; Rev. W. H. Thompson, on the Kingdom Highways; Rev. Warner H. DuBose, on Pastors and their Young People in Conference Study Groups.

The reports were adopted, and are as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Education, instead of submitting a report with a number of recommendations, prefers to submit, for your consideration, items of vital importance in the training and development of our youth, and earnestly to commend these to the sessions and the pastors of our Presbytery, to be carried out, as far as possible, in their individual fields.

These lines of possible service have been discussed in our conference this evening, and are as follows:

1) The Training of Teachers for Sunday Schools;
2) Vacation Bible Schools;
3) Our Synodical Young People's Conference;
4) Young People's Group Conferences, of Larger Churches with Smaller Churches;
5) Winning our Young People to Christ;
6) "Kingdom Highways"—the new Program for our Young People;
7) Pastors and their Young People in Conference-Study Groups.

In connection with our report, we give as information the statistical report of Dr. J. J. Fix, for three months, revealing his activity in the field. We heartily commend him for his faithful work, and recommend him to our churches, to aid them in the development of their program of Religious Education.

We have only one recommendation for the action of Presbytery, and that is, we approve the formation of a Presbyterial Young People's League, to meet annually at the Young People's Conference at Banner Elk, and to assist in the advancement of Young People's work within the bounds of our Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

Warner DuBose, Chairman.

The statistical report on young people's societies was read by Rev. C. W. Kernan, Chairman of Y. P. S.

Sixteen churches report active young people's societies. The total enrollment of these societies is 1,448. Their contributions are as follows: for Benevolences, Foreign Missions $128, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief $15, Assembly's Home Missions $42, Orphans' Home $5, Presbyterial Home Missions $12; Total Benevolent contributions $202. For current expenses $188. Total gifts to all causes $390.

Only three churches reported having a young people's council.

Four societies were allied with the Christian Endeavor movement, four were allied with the Young People of the Church, seven were organized independent of either of these movements, and one was allied with both movements.

C. W. Kernan,
for the Committee.

The statistical report on Sunday Schools was read by the chairman and ordered printed in the back of the minutes.

The Committee on Religious Education was authorized to act as the Committee on Credits for the Teacher Training Course, and Revs. S. H. Hay and R. D. Carson added to the committee.

Orphans' Home

The report of the Committee on Orphans' Home was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Orphans' Home

There has come into our hands the report of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, Inc. We recommend that this report be adopted and printed in the minutes, and that its recommendations be carried out.

Further, we appreciate the fact that Holston Presbytery is becoming orphanage-conscious, and we recommend that the churches of the Presbytery give opportunity to the representatives of the orphanage to present the work in the churches. We further recommend that our people continue to remember this worthy cause in prayer before the Father of us all.

T. W. Clapp, Chairman.

Report of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, Inc.

It is our privilege to submit herewith the annual report of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, Inc. The report is divided into three parts, covering, first, the educational; second, the orphanage; and third, the hospital work. For the hospital and orphanage the report is for the entire year of twelve months time, ending December last. For the educational department the report is as of nine months only.

Lees-McRae College

Educational Department

Apparently, this could not have been a more inopportune year to launch the junior college program. We are glad to report though that through the strictest economy we have been able to reach an accredited rating and that this year's graduating class will go out from a fully standardized junior college.

Curriculum

To the department of agriculture has been added a course in mountain farming. The primary purpose of this course is to prepare boys for the business of farming in the mountains. The needs, aptitudes and interests of each individual will be considered and attempts will be made to teach the student rather than the subject.

Library

Using a library as an index to the cultural and educational standing of a school, our library would indicate that advancement has been made. The minimum requirements for a junior college is 4,000 volumes. Last year we had only 1,849 volumes. This year, I am glad to report, the number has grown to over 5,000 volumes.

Enrollment

The year's enrollment has totaled 279, which is an increase of 142 per cent since the session of 1924-25, and 15 per cent over last session. Four years ago only 37 per cent of the student body were high school students. This year 74 per cent are in the high school and the remaining 26 per cent in the college classes. By classes, the enrollment is as follows:

Eighth	58	Tenth	65	College Junior	59
Ninth	47	Eleventh	36	College Senior	14

By denominations, the enrollment is as follows:

Presbyterian	161	A. R. P.	1
Baptist	44	Christian	1
Methodist	28	Reformed	1
Lutheran	3	Congregational	1
Episcopal	4	No church membership	34

By States the enrollment is as follows:

North Carolina	189	Massachusetts	2
Tennessee	43	Florida	2
Georgia	13	Alabama	1
Virginia	11	Kentucky	1
West Virginia	5	Maryland	1
South Carolina	4	Ohio	1
District of Columbia	3	South America	1
Pennsylvania	2		

Fourteen states, one foreign country, with a total of 24 counties in North Carolina represented.

Of this year's enrollment 82 per cent are boarding students.

Income and Expense

Income for the nine months' period is running behind our anticipated budget. Gifts are short by approximately 50 per cent. Collections from churches last year amounted to $3,643.71. On April 1 of this year church collections were as follows:

Holston Presbytery Benevolence	$1,221.43
Concord Presbytery Benevolence	356.26
Assembly's Home Mission Committee	900.00
Total	$2,477.69

Operating expenses have been kept at the very lowest possible minimum consistent with the standard. Reductions have been made in all salaries and other expense items so as not to exceed receipts. By practicing the strictest economy the educational department will be enabled to close its session without an operating deficit.

Grandfather Orphans' Home

Orphanage Department

The orphanage has had an average enrollment of 85 children, which is approximately the same as of the previous year. These show total days of care to be 32,132 as compared to 31,102 last year. There were six children cared for in the home this past year with both parents living, as compared to 13 the previous year. The Duke Foundation, which contributes to the support of Grandfather Orphanage, makes no appropriation for children when both parents are living.

Finances

We are glad to report that this has been a successful year, that income from churches has shown an increase both in the way of cash contributions and donated commodities. Most every community responded generously, with canned goods and produce, which have proven a wonderful help this winter in feeding our family of children. We are glad that the orphanage has been enabled to meet all its expenses without an operating deficit.

Needless to say, the orphanage has been hard pressed financially. Reductions in operating expenses have been necessary. The staff has been reduced through the closing of one cottage and by consolidations with other duties. We believe maximum efficiency is being secured and this at a minimum expense.

The institutional care of children has been reduced. The cost of operation and maintenance of plant has shown a decrease. The average cost per child per day has decreased from $.689 last year to an average of $.52 this year. These reductions may not have been wise, but have been necessary by force of circumstances.

Presbytery's special attention is directed to the complete report of Dr. H. W. Hopkirk, who made a systematic survey of all orphanages in the Synod of Appalachia in 1928. The facts set forth in this report are very significant and should be given the careful study of Presbytery, as well as the entire Synod. The fact that four Synods surrounding Appalachia provide for their orphanages an average of $269.56 per child per year, and that Holston Presbytery has provided over an equal five-year period an average of only $44.66 per child per year, would indicate that our orphanage load in Holston Presbytery is not adequately taken care of. Detailed records are available for every phase of orphanage work and we would like to urge Presbytery to go into the whole matter carefully for the purpose of developing a more constructive and unified orphanage program.

Grace Hospital

Medical Department

The medical department has shown an increase in the number of patients served. The appeal for help along the lines of free beds is ever increasing and very depressing from a financial point of view, but a wonderful opportunity for service. The hospital has been able to meet all its expenses for the year, in spite of the fact that there have been greater demands than ever upon it. With a 25 bed hospital there has been an average of 27 bed patients for every day in the year, or two above capacity. We were able to care for these patients at a cost of $1.60 per day per patient, with a total of 9,652 bed days.

Grace Hospital Training School for Nurses is fully accredited meeting the requirements of a Class A Training School, and so accepted by the North Carolina State Board of Examiners. We have at the present time 13 student nurses, two graduates and a total of 24 workers.

Additional hospital facilities are imperative if we meet the demands and opportunities presented. Grace Hospital is assisted by the Duke Foundation in a very substantial way on the basis of $1.00 per day per free bed. The Duke Foundation has also been very generous in making a substantial donation to the erection of the new hospital building, which will increase the capacity to 60 beds. This building is under construction and will be occupied by the middle of this coming summer.

Recommendations

We respectfully recommend that Presbytery appoint a special committee for the purpose of studying the orphanage problem and that this committee bring to the fall meeting of Presbytery a recommendation for a future orphanage program.

We request Presbytery to re-appoint Mr. E. W. King as a trustee of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association; and that Dr. H. H. Thompson be appointed as trustee in the place of Dr. J. R. Cunningham, who has resigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar H. Tufts.

The Moderator appointed the following special committee to study a plan for orphanage work: the Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, chairman, H. H. Thompson, R. D. Carson, Messrs. Sam R. Sells and L. H. Corbett.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was read and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief recommends:

1) That the name of Mr. J. Wesley Combs be dropped at his own request from the list of candidates for the gospel ministry, with the understanding that he may be reinstated at any time upon his own request.

2) That request for appropriations of relief funds be the same as for the past year, with the provision that the committee is authorized to make such changes as changing needs may justify.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel H. Hay, Chairman.

Assembly's Home Missions Report

The report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was read and adopted, and is as follows:

The Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions has passed through one of the most trying years in the history of its work. Because of the acute business depression, which affected the income of so many of our people, the Home Mission receipts were less than the previous year. The devastating drouth in many Home Mission areas lessened the ability of the churches and missions, and made necessary many calls for increased appropriations.

The total receipts for the year were $462,647. This is $59,732 less than the amount received in 1930. This decrease in the committee's income made necessary another reduction in appropriations to Presbyteries and Missions and further curtailment in the Church's Home Mission activities.

But in spite of the financial discouragements, it has been a year of spiritual achievement. Through the assistance of the Executive Committee, 627 Home Mission workers and 687 Home Mission enterprises were aided, and the gospel was carried to 310 outposts and unorganized preaching points. Through the efforts of these workers 4,846 were added to the Presbyterian Church upon profession and 2,380 by letter. This is an increase over last year, notwithstanding the decrease in the number of workers and institutions aided.

The aid-receiving Presbyteries report the organization of fifteen new churches and thirty new Sunday schools. Seventeen Home Mission churches were brought to self support and twelve churches were aided by loans from the Church Erection Funds.

For five years there has been a steady decline in Assembly's Home Mission receipts. Yet there was never a time in our nation's history when the unmet religious needs presented such an unescapable challenge: more than two-thirds of our population unconnected with any church; 10,000 villages without a church of any kind; 30,000 villages without a resident pastor. Never was the Christian Church a greater necessity, nor was America more in need of that spiritual quality which the church alone can give.

The love of God and home and country unite in Home Missions. The neglect of Home Missions means the ultimate loss of all that is most dear.

The following recommendations are offered:

1) That Sunday, June 28, be designated the Home Mission Day in the Sunday schools, with an opportunity for a special offering for Assembly's Home Missions.

2) That November be designated as the period for Home Mission study in all departments of the church and that November 8-15 be designated as the Annual Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Assembly's Home Missions.

3) That all pastors be urged to preach on Assembly's Home Missions in November and to use Home Mission topics for the mid-week prayer services during this month.

4) That all sessions be urged to arrange for the presentation of the needs of Assembly's Home Missions and for a generous supplemental offering in the churches in November.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Brown, Chairman.

Report on Bible Cause

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Bible Cause

Your committee on Bible Cause begs to submit the following report:

1) *Publication*—Your committee is happy to report another successful year for the Bible cause. The Bible in whole or in part has been translated into 906 different languages—three new ones, Aymara (an Indian tribe in Bolivia), Cheyenne Indian, and Valiente (an Indian tribe of Central America), and a complete revision of New Testament in Siamese and Turkish.

In 1930 the following gospels were published for the first time: John in Mam (an Indian tribe in Central America), Matthew in Turkish, Mark in Aymara, Luke in hand-written Arabic, reproduced by photography, and the Acts in Cheyenne.

2) *Distribution*—In the year 1930 the American Bible Society alone has distributed 11,065,255 copies of Bibles, Testaments and parts. Since its organizing in 1815 the Society has distributed 227,000,000 volumes of the Scriptures. In 1930, 4,142 Braille copies were distributed among the blind.

Recommendations

1) That our pastors keep in mind Universal Bible Sunday which is promoted by the American Bible Society and falls this year on the first Sunday in December.

2) That our pastors try to make every Sunday Bible Sunday throughout the year.

3) That our pastors prayerfully remember before the throne of grace the American Bible Society and all other agencies for spreading God's word to the nations.

4) That the Presbytery continue its .5 per cent appropriation to Bible Cause.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Smith, Chairman.

Nominations

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Nominations

We recommend the following changes in the committees of the Presbytery:

13) *Evangelism*—Rev. John Martin in place of Rev. W. K. Keys.

15) *Vacancy and Supply, and Country Church*—Rev. John Martin, Chairman, in place of Rev. W. K. Keys.

Special Committee on Boone Fork Institute—Rev. John Martin in place of Rev. W. K. Keys.

Trustees of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association—Mr. E. W. King to succeed himself; Rev. H. H. Thompson to succeed Rev. J. R. Cunningham.

Trustees Plumtree School—E. B. Ward, D. R. Beeson, and Rev. E. F. Camp to succeed themselves.

Commission on Oversight of Vacant Churches—Rev. R. D. Carson, Convenor, two years; Rev. T. P. Johnston, one year; Rev. John Martin, two years; Rev. Warner H. DuBose, three years; Mr. J. D. Faucette, one year; Mr. A. B. Rogan, three years.

We further recommend that the fall Presbyterial sermon be preached by the Rev. H. H. Thompson, principal, on the subject "The Holy Spirit—His Leadership in the Churches and Ministry." Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, alternate.

A communication from the Assembly's Home Mission Committee was read and referred to the Committee on Evangelism.

Evangelistic Powers

Rev. John Martin, Superintendent of Home Missions, was granted evangelistic powers, to receive members and assign them to churches, wherever sessions are willing.

Auditing Committee Report

The report of the Committee on Auditing was read and adopted and is as follows:

We, the Auditing Committee of Presbytery, beg to submit that we have examined the report and accounts of Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, Treasurer of the Presbytery; Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Benevolences of Holston Presbytery, and find these reports and accounts to be correct. We have also examined the report and books of Mr. Frank Taylor, Treasurer of Home Missions of Holston Presbytery, and find them to be correct so far as we were able to check from materials turned over to us. We recommend their approval.

Rhea Anderson.
Nic P. Earnest.

The Central Treasurer of Benevolences was authorized to procure an auditor, to audit his books before each stated spring meeting of Presbytery, the Treasurer of Presbytery to pay for the auditing.

The Presbytery adjourned until 8:30 a. m., after prayer by the Rev. C. W. Kernan.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:30 a. m. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. R. L. Shortridge, who spoke on "Humility," based on John 13:13-17.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and adopted.

Stewardship

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Stewardship submits the following report:

Forty-one churches have made report of the every member canvass taken with a total increase in Benevolence subscriptions of $9,000, approximately.

The following churches are to be commended for their liberality in the increase of their pledges: Cove Creek, Gray's Chapel, Harris Memorial, Paint Gap, Weavers and Grassy Creek.

The following churches report no canvass: Banner Elk, Bethel, Ebenezer, Mt. Sterling, New Providence, Paperville, Shulls Mills, Smoky Mountain.

Recommendations

1) That the Presbytery express its appreciation of the services of Rev. D. C. Amick as Secretary of Stewardship and Central Treasurer of the Presbytery and urge its churches to send all funds to the Central Treasurer.

2) That the attention of the Home Missions Committee be called to the churches under the care of this committee in which no canvass has been made.

3) That as promptly as possible after the close of each quarter, except the fourth, a statement be prepared and sent to each church treasurer and pastor by the Central Treasurer of Benevolences, showing the standing of his own congregation in the matter of Benevolent contributions as compared with that church's every member promise.

4) That the quarterly statement include information as to the standing of the Presbytery as a whole as follows: Asking of the Presbytery; promised by the churches in E. M. C.; received by Treasurer to date.

5) That the churches be graded on the following basis on E. M. C. pledges:

	First Quarter	*Second Quarter*	*Third Quarter*
Class A	20% or more	40% or more	65% or more
Class B	10% to 20%	20% to 40%	40% to 65%
Class C	Under 10%	Under 20%	Under 40%
Class D	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Carson, Chairman.

Minutes of Synod

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod was read and adopted and is as follows:

The committee calls attention to the recommendations of Synod's Stewardship Committee, namely:

1) That the Synod accept the askings of the Assembly, and urge upon the Presbyteries and churches that they make every possible effort to raise the entire amount.

2) That the Presbyteries and churches give a larger place in their budgets to the Assembly's causes, that their needs may be more fully met.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Brown, Chairman.

Minutes of Presbytery

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Presbytery was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee reports that we have carefully examined the Minutes of Presbytery, and find no fault with them whatsoever.

John W. Young, Chairman.

Bills and Overtures

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

We recommend the adoption of the following overtures to the General Assembly:

1) The Presbytery of Holston overtures the General Assembly, meeting in Montreat, N. C., May 28, 1931, to discontinue the Stewardship department as such, and to assign its functions, duties, and expenses to the Committee of Religious Education and Publication, requesting the management and editorial staff of this committee to include each month in the literature published by this committee instructions or messages or stories or other information bearing upon Stewardship and Missions; and that the Assembly instruct this committee to employ an assistant secretary at a modest compensation, who shall have charge of this work.

2) The Presbytery of Holston overtures the General Assembly meeting in Montreat, N. C., May 28, 1931, to discontinue the department of the Country Church as such, and to assign its functions and duties to the Assembly's Committee on Home Missions, leaving it to their judgment in regard to the amount of money to be appropriated for this work, and in regard to the employment or discontinuance of employment of a secretary of Country Church work.

3) The Presbytery of Holston overtures the General Assembly, meeting in Montreat, N. C., May 28, 1931, to instruct the department of Women's Auxiliary hereafter to meet all necessary expenses of that department from funds raised by the Auxiliaries themselves. We recognize and deeply appreciate the wonderful contribution made to the work of our beloved church by the Auxiliary, and feel that they will not wish to tax the Benevolence funds of the church for expense items for which these funds were not given.

4) The Presbytery of Holston overtures the General Assembly, meeting in Montreat, N. C., May 28, 1931, to make some provision for the expenses of the Men's Work department of our church other than a tax upon the Benevolences of the church, in order that the money given by our people may be used for the specific purposes for which it was given.

5) The Presbytery of Holston overtures the General Assembly, meeting in Montreat, N. C., May 28, 1931, to withdraw immediately our support and representatives from the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, in view of the action of said body in matters secular, social, and domestic.

Committee.

Commission on Vacant Churches

The following resolution touching vacant churches was read and adopted:

In view of the needs of vacant churches for counsel and advice, and in view of the pastoral oversight that is the obligation of the Presbytery to the churches, Be it resolved, That Presbytery appoint a commission of six members, four ministers and two elders, to have oversight of vacant churches, with power to moderate the sessions, counsel with the churches, and assist them in every way to secure pastors. This commission is to be divided into three classes, two members to be elected each year, to serve for three years, and not to succeed themselves. In appointing the commission it is understood that the first class serve for one year, the second for two, and the third for three years.

Pastors' Salaries

The report of the Committee on Pastors' Salaries was read, and referred to the Committee on Home Missions for action. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Pastors' Salaries finds that six churches are reported delinquent in the payment of salaries. They are as follows:

In Rev. Frank Jones' field—Micaville $29.70, Newdale $18, Estatoa $25, Paint Gap $3.80, total $76.50.

In Rev. John Young's field—Buladean $41, Russ Memorial $32.65, Harris Memorial $7.00, total $80.65.

Due on last year's salary $37.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl O. Rhea, Chairman.

Courtesy

Dr. J. T. Warren, President of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., was introduced to the Presbytery.

Women's Work

The report of the Committee on Women's Work was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Women's Work has examined the report submitted by the Presbyterial Recording Secretary of the Women's Auxiliaries of the churches in Holston Presbytery, and while the report shows a decrease in the grand total of all contributions, when compared with last year, yet we find this organization still doing a splendid work and carrying on in a most noble, beautiful and praiseworthy manner. There are 26 Auxiliaries in the Presbytery, 1,804 members.

We submit to you the following report of their contributions to the Master's cause, for the year ending March 31, 1931, and ask that they be printed in the minutes.

To Denominational Benevolences

Foreign Missions	$4,139.00	
Assembly's Home Missions	1,159.00	
Christian Ed. & Min. Relief	402.00	
a) Birthday Gift—Endow. Min Relief	596.00	
Religious Education and Publication	55.00	
Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	43.00	
Bible Cause	47.00	
Synod's Home Missions	113.00	
Orphans' Homes	559.00	
Educational Institutions	663.00	
Presbytery's Home Missions	674.00	
Auxiliary Special Benevolences	1,088.00	$9,539.00

To Local Church Work

Current expenses of Local Auxiliary:		
a) Local Auxiliary contingent fund	$1,313.00	
b) Presbyterial and Synodical contingent fund	395.00	
Building expense	1,512.00	$3,220.00
Miscellaneous contributions		688.00
Grand total all contributions		$13,447.00
Decrease compared with last year		2,688.00

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. Camp, Chairman.

Men's Work; Address by Dr. McCallie

The report of the Committee on Men's Work was read, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery listened to an address on Men's Work by Dr. J. P. McCallie, of Chattanooga, Tenn. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

Men's Work Report

Your Committee on Men's Work presents the following report:

Out of 52 churches in our Presbytery only five report men's organizations of any kind. Only three of these are organized upon the Assembly's plan. The activities reported show quite an interest in the Presbytery's Progressive Program especially under the head of spiritual life and evangelism.

We heartily commend the Assembly's plan of men's work to our pastors and sessions and recommend that as many as possible endeavor to attend the Synodical Conference on Men's Work to be held in the First Church, Bristol, on Friday, May 1, 10 a. m. eastern standard time. Pending the adoption of this report we recommend that we hear Dr. J. P. McCallie, of Chattanooga, on the Men of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. Tomkinson, Chairman.

Sessional Records

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Sessional Records begs to submit the following report.

We have examined the records and found them in excellent order. In a few cases the moderator failed to sign the minutes. A few of the mission churches did not record a statistical report to Presbytery.

C. McCoy Franklin, Chairman.

Evangelism

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Report on Evangelism

Number of meetings held 32, professions of faith 340, accessions by letter 252, by profession 394.

There are 52 churches in this Presbytery. Every church for its own sake, to say nothing of the Kingdom of God and the country, ought to have at least one mission point, and as many more as possible. There should be at least one meeting held in each church and mission point at intervals of not longer than two years, with a special effort put forward to win souls. You see by the record there has been little done along that line; many churches have held no meetings. The harvest is ripe; the material world is trembling; crime is on the increase; business is collapsing; the eyes of the world are upon the church. The question is on the minds and many are asking, "Is there no balm in Gilead, is there no physician there?" There is a balm and there is a physician and the church is entrusted with it, so this committee most earnestly recommends that our ministers stir up the gifts that are in them and realize that "He that winneth souls is wise," "He that converteth a sinner from the errors of his way shall . . . . save a soul and cover a multitude of sins."

We most earnestly recommend:

1) That every church conduct an outpost work with Sunday school and regular preaching services.

2) That the board of elders and deacons, along with their pastor, endeavor as far as possible to have an evangelistic meeting in each church and mission point at least once every two years, and an individual effort going on all the time.

3) That Friday, May 8, be set apart as a special day for a conference on evangelism, to discuss the field, the opportunity, and the best way to reach men for Jesus.

4) That New Bethel be the place, and that we meet at 10 o'clock a. m. and spend the day with nothing else before us.

5) We recommend the following overture to the Assembly: The Presbytery of Holston overtures the General Assembly, meeting at Montreat, N. C., May 28, 1931, to set aside immediately a day of fasting and prayer, that God may move upon pastors, officers, and people of this Southern Assembly to bestir themselves in an effort to call our people to repentance, and to an effort to save souls.

6) That each pastor try to hold at least one meeting in the Home Mission field.

Dan Graham, Chairman.

Statistics

The statistical report to the General Assembly was approved and ordered forwarded to the Stated Clerk. A summary was ordered printed in the minutes.

Statistical Summary

Ministers	34	Adult baptisms	261
Churches	52	Infant baptisms	69
Candidates	10	Total S. S. enrollment	7,696
Elders	229	Licensures	2
Deacons	228	Ordinations	2
Received on confession	394	Installations	2
Received by certificate	252	Dissolutions	3
Whole No. of communicants	6,803	Ministers deceased	1

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$13,911	
Assembly's Home Missions	4,058	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	3,016	
Religious Education and Publication	976	
Assembly's Training School	167	
Bible Cause	181	
Synod's Work	3,020	
Orphans' Home	7,328	
Educational Institutions	10,609	
Presbytery's Home Missions	9,327	
Total to Regular Benevolences		$52,593
Pastors' Salaries actually Paid	39,569	
Current Expenses	34,613	
Congregational Missions	1,140	
Building Expense	36,964	
Miscellaneous	7,186	
Total Contributions to all Causes		$172,065

The special committee on an Evangelistic Conference was discharged.

The Presbytery abolished the Judicial Committee, as a standing committee.

The Presbytery took recess until 12:45 p. m., after prayer by Dr. J. P. McCallie.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 12:45 p. m., after prayer by Elder S. A. Newland.

Resolution of Thanks

A suitable resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

Conference on Prayer

The roll of the Presbytery was called for new business, and the Presbytery engaged in a conference on the need of prayer for churches, ministers, and other workers.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and adopted, after which the Presbytery adjourned, with song and prayer, to meet in stated meeting in the Plumtree Presbyterian Church, Monday, October 5, 1931, at 7:30 p. m.

Dan H. Graham, Moderator.
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOLS

CHURCHES REPORTING SABBATH SCHOOLS	Number of Schools	MEMBERSHIP: Total Regular Pupils	Cradle Roll	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	Total Membership	Pupils Added to Church During Year	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS ($'s): Foreign Missions	Assembly's H. M.	Christ. Ed. & Min. Rel.	Pub. and S. S. Work	Assembly's Training School for L. W.	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Mis.	Orphans' Homes	Educational Instit'ns	Presbytery's H. M.	Current Expenses of School	Misc. Contributions	Total of all Contributions
Arcadia	1	40			3	43												12		12
Banner Elk	3	360			40	400												124		124
Bethel	1	96			8	104	6													
Blountville	1	69	11		11	91												99	31	130
Blowing Rock	1	72			5	77					7				55			64	49	175
Bristol First	2	686	60	50	58	854		89			68				251			844	58	1310
Buladean	3	195	15		13	223		20			15				28			47		110
Cold Spring	1	92			8	100	4								26			86	27	139
Cove Creek	2	150			14	164					60				40			63		163
Crossnore	1	172	5		5	182					5				25			104		134
Ebenezer	1	110			4	114	1											20		20
Estatoa	1	32			3	35												9		9
Grassy Creek	1	34			6	40												20		20
Gray's Chapel	2	92			8	100					11							44		55
Harris' Memorial	1	50	5		5	60		2		2					2			6		12
Hughes	1	17			3	20												15		15
Jefferson City	1	108		15	10	133	4				14				130			116	109	369
Johnson City First	3	976	31		80	1087	46	117		67					128			952	110	1374
Kingsport First	3	745	92	13	46	896	11	284	53	26	7	3	3	26	202	82	129	463	244	1522
Leesburg	1	66			7	73									10			20		30
Meadow Creek	1	143			15	158	7											50	9	59
Micaville	1	60			5	65												18		18
Mooresburg	1	26			4	30									15			20		35
Morristown	2	250	15		29	294		181	32	53	62	2	2	7	11	154	43	114		661
Mount Sterling	1	38	4		2	44												8		8
New Bethel	2	183			14	197												128	176	304
Newdale	1	30			5	35												12		12
Newland	1	78			6	84	1											35		35
Newport	1	128	27		28	183	6						15		27		25	225		292
New Providence	1	71	5		4	80												40		40
Paint Gap	1	175	16		10	201												62	15	77
Paperville *																				
Pineola	1	74			7	81									12					12
Plumtree	5	224			25	249	17								36			123		159
Providence	1	40			4	44	2										3	21		24
Rheatown *																				
Roan's Chapel	2	82	10	5	11	108												22		22
Rogersville	4	355	17	28	44	444	12	137	25		72				158			580	60	1032
Russellville	1	20			5	25												24		24
Russ Memorial	1	30	3		5	38	2				2				2			16		20
Rutledge *																				
Shulls Mills *																				
Smoky Mountain	1	40			5	45												12		12
Spruce Pine	1	100			12	112												150		150
Strawberry Plains	1	83			10	93									10			88	8	106
Thomas Memorial	1	48			7	55									62		8	115		185
Vians Valley	1	50			5	55	3											27		27
Weavers	1																			
White Pine *																				
Windsor Avenue	2	231	35		21	287		9							23			365	140	537
Total	67	6721	351	111	620	7803	122	839	110	148	323	5	20	33	1253	236	208	5363	1036	9574

*No School.

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MINUTES

OF

THE FALL MEETING

OF

Holston Presbytery

IN THE

Plumtree Presbyterian Church
Plumtree, North Carolina
OCTOBER 5, 1931

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETINGS
Johnson City, Tennessee, June 30, 1931
Johnson City, Tennessee, July 27, 1931

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
ROGERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rogersville, Tennessee
APRIL 18, 1932, 7.30 P. M.

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ORGANIZATION

Moderator—The Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, Jefferson City, Tenn.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, Kingsport, Tenn.
Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.
Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.
Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.
Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, E. G. Tomkinson; Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary and Treasurer;* H. E. Harris, A. B. Rogan; Deacon: Sam R. Sells.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, *Chairman*, and Rev. McCoy Franklin.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. G. S. Buchanan, *Chairman*, and Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. Tilden Scherer, Rev. E. G. Tomkinson.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. R. A. Brown, *Chairman Sunday Schools;* Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, *Chairman Young People's Societies;* Rev. T. W. Clapp.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. John S. Yelton, *Chairman;* Rev. Dan H. Graham.

7) *Stewardship*—Rev. R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary;* Rev. Roy L. Shortridge.

8) *Men's Work*—Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, *Chairman;* Rev. F. S. Jones; Elder Geo. E. Stone, Deacon Geo. M. King.

9) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* Rev. McCoy Franklin.

10) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. W. C. Frierson, *Chairman;* Rev. F. S. Jones.

11) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman;* Rev. Robert Yost, Rev. T. P. Johnston.

12) *Orphans' Home*—Rev. T. W. Clapp, *Chairman;* Rev. R. A. Brown.

13) *Evangelism*—Rev. Dan Graham, *Chairman;* Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

14) *Sessional Records*—Rev. Roy L. Shortridge, *Chairman;* Rev. C. W. Kerna Rev. John S. Yelton.

15) *Vacancy and Supply, and Country Church*—Rev. John Martin, Chairman Rev. W. C. Young.

16) *Program*—The Stated Clerk and the pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. Rev. R. D. Carson, Spring 1932.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Samuel H. Hay.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and the Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. P. Johnston, W. C. Frierson, and E. G. Tomkinson.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, C. W. Kernan and McCa Franklin.

5) *Scripture Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W Clapp.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. T. P. Johnston. Elders J. E. Faucette, A. B Rogan, J. A. Summers.

TRUSTEES

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. Geo. C. Sells, Arthur W. King, and A. B Rogan.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Jas. A. Summers, 1932; Rev. S. H. Hay, Rod Armstrong, 1933; F. H. Stinson, 1934; Rev. H. H. Thompson, Sam R. Sells, 1935; E. W. King, 1936.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chas Hughes, 1932; Frank Taylor, Geo. C. Sells, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1933 E. B. Ward, D. R. Beeson, Rev. E. F. Camp, 1934.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

John W. Combs.....Holston Valley, Tenn.
Geo. H. Ellis.....Bristol, Tenn.
Robert D. Earnest.....Chucky, Tenn.
Taft Franklin.....Crossnore, N. C.
F. DeWolfe Miller III.....Stony Point, Tenn.
Wylie K. Mills.....Piney Flats, Tenn.
Orion W. Perrell.....Crossnore, N. C.
John Irvin Rhea, Jr.....Blountville, Tenn.
Chas. L. Stucky.....Plumtree, N. C.

MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY

The written records of Holston Presbytery from its organization thru the year 1923 are deposited with the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches at Montreat, N. C. Any information desired from these records will be gladly furnished by the Foundation upon request. A number of extra copies of the printed minutes from 1920 to date have also been placed with the Foundation. These copies are for distribution, and may be secured upon request as long as the supply lasts.

MINUTES OF A CALLED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, at 1:15 p. m., June 30, 1931.

There were present: *Ministers*—D. C. Amick, John Martin, T. W. Clapp, Warner DuBose, E. G. Tomkinson, R. D. Carson, W. C. Frierson, Chas. Kernan, H. H. Thompson, F. S. Jones, and T. P. Johnston. *Ruling Elders*—J. D. Faucette of Bristol First, and J. E. Nance, Rutledge.

Rev. Warner DuBose, last moderator present, presided. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Dr. H. H. Thompson.

The following call was read and found in order:

June 15, 1931.

The constitutional requirements having been met, Holston Presbytery is called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., Tuesday, June 30, 1931, at 1:15 p. m. E. S. T., to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1) To receive a partial report of the special committee on program for the Orphanage.

2) To recommend Rev. Chas. Kernan as a foreign missionary.

3) To dismiss Candidate Henry Willis to Orange Presbytery.

4) To dismiss Rev. W. R. Smith to Bluestone Presbytery.

5) To complete all business growing out of the above.

Dan H. Graham, Moderator.
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

Courtesy

Ruling Elders A. B. Rogan, of Rogersville, and Edgar Tufts, of Banner Elk, were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brothers.

Orphanage Report

The special committee on orphanage program made a partial report. The following recommendations were adopted:

1) We recommend the adoption of the following overture to Synod: The Presbytery of Holston overtures the Synod of Appalachia, meeting in Montreat, N. C., Sept. 15, 1931, to appoint a committee consisting of representatives from the four Presbyteries to study and present to the Synod a definite policy for orphanage work within the bounds of the Synod.

2) We recommend that for present support of the orphanage, within the bounds of Holston Presbytery, a new emphasis be placed on the Thanksgiving offering by the orphanage authorities, the pastors, and the churches.

The chairman of the special committee was requested to get out a letter to pastors and church treasurers conveying the dire financial needs of the orphanage and urging steps for immediate relief.

Mr. Kernan Recommended as Missionary

At his own request, the Presbytery recommended to the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions Rev. Chas. W. Kernan as a missionary candidate.

Candidate Willis Dismissed

Candidate Henry Willis was dismissed to the Presbytery of Orange at his own request.

Rev. W. R. Smith Dismissed

Rev. W. R. Smith requested a letter of dismission, thru the Stated Clerk, to the Presbytery of Bluestone. The request was granted and the Clerk was directed to write Mr. Smith a letter of appreciation of his services at Spruce Pine, N. C., and Banner Elk, N. C.

The minutes of this meeting were read and adopted, and the Presbytery adjourned and was closed with prayer by Rev. T. W. Clapp.

Warner DuBose, Moderator pro tem.
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF A CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, July 27, 1931, at 1:30 p. m. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, and opened with prayer by Rev. R. D. Carson.

Enrollment

The following were present: *Ministers*—Dan H. Graham, R. D. Carson, Warner H. DuBose, W. C. Frierson, R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, F. S. Jones, and E. G. Tomkinson. *Ruling Elders*—J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; J. E. Nance, Rutledge; E. E. Peace, Johnson City First.

Courtesy

The following visitors were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Rev. W. W. Arrowood and Rev. D. R. Greenhoe, of Abingdon Presbytery; Rev. J. W. Rowe, of Upper Missouri Presbytery; Elders Herbert King, of Bristol First Church, and S. S. McCormack, of Johnson City First Church.

The following call was read and found in order:

July 14, 1931.

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Holston Presbytery to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, July 27, at 1:30 p. m., to transact the following items of business:

1) To receive and act upon the resignations of Rev. Warner H. DuBose and Rev. William C. Frierson, as pastor and associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn.

2) To grant a letter of dismission to Rev. Warner H. DuBose to the Presbytery of Mobile.

3) To take action in regard to the Mrs. M. E. Easley legacy of $500.

4) To examine, license and ordain Candidate John Yelton.

5) To receive candidates for the ministry under the care of Presbytery.

6) To complete all business growing out of the above.

Dan H. Graham, Moderator.

Easley Legacy

Presbytery ordered that the Mrs. M. E. Easley legacy of $500, consisting at present of a judgment of $200 against Dr. Hurst, of Bristol, Tenn., and two notes of $200 and $431, with interest, against the same party, together with cash in hand of $100, be turned over to the Board of Trustees of King College, Bristol, Tenn., and that the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief recommend to Presbytery and Presbytery shall designate to whom the money shall be loaned. It shall bear the name of the donor, and shall be used only for a worthy ministerial candidate.

Messrs. DuBose and Frierson Resign

The Rev. Messrs. Warner H. DuBose and W. C. Frierson offered their resignations as pastor and associate pastor respectively of the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tenn., and asked that the pastoral relations be dissolved to take effect September 1, 1931. Elder S. S. McCormack represented the church saying that the congregation concurred reluctantly in the request. The resignations were accepted, and at his own request Dr. DuBose was given a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Mobile that he might accept a call to the Government Street Church, Mobile, Ala. The Stated Clerk was directed to write a letter to the Stated Clerk of Mobile Presbytery commending with love Dr. DuBose as a minister, presbyter, and Christian gentleman.

Candidate T. M. Greenhoe Received

Mr. T. M. Greenhoe appeared before the Presbytery and asked to be examined with a view of being taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. He presented a letter of commendation from the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol. He was examined according to the

Book of Church Order, and the examination sustained. He was personally recommended by Dr. Robert Yost and Mr. Herbert King. A charge was delivered to the candidate by the Rev. R. A. Brown, and he was duly enrolled as a candidate under the care of Presbytery. Dr. Robert Yost led in prayer in behalf of Mr. Greenhoe. He was commended to the Committee on C. E. and M. R. for aid if necessary.

Ordination of Mr. Yelton

Candidate John Yelton asked to be examined for licensure and ordination. Mr. Yelton was examined according to the Book of Church Order, and preached a sermon, all of which was sustained as satisfactory. Questions for licensure having been answered in the affirmative, he was duly licensed. A call for Mr. Yelton's services as assistant pastor to Rev. Dan Graham in the Blountville group was found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to ordain and install him: J. D. Faucette, chairman, to preside, Rev. Robert Yost to preach the sermon, Rev. John Martin to charge the pastor, Rev. R. A. Brown to charge the congregation; Rev. Dan Graham alternate to ministers, and Mr. W. H. Dettor alternate to elder. The time: August 30, 1931.

The minutes of today's meeting were read and adopted and Presbytery adjourned, and was closed with prayer by Rev. Warner H. DuBose.

Dan H. Graham, Moderator.
E. G. Tomkinson, Clerk pro tem.

FALL MEETING

Plumtree, N. C., Oct. 5, 1931.

The one hundred and seventeenth session of Holston Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Plumtree, N. C., beginning Oct. 5, 1931, at 7:30 p. m.

Opening of Presbytery

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the retiring moderator, the Rev. Dan H. Graham.

Enrollment

The following were present: *Ministers*—D. C. Amick, E. F. Camp (2), R. D. Carson, T. W. Clapp, W. C. Frierson, Dan Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, F. S. Jones, C. W. Kernan, G. S. Buchanan, John Martin, J. W. Roseborough, Jr., Roy Shortridge, H. H. Thompson, E. G. Tomkinson, J. S. Yelton, J. W. Young, W. C. Young. *Elders*—Arcadia, J. S. Gaines; Bristol First, J. O. Susong; Banner Elk, Edgar Tufts (2); Buladean, Jesse Bennett; Cold Spring, J. F. Thomas; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Crossnore, T. C. Dellinger; Johnson City First, R. O. Gallaher (2); Estatoa, A. M. Patton (2); Micaville, Troy Young (2); Meadow Creek, C. J. Waddell; New Bethel, S. R. McKamey; Newdale, R. L. Young; Pineola, J. W. Wilson (2); Plumtree, T. C. Singleton; Roan's Chapel, B. S. Young (2); Rogersville, J. N. Gouldy; Russellville, E. H. Moore; Spruce Pine, W. W. Bailey.

Organization

The Rev. E. G. Tomkinson was elected moderator by acclamation.

Report of Program Committee

The Committee on Program offered the following report which was adopted:

Monday, Oct. 5, 1931

7.30 P. M. Presbytery opened with prayer.
Organization.
Report of Program Committee.
Opening sermon by Rev. Dan Graham.
Presbyterial Communion.
Adjournment.

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1931

9.00 A. M. Devotional service, Rev. G. S. Buchanan.
9.15 Business session
11.30 Presbyterial sermon by Rev. H. H. Thompson.
Recess for lunch.
(Dinner at the church.)
2.00 P. M. Business session.
3.00 Report of Special Committee on Orphanage.
Program by Orphanage children.
3.30 Business session.
5.00 Recess.
7.30 Public Meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions, Rev. W. C. Young presiding.
Address by Rev. C. R. Stegall.
Dedication of church furnishings.
Business session until adjournment.

T. W. Clapp.
T. P. Johnston.

Courtesy

The Rev. G. W. Painter, D. D., of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. Dan H. Graham, retiring moderator, from the text, II Timothy 2:3, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson and S. H. Hay, assisted by the following elders: J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; E. H. Moore, Russellville; R. L. Young, Newdale; J. N. Gouldy, Rogersville; C. J. Waddell, Meadow Creek; and E. H. Sloop, Crossnore.

The Presbytery adjourned, after prayer by the Moderator, until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 9 a. m., and was led in a devotional service by the Rev. G. S. Buchanan.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The printed minutes of the spring meeting were distributed.

The minutes of called meetings were read for information.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees and elders on Permanent Committees:

Standing Committees

Bills and Overtures—D. H. Graham and H. H. Thompson.
Minutes of Presbytery—Roy Shortridge and C. W. Kernan.
Minutes of the General Assembly—W. C. Frierson, F. S. Jones, E. H. Moore.
Nominations—D. C. Amick and T. P. Johnston.
Resolutions—R. D. Carson and J. W. Young.

Elders on Permanent Committees

Foreign Missions—J. O. Susong.
Sabbath and Family Religion—J. F. Thomas.
Bible Cause—T. C. Dellinger.
Stewardship—J. N. Gouldy.
Evangelism—S. R. McKamey.
Vacancy and Supply—E. H. Moore.

Communications

Mr. J. W. Combs, whose name at his own request had been removed from the list of candidates, was again included in the list, at his request thru the Committee of C. E. and M. R.

A communication from the Transylvania Presbytery carrying a proposed overture to the General Assembly was laid on the table.

A communication from the Rev. T. W. Currie, D. D., of the Assembly's Stewardship Committee, was read and referred to the Committee on Stewardship.

A communication from the Assembly's Home Mission Committee was read and referred to the Committee on Evangelism.

A communication from Dr. Leslie, Stated Clerk of the Assembly, was referred to the Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly.

A communication from the Assembly's Committee on Country Church was read and referred to the Committee on Country Church.

A communication from Dr. W. Taliaferro Thompson, concerning a correspondence course for ministers and a summer school of theology, was read for information.

Communications from the *Christian Observer* and the *Presbyterian of the South*, concerning Church Paper Week, were read for information.

A communication from the Assembly's Committee on Religious Education was referred to the Committee on Religious Education, and the Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay and G. S. Buchanan were added to the Committee on Religious Education, for this meeting of the Presbytery.

Calls for the Rev. W. Bruce Doyle

A call for the services of the Rev. W. Bruce Doyle, from the New Providence Church, was read and referred to the following commission, with power to pass on the call and to arrange for the installation of Mr. Doyle as pastor of the New Providence

Church: Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, chairman, T. P. Johnston, W. C. Young; D. C. Amick alternate to any minister, and Elders Frank Wright, Kingsport, and Frank Fulkerson, Rogersville. The time and duties to be fixed by the commission.

A call for the services of the Rev. W. Bruce Doyle, for one-fourth of his time, from the White Pine Church, was read, found in order, placed in his hands, accepted by him (through the Stated Clerk), and the following commission appointed to install him Nov. 8, 1931, at 3 p. m.: The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and E. G. Tomkinson; Elders J. D. Hasson and H. E. Harris.

Dismission of the Rev. J. McC. Sieg

The request of the Rev. J. McC. Sieg for a certificate of dismission to Greenbriar Presbytery was received and granted.

Ordination of the Rev. G. S. Buchanan

The report of the commission to ordain the Rev. G. S. Buchanan, as an evangelist in Hawkins County, Tenn., was received, approved, and the commission discharged.

Minutes of the Commission of Holston Presbytery, Appointed to Ordain Licentiate Sexton Buchanan

The commission of Holston Presbytery, appointed to ordain as an evangelist Licentiate G. Sexton Buchanan, met in the pastor's study, in the Presbyterian Church, Rogersville, Tenn., at 7:30 p. m., May 3, 1931.

There were present the Rev. Messrs. H. H. Thompson, T. P. Johnston, and R. D. Carson; Ruling Elders J. D. Faucette and A. B. Rogan. The commission was called to order by the moderator, Rev. T. P. Johnston, and opened with prayer by Rev. R. D. Carson. The duties of the members having been assigned by the Presbytery, Mr. J. D. Faucette was appointed clerk of the commission, after which the commission adjourned to the church auditorium.

Following a devotional service, a sermon was preached by the Rev. H. H. Thompson, from the text 2 Cor. 5:14, "For the love of Christ constraineth us." The Moderator then gave a brief statement of the action of the Presbytery in accepting Mr. Buchanan for ordination. He then propounded the constitutional questions, which were answered by the candidate in the affirmative. Mr. Buchanan was then ordained by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery as an evangelist, to work under the session of the Rogersville Church as a Presbyterial home missionary in Hawkins County, Tennessee. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. T. P. Johnston. Members of the Pres-

bytery then extended the right hand of fellowship to Mr. Buchanan to take part in this ministry with us. Dr. R. D. Carson delivered a most impressive charge to the newly ordained minister. The public service was concluded by the singing of a hymn and the benediction, pronounced by Mr. Buchanan.

The commission then repaired to the pastor's study where the minutes were read and approved, and the meeting closed with prayer by Mr. J. D. Faucette.

T. P. Johnston, Moderator.
J. D. Faucette, Clerk.

Ordination of the Rev. John S. Yelton

The report of the commission to ordain and install the Rev. John S. Yelton as assistant pastor to the Blountville group of churches, was read, approved, and the commission discharged.

Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Rev. John Yelton as Assistant Pastor with Rev. Dan Graham of the Blountville Group of Churches

The commission met at the Weavers Church Aug. 30, at 11:00 a. m., as the day appointed by Presbytery, and was called to order by Mr. J. D. Faucette and opened with prayer by Dr. Robert Yost.

Present: Dr. Robert Yost, Rev. John Martin, Rev. R. A. Brown, Rev. Dan Graham, and Elder J. D Faucette.

Mr. J. D. Faucette was designated to preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. John Martin to act as clerk.

Dr. Robert Yost read the scripture lesson from Mark 1:20-45, and preached the sermon on the theme "Preaching the Gospel," taking Mark 1:45 as his text.

The commission then adjourned for lunch and reconvened in the afternoon and proceeded with the ordination and installation of Licentiate Yelton.

Mr. J. D. Faucette propounded the constitutional questions and Mr. John Yelton was ordained to the gospel ministry by the laying on of hands of the Presbytery. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. John Martin.

A charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. John Martin and a charge to the people by Rev. R. A. Brown.

The minutes were read and approved, and the commission adjourned with prayer. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. John Yelton.

J. D. Faucette, Chairman.
John Martin, Clerk.

Dr. Painter's Address

The Rev. G. W. Painter, D. D., of Abingdon Presbytery, for many years a missionary to China, and aged 92 years, was granted the privilege of the floor, and addressed the Presbytery concerning the progress of missionary work in China.

Report of Commissioners to General Assembly

The Rev. Messrs. T. W. Clapp and E. F. Camp, and Elders E. H. Moore, Russellville, and J. D. Hasson, Morristown, made interesting reports of their attendance at the General Assembly. The reports were received and their diligence commended.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon, on The Leadership of the Holy Spirit, was preached by the Rev. H. H. Thompson, from the text, Acts 13:2, "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them."

The Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m., after prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. John Yelton.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Rogersville, Tenn., Church for the next meeting; the time April 18, 1932, at 7:30 p. m.

Reception of Mr. P. N. Easterling

Mr. P. N. Easterling presented himself as a candidate for the ministry. The session of the First Church, Bristol, gave a satisfactory testimonial of character for Mr. Easterling. After the customary examination, the answering of the constitutional

questions, the delivery of a charge by the Rev. S. H. Hay, and prayer by the Rev. R. D. Carson, Mr. Easterling was received and enrolled as a candidate for the ministry, under the care of this Presbytery.

Report on Assembly's Minutes

The following report of the Committee on Assembly's Minutes was read, and the recommendations considered seriatim. Both recommendations were amended "to disapprove," and the report, as amended, adopted.

Your Committee on Assembly's Minutes offers the following recommendations:

1) That Presbytery disapprove the Assembly's action regarding the amendment of the Book of Church Order on rotary elders and deacons (p. 40).

2) That Presbytery also disapprove the action of the Assembly on changes in the pastorate (as reported in the minutes of the Assembly, pp. 79-81).

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. C. Frierson,
Frank S. Jones,
Committee.

Stewardship

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Stewardship Report

Your Committee on Stewardship would make the following report:

The Synod has apportioned $50,000 to Holston Presbytery. We recommend:

1) That the Presbytery accept this amount, and that the amount be apportioned among the churches on the same ratio as last year, namely—

Arcadia	$ 175	Crossnore	$ 150
Banner Elk	550	Ebenezer	25
Blountville	700	Estatoa	50
Blowing Rock	125	Grassy Creek	40
Bristol First	12,300	Gray's Chapel	25
Buladean	100	Harris Memorial	50
Cold Spring	600	Hughes	25
Cove Creek	100	Johnson City First	12,300

Kingsport	$ 3,700	Providence	$ 50
Leesburg	225	Rheatown	125
Mary Andrews Chapel	25	Roan's Chapel	25
Meadow Creek	150	Rogersville	3,700
Micaville	75	Russellville	100
Mooresburg	100	Russ Memorial	50
Morristown	9,300	Rutledge	250
Jefferson City	900	Salem	50
Mt. Sterling	25	Shull's Mills	25
New Bethel	250	Smoky Mountain	25
Newdale	50	Spruce Pine	500
Newland	150	Strawberry Plains	100
Newport	850	Thomas Memorial	200
New Providence	250	Vian's Valley	25
Paint Gap	50	Weavers	75
Paperville	50	White Pine	50
Pineola	125	Windsor Avenue	700
Plumtree	125		

2) That the percentages of the schedule for distribution for the present year be adopted for the distribution of these funds for the year 1932-33, viz:

	Per Cent	Per Cent
Assembly Causes:		
Foreign Missions	23.5	
Assembly's Home Missions	12.	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	6.	
Religious Education	1.5	
Assembly's Training School	.5	
Bible Cause	.5	44
Synod's Causes:		
Home Missions (Synod's Work)	6.	
Educational Institutions	12.	18
Presbytery's Causes:		
Home Missions	28.	
Grandfather Orphans' Home	4.	
Lees-McRae College	6.	38
Total percentage		100

3) To stimulate the loyalty of our membership and rally them behind the Kingdom extension plans of our church, the Presbytery urges the churches of the Presbytery to carry out as far as possible the recommendations of the Assembly's Committee on Stewardship and Finance.

R. D. Carson, Chairman.

Nominations

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted. (Note: The changes in committees will be found under the head of "Organization".)

Minister and Subject for Next Presbyterial Sermon

We respectfully recommend that the Rev. C. W. Kernan, with Rev. F. S. Jones as alternate, preach the next Presbyterial sermon on the subject, "The Deity of Christ."

D. C. Amick.
T. P. Johnston.

Special Report on Orphanage

The report of the Special Committee on Orphanage was read and received. Pending its adoption the Presbytery listened to an address on the Orphanage by Elder Edgar H. Tufts, Banner Elk, and to a program of song and recitation by children from the Grandfather Orphanage, under the direction of Miss Miriam Anderson. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Report of Special Committee on Orphanage Program

Your Special Committee on Orphanage Program would respectfully report that we have held two meetings. A number of visitors were present at each meeting, and the conditions at the Grandfather Orphans' Home were set forth in detail by Mr. Edgar Tufts, Superintendent. A careful study was made of the support needed by the orphanage; the support given to the orphanage; the sources of this support; the relation of the orphanage to Holston Presbytery; and the future program of the orphanage. The following actions were taken:

1) A partial report was made at a called meeting of the Presbytery at which time an overture was adopted and sent to the Synod of Appalachia requesting the appointment of an ad-interim committee to study the orphanage question from the Synod's point of view. The Synod at its last meeting granted this request, and has appointed a strong committee with representatives from each of the Presbyteries.

2) At the same meeting the Presbytery asked the churches to begin streaming the Thanksgiving offering for the orphanage as a special means of increasing the support given. This matter was set before the churches in a special communication from the committee.

It has become apparent that if the orphanage is to continue to function in an efficient manner it must have more Presbyterial support. We therefore recommend:

First: That we urge upon the individual members of the church a minimum contribution, averaging 5 cents each per Sunday, to be raised thru the budget apportionment and special additional efforts.

Second: That these special contributions be sought as follows:

a) That the ministers of the Presbytery designate a special service on Thanksgiving Day, or near that time, for the purpose of receiving a special offering for the orphanage.

b) That all church members be urged to contribute individually the equivalent of one day's wage or income for the orphanage. This contribution may be made in cash, produce, or other commodities servicable to the orphanage.

c) That all Sunday school superintendents place in the hands of every member of their respective Sunday schools a pumpkin dime card to be furnished by the orphanage, holding ten dimes, with the urgent request that these be filled and placed in the collection on or near Thanksgiving Day.

Third: That such Sunday schools as can, designate the collection of one Sunday each month for the orphanage cause.

Fourth: That all cash offerings be sent thru the Presbytery's Central Treasurer, properly designated for the orphanage.

Fifth: That the management of the orphanage be directed to observe the standing rule of Presbytery's Manual, that "the orphanage shall present at each stated spring meeting of Presbytery a detailed written report of its work and finances for the year."

T. P. Johnston, Chairman.

Evangelism

A verbal report of the Committee on Evangelism was made by the chairman. Talks on evangelism were made by Elder J. L. Gray, Cove Creek, and the Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson and John Martin. Each minister present pledged himself to hold an evangelistic meeting of at least ten days, where needed. At the request of the Committee on Evangelism, the Presbytery set aside a day of fasting and prayer, asking God to work upon the pastors, officers, and people of our Presbytery, in an effort to bestir them to call our people to repentance, and to an effort to save souls; the time to be fixed by the Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism and the Stated Clerk.

Religious Education

The Committee on Religious Education, to whom the communication of the Rev. J. L. Fairly concerning accrediting ministers was committed, made the following recommendations which were adopted:

The Presbytery has heard with interest and respect the reply of Rev. J. L. Fairly to Presbytery's request for accrediting its ministers for teaching the training courses.

The Presbytery hopes that the committee in Richmond will comply with its request when it answers a similar request made by the Synod of Appalachia this fall at Montreat.

The Presbytery invites Dr. Fairly to meet, in personal conference, its Committee on Religious Education to discuss the matter at any time agreeable; and adds Rev. R. D. Carson and Rev. D. C. Amick to the committee to function with it in this conference.

Boone Fork Institute

A communication from the Special Committee on Boone Fork Institute was received and referred to a committee composed of Messrs. T. P. Johnston and H. H. Thompson. This committee presented the following recommendations which were adopted:

We recommend: (1) That the claims of Holston Presbytery in the physical property of Boone Fork Institute be hereafter handled by the Trustees of the Presbytery, and that the special committee be discharged. (2) That the work formerly done at Boone Fork Institute, participated in by the Presbytery, be carried on in the Boys' Department of Lees-McRae College.

T. P. Johnston.
H. H. Thompson.

Sabbath and Family Religion

The report of the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion was read and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion would call attention to the vital importance of both of these subjects, and of the dire need of a more scriptural observance of the Sabbath day, and for a deeper reverence for God's altar in the home. We therefore urge the brethren to stress the importance of these subjects as frequently as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. C. Frierson
F. S. Jones.

Vacancy and Supply

The following report of the Committee on Vacancy and Supply was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Vacancy and Supply would report that all churches in our Presbytery are supplied with regular pastors, with the one exception of Banner Elk.

We request Presbytery to authorize the following stated supplyships until the next meeting of Presbytery:

Revs. Dan Graham and John Yelton—Paperville and Weavers.
Rev. John W. Young—Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial, Roans Chapel and Vians Valley.
Rev. J. W. Roseborough, Jr.—Spruce Pine and Grassy Creek.
Rev. F. S. Jones—Micaville, Newdale, Paint Gap, Estatoa.
Rev. T. W. Clapp—Plumtree and Hughes.
Rev. R. L. Shortridge—Rheatown.
Rev. W. C. Young—Leesburg, Whitesburg, Mooresburg and Providence.

John Martin.

Minutes of Presbytery

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery was read and adopted:

Your committee reports that we have carefully examined the minutes of the Presbytery, and find no fault with them.

R. L. Shortridge, Chairman.

Call for the Rev. G. S. Buchanan

A call from the Blowing Rock Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. G. S. Buchanan was read, found in order, placed in his hands and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Buchanan pastor of Blowing Rock Church, the time to be fixed by the commission: The Rev. Messrs. John Martin, C. W. Kernan, and H. H. Tompson; Elder J. D. Faucette, First Church, Bristol, with Elder Edgar Tufts, Banner Elk, alternate.

The Permanent Commission on Vacancy and Supply was discontinued.

A request that the Presbytery overture the General Assembly to discontinue the Department of Vacancy and Supply was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Bills and Overtures

The following report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Bills and Overtures has received but one item of business, an overture addressed to the General Assembly as follows:

The Presbytery of Holston respectfully overtures the General Assembly to discontinue its department of Vacancy and Supply.

Your committee recommends to the Presbytery that this overture be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
Don H. Graham.
H. H. Thompson.

Bethel Presbyterian Church

The Bethel Presbyterian Church was granted the right to change the name of the church to the Mary Andrews Chapel of the Presbyterian Church.

Commissioners on the General Assembly

The following were nominated commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers—Principals, Rev. R. D. Carson and Rev. J. W. Young; alternates, Rev. E. G. Tomkinson and Rev. C. C. Carson. Elders—Principals, R. P. Barnett, Newport, and Rhea Anderson, Blountville; alternates, W. W. Hufford, Kingsport, and J. W. Wilson, Pineola.

A communication from the Assembly's Committee on Country Church was received as information.

The Presbytery took recess until 7:30 p. m.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay.

Popular Meeting for Foreign Missions

A popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions was held, presided over by the Rev. W. C. Young, Presbytery's Chairman of Foreign Missions. The Presbytery was favored with two hymns sung by a double quartet from the Lees-McRae College.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and received. Pending its adoption, the Presbytery listened to an illustrated lecture on the progress of our mission work in Africa, by the Rev. C. R. Stegall, of Black Mountain, N. C. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

Foreign Mission Report

Your committee submits the following report:

There is a greater call than ever to self-denial on the part of our membership, for a greater and more adequate support of our Foreign Mission work. The financial depression has affected the contributions in the Presbytery to Foreign Missions. Holston Presbytery, for the current church year, was asked for $12,220, and pledged $10,000. In the first half of the church year the amount contributed to Foreign Missions was $3,360, being 28 per cent of our quota and about one-third of the amount pledged. There remains to be raised in the next six months two-thirds of the amount pledged and 72 per cent of our quota.

There is urgent need for immediate contributions to Foreign Missions, as the receipts for the church year up to Sept. 1st were $21,333.84 less than the corresponding period of last year. The receipts of our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions up to Sept. 1st were only about 14 per cent of the amount apportioned the committee by the General Assembly.

We recommend—

First: That we express our confidence in the Executive Committee and our Secretaries of Foreign Missions, and we thank our Secretaries and all the employees of the Foreign Mission office for their self-sacrificing spirit in voluntarily taking a cut of 10 per cent in their salaries.

Second: That every church in our Presbytery be requested to observe Jan. 24-31, 1932, as a "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial" for Foreign Missions.

Third: That a Church School of Missions be held in every church of the Presbytery during January 1932, using as a text-book "The Church Faces Foreign Missions."

Fourth: That our Sunday schools be asked to help in the raising of $100,000 for the Brazil Missions.

Fifth: That our Young People's Societies be asked to help in the raising of $6,000 for the Jennie Speer Girls School, Kwanju, Korea.

Sixth: That churches, societies, and individuals assume, wherever practicable, definite responsibility for definite parts of the Foreign Mission work.

Seventh: That the Presbytery express, by a rising vote, our appreciation of the excellent illustrated address by the Rev. C. R. Stegall, and that an offering be now taken in the Presbytery to meet the expenses of Mr. Stegall.

Eighth: That the Presbytery be now led in prayer by the Moderator, that the churches of our Assembly may be led to support adequately the Foreign Mission work and for an abundant blessing upon the labors of the missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Y. C. Young, Chairman.

An offering was taken, amounting to $10.

Dedication Plumtree Church Furnishings

The furnishings of the Plumtree Church were dedicated, an address being made by the Rev. S. H. Hay, and the dedicatory prayer offered by the Rev. W. C. Frierson.

Transfer of Church Property

The following resolutions, concerning the transfer of church property, were read and adopted:

1) The Presbytery confirms the sale of the Brummitts Church property in Mitchell County, N. C., as negotiated by the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery.

2) The Presbytery of Holston requests the Presbytery of Concord to authorize the Trustees of Concord Presbytery to execute a deed to the Brummitts Church property in Mitchell County, N. C.; the said deed to be executed at the direction of the Home Mission Committee of Holston Presbytery.

Resolution of Thanks

A suitable resolution of thanks was read and adopted by a rising vote.

The roll of the Presbytery was called for new business.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer, and the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in the Rogersville, Tenn., Presbyterian Church, April 18, 1932, at 7:30 p. m.

E. G. Tomkinson, Moderator.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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MINUTES

OF

THE SPRING MEETING

OF

Holston Presbytery

IN THE

Rogersville Presbyterian Church

Rogersville, Tennessee

APRIL 18, 1932

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

MEADOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greeneville, Tennessee

OCTOBER 3, 1932, 7:00 p. m.

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ORGANIZATION

Moderator—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, Kingsport, Tenn.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, E. G. Tomkinson, Robert King; Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary and Treasurer;* H. E. Harris, A. B. Rogan; Deacon: Sam R. Sells.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, *Chairman*, and Rev. McCoy Franklin.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. G. S. Buchanan, *Chairman*, and Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. Tilden Scherer, Rev. E. G. Tomkinson.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. R. A. Brown, *Chairman Sunday Schools;* Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, *Chairman Young People's Societies;* Rev. T. W. Clapp.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. John S. Yelton, *Chairman;* Rev. Dan H. Graham.

7) *Stewardship*—Rev. R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary;* Rev. Roy L. Shortridge.

8) *Men's Work*—Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, *Chairman;* Rev. F. S. Jones; Elder Geo. E. Stone, Deacon Geo. M. King.

9) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* Rev. McCoy Franklin.

10) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robert King, *Chairman;* Rev. F. S Jones.

11) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman;* Rev. Robert Yost, Rev. M. J. Murray.

12) *Orphans' Home*—Rev. T. W. Clapp, *Chairman;* Rev. R. A. Brown.

13) *Evangelism*—Rev. Dan Graham, *Chairman;* Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

14) *Sessional Records*—Rev. Roy L. Shortridge, *Chairman;* Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. John S. Yelton.

15) *Vacancy and Supply, and Country Church*—Rev. John Martin, *Chairman;* Rev. W. C. Young.

16) *Program*—The Stated Clerk and the pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. Rev. R. L. Shortridge, Fall 1932.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Samuel H. Hay.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and the Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. P. Johnston, W. C. Frierson, and E. G. Tomkinson.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, C. W. Kernan, and McCoy Franklin.

5) *Scripture Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman*. Rev. T. P. Johnston; Elders J. E. Faucette, A. B. Rogan, J. A. Summers.

TRUSTEES

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and A. B. Rogan.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. Robert King, Rod Armstrong, 1933; F. H. Stinson, 1934; Rev. H. H. Thompson, Sam R. Sells, 1935. E. W. King, 1936; Jas. A. Summers, 1937.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1933; Rhea Anderson, D. R. Beeson, Rev. E. F. Camp, 1934; Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chas. Hughes, 1935.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

John W. Combs.....Holston Valley, Tenn.
Geo. H. Ellis.....Bristol, Tenn.
Robert D. Earnest.....Chucky, Tenn.
P. N. Easterling.....Bristol, Tenn.
Taft Franklin.....Crossnore, N. C.
F. DeWolfe Miller III.....Stony Point, Tenn.
Wylie K. Mills.....Piney Flats, Tenn.
Orion W. Perrell..... Crossnore, N. C.
John Irvin Rhea, Jr.....Blountville, Tenn.
Chas. L. Stucky.....Plumtree, N. C.

MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY

The written records of Holston Presbytery from its organization thru the year 1923 are deposited with the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches at Montreat, N. C. Any information desired from these records will be gladly furnished by the Foundation upon request. A number of extra copies of the printed minutes from 1920 to date have also been placed with the Foundation. These copies are for distribution, and may be secured upon request as long as the supply lasts.

SPRING MEETING

Rogersville, Tenn., April 18, 1932.

The one hundred and eighteenth session of Holston Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Rogersville, Tenn., beginning April 18, 1932, at 7:30 p. m.

Opening of Presbytery

The Presbytery was called to order by the retiring moderator, the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, and opened with prayer by the Rev. R. A. Brown.

Enrollment

The following were present: *Ministers*—D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, G. S. Buchanan, R. D. Carson, T. W. Clapp, W. B. Doyle (2), D. H. Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, F. S. Jones, C. W. Kernan, Robert King, John Martin, M. J. Murray, R. L. Shortridge, H. H. Thompson, E. G. Tomkinson, J. S. Yelton, J. W. Young, W. C. Young. *Elders*—Arcadia, S. A. Newland; Banner Elk, F. H. Stinson; Blountville, Rhea Anderson; Bristol First, C. W. Henry; Cold Spring, C. D. Thomas; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Crossnore, A. M. Chisholm; Jefferson City First, J. R. Moser; Johnson City First, Frank McCorkle; Kingsport First, G. M. Williams (2); Leesburg, B. F. Knight; Meadow Creek, J. A. Waddell; Micaville, Troy L. Young; Mooresburg, J. L. Rogers; Morristown First, J. R. Forgey; New Bethel, Russell Jones; Newport, R. P. Barnette; New Providence, R. C. Armstrong; Paperville, R. P. Carmack; Plumtree, F. L. Burleson (2); Rogersville, J. G. Brown; Rutledge, J. E. Nance (2); Thomas Memorial, W. H. Dettor; White Pine, J. J. Humbird (2).

Organization

The Rev. John Martin was elected moderator.

Report of Program Committee

The Committee on Program offered the following report which was adopted:

Monday, April 18, 1932

7.30 p. m.	Presbytery opened with prayer.
	Organization.
	Report of Program Committee.
	Opening sermon by the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson.
	Presbyterial Communion.
	Adjournment.

Tuesday, April 19, 1932

8.30 a. m.	Devotional service, Rev. Robert King.
9.00	Business session.
10 00	Address by Rev. John Fairly, D. D.
11.30	Presbyterial sermon by the Rev. Chas. Kernan.
	Recess for luncheon at the church.
2 00 p. m.	Business session.
4 00	Recess for committee meetings.
7 00	Public meeting in the interest of Presbytery's Home Missions, Mr. J. D. Faucette, Chairman, presiding.
	Program by representatives of Lees-McRae College.
	Business session until adjournment.

R. D. Carson.
T. P. Johnston.

Courtesy

The Rev. Messrs. J. L. Fairly, D. D., and M. J. Murray, of Wilmington Presbytery; the Rev. S. G. Ketron, D. D., of the M. E. Church, Rogersville, and Prof. Russell Nunam, of Crossnore, N. C., were introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, retiring moderator, on "The Trees of Life and Death,". from the texts, Gen. 2:16-17, Matt. 26:42; and Rev. 22:14.

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial Communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. H. H. Thompson and R. A. Brown, assisted by the following elders: S. A. Newland, Arcadia; Rhea Anderson, Blountville; W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial; R. C. Armstrong, New Providence; R. P. Carmack, Paperville, Troy L. Young, Micaville; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek, and F. H. Stinson, Banner Elk.

Memorial of Geo. C. Sells

The following memorial of Elder Geo. C. Sells, of the First Church, Johnson City, was read and adopted by the Presbytery:

George Caldwell Sells

On February 23, 1932, George C. Sells, ruling elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tenn., faithful presbyter and loyal servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, passed to his eternal reward. In the passing of Mr. Sells the Presbytery of Holston has suffered a distinct loss, for he was an elder of many capacities and had served the Presbytery in many ways, always faithfully and well. It is entirely appropriate that at this time we pause for a moment to honor the memory of this man whom we knew and loved so well.

George Caldwell Sells was born May 6, 1878, near Bristol, in Sullivan County, Tenn., the son of George W. and Margaret McCrary Sells. He graduated from King College in June 1900 with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Literature. Following graduation he worked in the law office of Judge Robert Burrow. He also served on a newspaper, and taught school for one year.

In 1903 he entered Washington and Lee University as a law student, from which institution he graduated with Bachelor of Laws degree in 1904. In July of that same year he was duly licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court of Tennessee. After a brief association with the C.& O. Ry. in a legal capacity, he moved from Bristol to Johnson City, Tenn., in 1907, and there established himself. He remained in this city, growing in usefulness and ability, until at his death he was regarded as one of the most able lawyers of east Tennessee.

Mr. Sells became a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, and in the course of time was elected a ruling elder. In 1911 he was elected teacher of the women's Bible class and this marked the beginning of a life of ever growing Christian service wider in usefulness and more active than had before been possible. The outstanding work which he did for his Master was in the Calvary chapel, a mission of the First Church, where he served as teacher and superintendent for more than ten years. He was still active in this work at the time of his death, occupying at the same time the position of teacher of the young men's Bible class in the First Church.

Mr. Sells had served Holston Presbytery for many years on its board of trustees, and as chairman of the board of Plumtree School. He had always rendered any legal services asked, and was in every way an example of the highest type Christian layman.

Mr. Sells exemplified the highest qualities of true Christian character, marked by a deep spirituality and an intense zeal for the Master's kingdom. As a steward of abounding talents and gifts he was one who was found faithful. After the years of loyal and loving service in the kingdom of Christ in this earth he has been promoted to the living presence of his Lord, and surely is one of that group of whom it was written, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Mr. Sells is survived by his beloved wife, a daughter and two sons. To these the Presbytery of Holston extends its deepest Christian sympathy. But with them it rejoices in the memory of a life enriched in the fellowship of Christ's service, for such was the life of George C. Sells.

Plumtree School for Boys

The Rev. D. C. Amick was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Plumtree School for Boys.

The Presbytery adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay, until 8:30 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:30 a. m., and was led in a devotional service by the Rev. Robert King, who spoke on "Character Making," from the text Mark 1:17, "Come ye after me and I will make you."

The minutes of last night's session were read and adopted.

The printed minutes of the spring meeting were distributed.

Courtesy

Mr. A. W. Maine, senior elder of the Rogersville session, and the Rev. Messrs. J. R. Hazlewood, D. D., evangelist of the Baptist Church; John R. Childs, pastor of the Rogersville Baptist Church; Robert King, of Abingdon Presbytery, and W. M. Hunter, of Concord Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees, and elders on Permanent Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Bills and Overtures—E. G. Tomkinson and C. W. Henry.
Auditing—Rhea Anderson and Geo. M. Williams.
Minutes of Presbytery—G. S. Buchanan and J. R. Moser.
Minutes of Synod—Frank Jones and Russell Jones.
Nominations—H. H. Thompson and T. P. Johnston.
Pastors' Salaries—S. H. Hay and R. P. Carmack.
Resolutions—R. A. Brown and J. A. Waddell.
Elders on Sessional Records—B. F. Knight, A. M. Chisholm, C. D. Thomas, Troy L. Young.

Elders on Permanent Committees:
Assembly's Home Missions—S. A. Newland.
C. E. and M. R.—J. G. Brown.
Religious Education—F. H. Stinson.
Educational Institutions—J. L. Gray.
Orphans' Home—W. H. Dettor.
Evangelism—J. L. Rogers.
Stewardship—J. R. Forgey.
Women's Work—R. P. Barnette.
Men's Work—C. W. Henry.
Vacancy and Supply—Rhea Anderson.

Order of the Day

The election of the commissioners to the General Assembly was made the second order of the day this afternoon.

Communications

A request from the Rev. Tilden Scherer, for permission to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery till the next stated meeting, was granted.

A communication from the Rev. W. B. Doyle, concerning an election of church officers, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from the Rev. J. R. Cunningham was read, explaining his unavoidable absence from Presbytery.

A communication from the Rev. Robert Yost was read, explaining his unavoidable absence from Presbytery.

Installations of Rev. W. B. Doyle

The report of the commission to install the Rev. W. B. Doyle pastor of the New Providence Church was read, adopted, and the commission discharged.

Report of the Commission Appointed by the Presbytery of Holston to Install the Rev. W. Bruce Doyle at New Providence Church

The commission met on the afternoon of Nov. 15, 1931, at 3 p. m., at New Providence Church. There were present the Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, W. C. Young, and T. P. Johnston; Ruling Elders Frank Wright of Kingsport, and Frank Fulkerson of Rogersville.

There being a full quorum, the commission was called to order and opened with prayer by the chairman, Rev. R. D. Carson. Rev. T. P. Johnston was appointed clerk of the commission.

Rev. W. Bruce Doyle was invited to sit with the commission.

A revised call for the services of Rev. Bruce Doyle as pastor of New Providence Church, asking for three-fourths of his time, was received. By authority of the Presbytery, the call was read, found in order, placed in the hands of Mr. Doyle, and accepted by him. Order was taken for the immediate installation of Mr. Doyle, and parts assigned to members of the commission as follows:

Rev. R. D. Carson to preside, propound the constitutional questions, and deliver the charge to the congregation; Rev. T. P. Johnston to preach the sermon; Rev. W. C. Young to deliver the charge to the pastor.

Following a devotional service a sermon was preached by the Rev. T. P. Johnston on the text, Numbers 10:29, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

The constitutional questions were propounded by Rev. R. D. Carson, and these having been satisfactorily answered by both pastor and people, Rev. W. Bruce Doyle was declared duly installed as pastor of New Providence Church. A charge was delivered to the pastor by the Rev. W. C. Young, and a charge to the congregation by the Rev. R. D. Carson.

During the singing of a hymn the members of the congregation came forward and gave the right hand of fellowship to their new pastor. The service was concluded by the benediction, pronounced by Mr. Doyle.

The minutes were read and adopted, and the commission adjourned with prayer.

R. D. Carson, Moderator.
T. P. Johnston, Clerk.

The report of the commission to install the Rev. W. B. Doyle pastor of the White Pine Church was read and adopted, and the commission discharged.

Installation of Rev. W. Bruce Doyle

The commission appointed to install Rev. W. Bruce Doyle met at the Presbyterian Church, White Pine, Tenn., at 3 p. m., Nov. 8, 1931. There were present the Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, E. G. Tomkinson, and Ruling Elder J. D. Hasson of Morristown.

A full quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the chairman, Rev. Dr. R. D. Carson, and opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. S. H. Hay. Rev. E. G. Tomkinson was appointed clerk of the commission.

Parts for the installation service were assigned as follows: Rev. Dr. R. D. Carson to preside, propound the constitutional questions, and deliver the charge to the pastor; Rev. Dr. S. H. Hay to preach the sermon; Rev. E. G. Tomkinson to deliver the charge to the congregation.

The commission then adjourned to the church auditorium where, after a devotional service, the sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. S. H. Hay and the constitutional questions asked by Rev. Dr. R. D. Carson. These having been satisfactorily answered by both pastor and people, Rev. W. Bruce Doyle was declared duly installed.

A charge was given the pastor by Rev. Dr. R. D. Carson, and a charge to the congregation by Rev. E. G. Tomkinson.

The services were concluded by the singing of a hymn and the benediction pronounced by the new pastor. The minutes were read and adopted, and the commission adjourned with prayer.

R. D. Carson, Moderator.
E. G. Tomkinson, Clerk.

Installation of Rev. G. S. Buchanan

The report of the commission to install the Rev. G. S. Buchanan as pastor at Blowing Rock, N. C., was read, adopted, and the commission discharged.

Report of Commission to Install Rev. G. S. Buchanan Pastor at Blowing Rock Church

The commission met at Blowing Rock Church Sunday evening, November 8, 1931, at 7:30 o'clock. There were present Elder J. D. Faucette, Rev. John Martin and Rev. H. H. Thompson. The commission was constituted with prayer.

Mr. Faucette presided, propounded the constitutional questions and charged the congregation; Rev. H. H. Thompson preached the sermon on the subject "Church Loyalty;" Rev. John Martin charged the pastor.

At the conclusion of the service the congregation came forward to extend greetings to their new pastor. The commission adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Buchanan.

H. H. Thompson, Clerk.

Messrs. King and Murray Received

The Rev. Robert King presented a certificate of dismission from Abingdon Presbytery, and the Rev. M. J. Murray presented a certificare of dismission from Wilmington Presbytery, which were received. After the customary examinations and the signing of the obligation, the Rev. Messrs. King and Murray were enrolled.

A call from the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, for the pastoral services of the Rev. Robert King, was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to install Mr. King as pastor of the First Church, Johnson City: The Rev. Messrs. John Martin, Robert Yost, and S. H. Hay, and Elders J. Fred Johnson and Allen Dryden, of Kingsport; the parts to be assigned and the time to be fixed by the commission.

A call from the Banner Elk Church, for the pastoral services of the Rev. M. J. Murray, was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Murray as pastor of the Banner Elk Church: The Rev. Messrs. Robert King, John Martin, and E. F. Camp, and Elders J. Fred Johnson and S. H. Anderson, of Kingsport; the parts to be assigned and the time to be fixed by the commission.

Treasurers' Reports

The report of Rev. T. P. Johnston, Treasurer of the Presbytery, was read, received, and, together with his accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of T. P. Johnston, Treasurer of Holston Presbytery
April 8, 1931, to April 15, 1932

Receipts

Balance brought forward	$ 288.65	
Assessments received from churches	1,626.25	
Offering for Foreign Mission speaker	8.06	$1,922.96

Disbursements

Salaries:		
D. C. Amick, Central Treas. of Benev.	$ 300.00	
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk and Treasurer	150.00	
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	20 00	$ 470.00
Stated Clerk's Office Expense:		
Printing and mailing minutes	$ 162.37	
Printing forms and letters	18.29	
Sessional report blanks	8.10	
Postage	6.50	
Bonding fee	2.50	197.76
Central Treasurer's Office Expense:		
Bonding fee	$ 12.50	
Postage, forms, etc.	17.03	29.53
Miscellaneous:		
General Assembly's assessment	$ 465.29	
Appalachia Synod's assessment	102.04	
Rev. C. R. Stegall, F. M. speaker	10.00	577 33
Total disbursements		$1,274.62
Balance in bank, April 15, 1932		648.34 $1,922 96

The following churches are delinquent for the amounts specified, in the payment of the Presbyterial assessment for 1931: Estatoa $9.60; Grassy Creek $4.20; Micaville $8.60; Newdale $6.40; Newland $15; New Providence $15.20; Paint Gap $20.60; Pineola $19; Plumtree $11.60; Weaver $1.60.

It is recommended—

1) That all churches be urged to pay Presbyterial assessments promptly. If all churches pay in full the assessment can be reduced.

2) That the back taxes on the Cocke County field be excused, in view of the fact that Newport Church has paid taxes on this field for this year.

3) That the assessment rate remain at 20c per capita.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. P. Johnston, Treasurer

The report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences was read, received, and with his auditor's report referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of Central Treasurer of Benevolences
D. C. Amick, Treasurer

Receipts from April 4, 1931, to April 1, 1932

Churches	*Congregation*	*W. S.*	*S. S.*	*Y. P. S.*	*Totals*
Arcadia	$ 105.00	$	$	$	$ 105.00
Banner Elk	15.63	5.00			20.63
Blountville	512.80	19.00			531.80
Blowing Rock	14.35	7 00		5.00	26.35
Bristol First	2,946.25	1,283.50	325.22		4,554.97
Buladean	39.85		2.00		41.85
Cold Spring	258 87	72.50	118.50		449.87
Concord	8.49				8.49
Cove Creek	145.00		61.00		206 00
Crossnore	162.28	165.00	22.73		350.01
Ebenezer	9 94				9.94
Estatoa	40.17				40.17
Grassy Creek	31.50				31.50
Gray's Chapel	30.05				30.05
Harris Memorial	68.55	2.00	6 00		76.55
Hughes	12.00				12.00
Jefferson City First	154.91	601.09	188.98	5.00	949.98
Johnson City First	6,263 00	811.28		27.00	7,101.28
Kingsport	2,651.91	956.03	576.94	5.00	4,189.88
Leesburg	124.00				124.00
Meadow Creek	56 00	10.00	18.20		84.20
Micaville	41 50				41.50
Mooresburg	23.50	10.15	20.48		54.13
Morristown	92 99				92.99
New Bethel	250 00				250.00
Newdale	37.45				37.45
Newland	22.70	29.39			52.09
Newport	163 85	166.00	62.32	5.00	397.17
New Providence		15.00			15.00
Paint Gap	50.00				50.00
Paperville	35.00				35.00
Pineola	10 00	39.75			49.75
Plumtree	16.55	61.00			77.55
Providence	39.62				39.62
Rheatown	210.53				210 53
Roan's Chapel	28.00				28.00

Rogersville	$ 2,096.19	$1,129.51	$ 236.50		$ 3,462.20
Russellville	21.00	250.00			271.00
Russ Memorial	29.80		2.00		31.80
Rutledge	275.00				275.00
Salem	12.00				12.00
Spruce Pine	55.00	80.05			135.05
Strawberry Plains		25.00	16.75		41.75
Thomas Memorial	192.40	15.00			207.40
Vians Valley	27.00				27.00
Weavers	75.00				75.00
White Pine	2.00				2.00
Windsor Avenue		171.79	18.98		190.77
Miscellaneous	27.00				27.00
Cash balance April, 1931	.21				.21
Second remittances	136.00				136.00
Total receipts	$17,620.84	$5,925.04	$1,676.60	$47.00	$25,269.48

This is to certify that I audited this report and found it to be a correct statement of receipts from churches for the period set forth above.

This the 15th day of April, 1932.

W. B. Harkins, Newport, Tenn.

Disbursements from April 4, 1931, to April 1, 1932.

Foreign Missions		
Regular	$6,305.67	
Kellersburger fund	342.50	
Birthday offering	181.25	$ 6,829.42
Assembly's Home Missions		3,090.37
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		1,272.99
Religious Education and Publication Committee		518.03
Assembly's Training School		108.68
American Bible Society		117.68
Synod's Work		1,233.74
Educational Institutions		
Regular	$2,291.58	
King College endowment	99.00	2,390.58
Presbytery's Home Missions		5,963.43
Grandfather Orphans' Home		1,911.08
Banner Elk Schools		1,301.98

Miscellaneous		
Ministers' Annuity Fund	$ 353.00	
First Church, Bennington, Okla.	2.00	
Contingent fees Woman's Aux.	15.50	
Merchants and Planters Bank	136.00	506.50
Total disbursements		$25,244.48
Cash in bank, due Mary Andrews Chapel		25.00
		$25,269.48

This is to certify that I audited this report and found it to be correct except for error of $10 due the Presbytery's Home Mission account, which amount corrects the difference of $10 between cash in bank in the above report and bank balance on April 1.

This the 15th day of April, 1932. *W. B. Harkins, Newport, Tenn.*

Remittances reported but which did not pass through hands of Central Treasurer:

Blountville for King College endowment	$ 51.00
Windsor Avenue for King College endowment	60.00
Kingsport for Grandfather Orphans' Home	25.00
Paint Gap for Grandfather Orphans' Home	7.26
Strawberry for Grandfather Orphans' Home	68.25
Strawberry for Home Missions	15.00
Totals	$226.51

This is to certify that I audited the reports and accounts of Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Benevolences of Holston Presbytery, and found them correct and in good order, except for an error of $10 due the Presbytery's Home Mission account.

In this audit was included the following: Church accounts, paid vouchers, partial receipts, deposits, remittances and bank statements.

This the 15th day of April, 1932. *W. B. Harkins.*

This is to certify that we, the Auditing Committee appointed by the Presbytery, have examined the reports of Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer, as audited by W. B. Harkins, and find same to be correct.

G. M. Williams.
Rhea Anderson.

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions Committee was read, received, and together with his accounts and vouchers referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions

I herewith submit my report as Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee for the year April 1, 1931, to March 31, 1932.

Receipts

From the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee	$10,864.86
From Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer	6,709.23
From General Assembly's Home Missions Committee for Cocke County field	2,728.00
From Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Tenn.	436.28
From Dr. Geo. F. Graham legacy fund	325.00
From gifts for student work at Boone, N. C.	367.43
From special gifts	55.00
From loan Tennessee National Bank	750.00
From reserve funds	4,748.41
Total receipts	$26,984.21

Disbursements

Overdraft April 1, 1931	$ 1.01
Payroll Home Mission workers	14,239.32
General Assembly's Home Missions Committee	5,867.38
Rent for manse for Superintendent-Evangelist	300.00
Expense account for Superintendent-Evangelist	801.38
Expense Stewardship conferences	7.50
Building fund for churches and manse	350.00
Appropriation for pastors' salary Home Mission churches	57.50
Appropriation on furnace for church at Newland, N. C.	75.00
Insurance	13.20
Student worker at Boone, N. C.	1,250.00
Committee expense	239.60
Expense of work in Cocke County field	2,665.41
Payment of loan and interest Tennessee National Bank	755.53
Summer work	473.16
Minister for special evangelistic services	25.00
Special gift	100.00
Total disbursements	$27,221.26
Overdraft March 31, 1932	$ 237.05

Frank Taylor, Treasurer.

Reports of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association

The report of the Lees-McRae College of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association was read, received, and referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions.

The report of Grace Hospital of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association was read, received, and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. John Yelton and E. G. Tomkinson.

The report of the Grandfather Orphanage department of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association was read, received, and referred to the Committee on Orphans' Home.

Address of Dr. J. L. Fairly

The Rev. J. L. Fairly, D. D., Assembly's Coördinate Secretary of Religious Education, made an address to the Presbytery on trained leadership in the Sunday schools.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon, on the "Deity of Christ," was preached by the Rev. C. W. Kernan, from the text, Matt. 16:15, "He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?"

The Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m., after prayer by the Rev. C. W. Kernan.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. T. W. Clapp.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Meadow Creek Church for the fall meeting, on Oct. 3, 7:00 p. m.

Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following brethren were elected commissioners to the General Assembly: Principals—Ministers, Rev. R. D. Carson and Rev. J. W. Young; principals—Elders, R. P. Barnett, Newport, and Rhea Anderson, Blountville. Alternates—Ministers, Rev. E. G. Tomkinson and Rev. C. C. Carson; alternates—Elders, W. W. Hufford, Kingsport, and J. W. Wilson, Pineola.

Conference on Teacher Training

The Rev. J. L. Fairly, D. D., Assembly's Coördinate Secretary of Religious Education, conducted a conference on methods and credits in standard teacher training, and the use of "Kingdom Highways."

Religious Education

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Religious Education Committee

Part I. Sunday School Report

Your Committee on Religious Education has the following report to present on Sunday school work in the Presbytery:

Pursuant to Presbytery's request at the last fall meeting, your committee met with Dr. John Fairly to discuss the teacher training work. Dr. Fairly's presentation of the attitude and purpose of the Central Committee at Richmond was so satisfactory that we felt it desirable for Dr. Fairly to meet with Presbytery and present in open meeting the attitude and purpose of the Assembly's Committee regarding teacher training work in general, and the requirements for leaders of such training classes in particular.

The statistical report shows good interest and sustained activity thruout the Presbytery, and a summary is here presented.

Recommendations

1) That each church be urged to provide at least one week of training for its Sunday school workers either under local, Presbyterial or Synodical leadership.

2) That each Sunday school be urged to observe Rally Day and take an offering for the cause of Religious Education.

3) That each school be urged to make provision in their financial program for special offerings for Grandfather Orphanage.

4) That the statistical report be printed in the minutes of Presbytery as usual.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph A. Brown, Chairman, S. S.

Part II. Young People's Work

Your Committee on Young People's Work wishes to submit the following report: Twenty-four churches reported organized young people's groups. Seven of these groups were divided according to age. The total benevolent contribution was $162, for local church work $332; grand total of all contributions including miscellaneous, $521. All of the reporting groups are under the care and direction of the sessions. Eight societies support the Presbyterian Program. Five report as supporting the financial aims of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. Four societies have a young people's council. Nine are affiliated with the Christian Endeavor, six with the Young People of the Church and nine have no affiliation with a higher body.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Kerwan, Chairman, Y. P. W.

Nominations

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted, and is as follows:

I. We recommend the following changes in Permanent Committees:

1) Add Rev. Robert King to Presbytery's Home Missions Committee.

10) Rev. Robert King Chairman of Sabbath and Family Religion in place of Mr. Frierson.

11) Rev. M. J. Murray in place of Rev. T. P. Johnston, Committee on Educational Institutions.

II. Changes in Trustees: (1) J. R. Simmonds trustee of Presbytery in place of Geo. C. Sells, deceased.

2) Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, Jas. A. Summers to succeed himself; Rev. Robert King in place of Rev. S. H. Hay.

3) Plumtree School for Boys: J. D. Faucette in place of Geo. C. Sells; Rhea Anderson in place of E. B. Ward. 1932 class to be reelected for 3 years.

III Presbyterial sermon, fall meeting, subject "Personal Evangelism." Preacher: Rev. Robert King Alternate, Rev. R. D. Carson.

H. H. Thompson.
T. P. Johnston.

Special Committee for New Bethel Anniversary

The Presbytery appointed the following special committee to coöperate with the Rev. Dan Graham and his session, in celebrating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of New Bethel Church, Aug. 18-21, 1932: The Rev. Messrs. Robert King, T. P. Johnston, H. H. Thompson, and John Martin, and Elders E. W. King, First Church, Bristol; J. Fred Johnson, Kingsport, and Deacon Sam R. Sells, First Church, Johnson City.

Call for Rev. C. W. Kernan

The following commission was appointed to act upon a call from the Cold Spring Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. C. W. Kernan, and arrange for his installation, if the way be clear, May 15, at 3 p. m.: To preside and propound the constitutional questions, Prof. C. W. Henry, First Church, Bristol; to preach the sermon, the Rev. R. D. Carson; to charge the pastor, the Rev. H. H. Thompson; to charge the people, the Rev. Dan Graham; alternate minister, the Rev. R. A. Brown; alternate elder, Rhea Anderson, Blountville.

The Presbytery took recess, after prayer by the Rev. Dan Graham, until 7 p. m.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 7 p. m. with prayer by the Rev. Dan Graham.

Presbytery's Home Missions

A popular meeting in the interest of Presbytery's Home Missions was held, with Mr. J. D. Faucette, Chairman of Presbytery's Home Missions Committee, presiding.

A devotional service, on the subject "Prayer in Worship," was conducted by representatives from Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, N. C. Those taking part were Miss Maxey Weaver, Miss Edith Kesler, and Messrs. John Boyd Gibbs, Ellis Oakes, and Melvin Sumter.

Mr. Rhea Anderson read a sketch of some of the oldest churches in East Tennessee.

The report of the Presbytery's Home Missions Committee was read and adopted.

Home Missions Committee

Your Home Missions Committee wishes to submit the following report of the Home Mission work in Holston Presbytery for the year 1931-1932. The report is obviously not in detail, but generally covers the work accomplished during the year. Every worker and field has been visited during the year and especially those fields without pastoral relationship.

New Workers

At the beginning of the year there were a number of vacancies, but these have all been filled with the following workers:

Rev. G. Sexton Buchanan at Blowing Rock, who is doing an excellent piece of constructive work.

Miss Katherine O'Neall, director of Religious Work at Banner Elk, is doing excellent work; thus justifying the committee in placing a worker in this new position.

Rev. M. J. Murray, the new pastor at Banner Elk, has taken hold of the work in a way that encourages us to expect a successful pastorate in this important field

Rev. Charles Kernan, formerly in the Cocke County field, accepted a call to the Cold Spring Church, and his labors there and in the Home Mission points in that field, and also his work at Fairmont Chapel, where he preaches Sunday nights, are highly appreciated.

The Cocke County field is being supervised by the Newport Church, and we have a student worker, Mr. Ted Greenhoe, of Louisville Theological Seminary, engaged for summer work in that field.

Community Workers

These workers are doing an excellent and heroic work. This phase of work is changing rapidly and we do not have as many as heretofore, largely due to the fact that the county superintendents of public schools are not coöperating with us as in the past.

Summer Work

About 20 Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held during the summer at small expense to the committee, as the workers were those already in the employ of the committee with four assistants from among the young people trained by Miss Faucette at Banner Elk. These schools accomplished much good

among the children in each community. Only one young man was employed during the summer. He was secured by Mr. Gray to assist on his field and was paid by him.

Equipment

The chapel at Black's in the Cocke County field was completed and dedicated July 12, 1931. A beautiful manse has been erected at Blowing Rock under the supervision of Rev. G. S. Buchanan and the Blowing Rock Church. Two churches are in process of construction in Rev. Dan Graham's field, one on the Blountville and Bristol pike, in which they are now worshipping, and the other in Scott County, Virginia. These all add to the material value of the equipment of Holston Presbytery and aid in doing better work and at very little cost to the committee.

Evangelism

Evangelism has been stressed throughout the Presbytery and results have been gratifying. While it is the aim and requirement that an evangelistic meeting be held in every Home Mission church in the Presbytery, this has not been done owing to the fact that local pastors have not been able to secure men from other churches to hold such meetings. We are truly grateful unto God for the wonderful way in which He has blessed our Home Mission work this year. We feel this has come about largely because of the emphasis that was placed on prayer in the spring meeting of Presbytery, and the covenant of prayer entered into by the preachers to pray for each other on Saturday nights. This year we have reported 360 additions to the church, 325 on profession of faith.

Your Superintendent wishes to thank the committee and all members of Presbytery for their loyalty and spirit of coöperation, and sincerely hopes and prays that we may have greater coöperation of the pastors in doing this great work, and that each one will be willing to give at least two weeks of his time for evangelistic work in one of these isolated fields.

John Martin, Superintendent.

The Chairman wishes to add to this report of your Superintendent that he believes the work of the Superintendent and most of our workers have been faithful, and as shown by this report, our labors have been blessed during the past year.

Finances

Your committee has spent more this year than our receipts, but we have kept out of debt. However, it will be necessary to make some reductions in our expenditures if we keep our work up to its present activities. Every Home Mission field that we have heretofore occupied is supplied. The following is a list of workers whose salaries are paid, or supplemented, by the Home Missions Committee:

Miss Emma Milburn.....Paint Gap, N. C.
Miss Daisy Thrift.....Paint Gap, N. C.
Miss Osma Newton.....Toledo, N. C.
Miss Katherine O'Neall.....Banner Elk, N. C.
Mrs. E. F. Brown.....Boone, N. C.
Miss Lucy Abrams.....Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Miss Bessie West.....Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Miss Mary Andrews.....Hartford, Tenn.
Mr. Robert Young.....Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Mr. John Rhea.....King College
Mr. J. L. Gray.....Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Mr. Troy Young.....Bakersville, N. C.
Rev. W. C. Young.....Whitesburg, Tenn.
Rev. John Young.....Buladean, N. C.
Rev. E. F Camp.....Newland, N. C.
Rev. Frank Jones.....Micaville, N. C.
Rev. M. J. Murray.....Banner Elk, N. C.
Rev. G. Sexton Buchanan.....Blowing Rock, N. C.
Rev. R. L. Shortridge.....Greeneville, Tenn., R. F. D.
Rev. Charles Kernan.....Holston Valley, Tenn.
Rev. E. G. Tomkinson.....Jefferson City. Tenn.
Rev. John Yelton..... Blountville field

J. D. Faucette, Chairman.

Address of Prof. C. W. Henry

The Presbytery was addressed by Prof. C. W. Henry, President of King College, on the subject of Christian Education.

Appreciation of Rev. J. L. Fairly, D. D.

The appreciation of the Presbytery was expressed to the Rev. J. L. Fairly, D. D., for his visit and his address, and the hope expressed that he would visit Holston Presbytery again.

Evangelism

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Evangelism takes pleasure in reporting the greatest harvest of souls this past year than in any recent year. There were 623 additions to the churches on confession, and 290 by letter, as against 394 and 252 respectively last year in this Presbytery.

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It is not known how many meetings were held, but it is evident that there have been more than in the past years. The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. We urge every minister to hold all the meetings possible; if a visiting minister can not be secured, let us do the preaching ourselves and depend on the Lord for results. *Dan H. Graham, Chairman.*

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Recommendations of the Committee on C. E. and M. R.

1) That appropriations by the Executive Committee be requested as follows for the current church year: For Mrs. Lottie S. McFerrin, $120; for Mrs. Sue Tadlock Wallace, $120; for Mrs. Eva D. Converse $84.

2) That Presbytery's Committee be authorized to make changes in appropriations upon discovery of changed needs during the year.

Samuel H. Hay, Chairman.

Assembly's Home Missions

The report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was read and received. Pending its adoption, the Presbytery was led in prayer for Assembly's Home Missions by the Moderator. The report with its recommendations was adopted and is as follows:

Report on Assembly's Home Missions

The reports from the fields aided by the Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions indicate a year of substantial progress. Through the agency of this committee the gospel was preached in 1,002 communities and 5,154 persons were added to the Presbyterian Church upon profession of faith and 2,490 by certificate. The aid-receiving Presbyteries report the organization of nine new churches and 47 new Sunday schools, and that 19 mission churches had assumed self-support and been taken from the Home Mission rolls.

On April 1, 1931, the appropriations of the previous year were reduced an average of 10 per cent. On October 1 Assembly's Home Missions was put on a cash basis and all beneficiaries notified that appropriations would be paid only as the funds were received. This cash policy necessitated another reduction of 10 per cent, and this also applied to the workers in the office as well as to those on the field.

The total Home Mission receipts for the year ending March 31, 1932, were $412,786, which is $51,861 less than the preceding year. In spite of the decreasing income all obligations for the year were paid. The committee's bank indebtedness was reduced $18,500. This reduction in the indebtedness was made possible by drastic economies in administration, by reductions in the amounts paid the workers, and by the use, in this emergency, of some special undesignated funds for this purpose.

In obedience to the action of the Assembly, limiting appropriations for a current year to the total budget income of the preceding year, another drastic reduction in appropriations was necessary. However, even these reduced appropriations cannot be fixed obligations, but represent the amounts the Executive Committee will hope to pay if the funds are received. In the appropriations provision was made for payment of 20 per cent of the bank debt, and this item will share proportionately with the other items in the budget of expenses.

In five years the Home Mission forces have been slowly retreating before a constantly enlarging Home Mission need. In this period one-third of the Assembly's Home Mission income has been wiped out. No other agency of the church is caring for the work that the Assembly's Committee has been compelled to give up. Yet, never did the nation need the message and the ministry of Home Missions more than today.

Your committee is making this full and frank statement of the progress and promise of the work and of the financial policies that have been adopted. The Home Missions Committee is determined that the expenditures shall be kept within the income, and that the unavoidable debt, due to the unprecedented shrinkage of receipts, shall not be increased. Your committee believes when the facts are known that the church will respond to the Home Mission appeal and supply the funds for this fundamental and far-reaching work of the kingdom.

The following recommendations are offered:

1) That Presbytery approve and enter into the Church-wide Evangelistic Campaign for 1933, and arrange at the fall meeting to consider the importance and promise of this concerted effort throughout the Assembly.

2) That Presbytery's Home Missions Committee be urged to bear in mind this evangelistic year, and seek by every method possible to awaken interest in the unsaved within our bounds.

3) That October 12-November 30 be designated as Home Mission study season, with every congregation using the official book, "The Red Man's Trail," and that November 13-20 be the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Assembly's Home Missions in all our churches.

4) That pastors and sessions urge upon their people the importance of maintaining our Home Mission work in these difficult days, not only to carry out the plain command of our Lord, but also to insure the growth and the very life of our denomination in the days to come.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Sexton Buchanan, Chairman.

Stewardship

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Stewardship begs to report that the every member canvass reports are so incomplete that it is impossible to render a detailed report. The total amount for Benevolences reported from 40 churches was $26,320, about $9,000 less than last year. Twelve churches either reported no canvass taken or render no report of canvass made.

R. D. Carson, Chairman.

Educational Institutions

The report of the Committee on Educational Institutions was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Reports of Committee on Educational Institutions

Mr. Edgar H. Tufts, President of Lees-McRae College, presented the annual report of the college to the Presbytery, which was heard with interest. Mr. Tufts called attention to his efforts to economize so as to keep the expenses of operating efficiently within the income. The year's enrollment totaled 197, with 90 of these in the college proper.

The statistical report is presented as follows:

Lees-McRae College

Enrollment

The year's enrollment has totaled 197, divided by classes as follows:

College seniors	34	Eleventh grade	30
College juniors	56	Tenth grade	25
Unclassified	1	Ninth grade	23
		Eighth grade	28

By denominations, the enrollment is as follows:

Presbyterian	103
Baptist	26
Methodist	21
Episcopalian	2
Lutheran	1
Christian	1
Seventh Day Adventist	1
Roman Catholic	1
No church membership	41
	197

The following States are represented by this year's student body:

North Carolina	124	South Carolina	8
Tennessee	29	Florida	1
Virginia	12	Alabama	1
Georgia	10	Kentucky	1
West Virginia	9	New York	1

and one foreign country, South America; a total of ten states and one foreign country.

Income and Expense

Income for the current school year is running behind our anticipated budget. On April 1 church collections were as follows:

Holston Presbytery Benevolences	$ 933.02
Concord Presbytery Benevolences	431.68
Assembly's Home Missions Committee	650.00
Total	$2,014.70

Total receipts and disbursements for operating expenses, as taken from the auditor's report for the year ending June 30, 1931, are as follows:

Receipts

Students' fees		$16,580.96	
Gifts		6,162.71	
Income on investments		7,138.74	
Church collections:			
Holston Presbytery Benev.	$1,702.13		
Concord Presbytery Benev.	612.17		
Assembly's Home Missions	1,200.00	3,514.30	
Miscellaneous		798.39	
Total receipts			$34,195.10

Expense

Administration and general	$ 6,964.25	
Housing and subsisting	13,576.19	
Health	278.50	
Education	8,727.72	
Operation and maintenance	5,704.01	
Total expense		36,250.67

Orphans' Home

The report of the Committee on Orphans' Home was read and adopted and is as follows:

We append herewith a brief report on the Orphanage.

1) We recommend that the report be accepted.

2) That those in charge of the Orphanage be commended for their diligence and consecration.

3) That the pastors call the attention of their people to the fact that supplies are as acceptable as cash. They can use anything that a child can eat, wear or play with.

4) That the administration be aided and encouraged in its efforts to get the needs of the Orphanage before the people.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. Clapp, Chairman.
W. H. Dettor.

Grandfathers Orphans' Home

Attached to my report is a complete history of operations for the year, in detail. From it we have gleaned briefly certain facts that we believe are of special interest to the Presbytery.

The Orphanage cared for 96 children during the year. On December 31, 1931, there were 93. There were 10 new admissions and 13 discharged. Of the 96 cared for 34 were boys and 62 girls. 22 had neither father nor mother living; 21 had no mother living; 45 had no father living. The total number of days that these 96 children lived at the Orphanage was 28,882.

Finances

Receipts:		
Per Capita Payments:		
The Duke Endowment	$ 2,345.02	
Relatives and estates	1,659.82	$ 4,004.84
Productive Enterprises:		
Contributions:		
Religious organizations	$ 3,395.24	
Fraternal orders	8.50	
Individuals	4,047.65	7,451.39
Donated commodities:		
Food	850.92	
Clothing	1,410.39	
Other	20.00	2,281.31
Income on Investments	$ 1,436.02	1,436.02
Certificates of deposit	1,150.00	1,150.00
Cash balance year beginning Jan. 1, 1931	2,000.00	
Petty cash	503.86	2,503.86
Inventory of supplies on hand Dec. 31, 1930		1,002.25
Accounts payable	$ 3,323.30	
Student fees	631.05	3,954.35
Total receipts		$23,784.02
Expenses:		
Administration	$ 2,824.08	
Household	12,038.49	
Health	416.27	
Education	810.05	
Plant operation and maintenance	2,252.96	
Extra-institutional service	88.70	$18,430.55
Cash balance year ending Dec. 31, 1931	$ 1,400.00	
Checking account	1,559.51	2,959.51
Inventory of supplies on hand Dec. 31, 1931	$ 938.80	938.80
Unpaid bills from previous years paid during 1931	305.16	305.16
Total expense		$22,634.02

Grace Hospital

The special committee on Grace Hospital recommended approval of the financial report of the hospital, and that a brief summary of the report be included in the minutes of the Presbytery. The recommendation was adopted.

Grace Hospital

Attached to this report is a complete history of operations for the hospital department for the past year, in detail.

The medical department has shown an increase in the number of patients served. The appeal for help along the lines of free beds is ever increasing and very depressing from a financial point of view, but a wonderful opportunity for service. With a 25-bed hospital, there has been an average of 27 bed-patients for every day in the year, or a total of 9,689 bed days. Total bed patients treated during the year were 961, whose bed days were 9,652.

Grace Hospital Training School for Nurses is fully accredited, meeting the requirements of a class A training school, and so accepted by the North Carolina State Board of Examiners. We have at the present time 17 student nurses, 2 graduate nurses, a business manager, bookkeeper, dietitian, technician, two physicians, and a total of 30 workers.

The new $75,000 building has been completed without debt. The hospital has been able to meet all expenses for the year in spite of the greater demands and the general economic situation. The cost per day per patient is $1.72.

Vacancy and Supply

The Committee on Vacancy and Supply made the following report, which was adopted:

We request Presbytery to authorize the following stated supplyships until the next stated meeting of Presbytery:

Revs. Dan Graham and John Yelton—Paperville and Weavers.
Rev. J. W. Young—Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial, Ross Chapel, and Vians Valley.
Rev. J. W. Roseborough, Jr.—Spruce Pine and Grassy Creek.
Rev. F. S. Jones—Micaville, Newdale, Paint Gap, Estatoa.
Rev. T. W. Clapp—Plumtree and Hughes.
Rev. R. L. Shortridge—Rheatown.
Rev. W. C. Young—Leesburg, Whitesburg, Mooresburg, Providence.

We request Presbytery to grant to the Rev. D. C. Amick evangelistic powers, in the Cocke County field, to receive members, till the next stated meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

John Martin, Chairman.

Sessional Records

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read and adopted as follows:

The Committee on Sessional Records reports that it has examined the sessional record books and approves them; with the exceptions of a few irregularities noted on the individual books.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Shortridge, Chairman.

Men's Work

The report of the Committee on Men's Work was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Men's Work reports only seven report blanks returned. Out of these, only three report "Men of the Church" organizations. Only two report the use of the Presbyterian Progressive Program.

We recommend to pastors and elders that the Assembly's plan for the Men of the Church be studied this year, and a local organization be formed, if at all possible—in view of the approaching evangelistic movement in our church next year, for the purpose of enlisting men in the work of personal evangelism.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. Tomkinson.
Frank S. Jones.
C. W. Henry.

Women's Work

The report of the Committee on Women's Work was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Women's Work

An examination of the annual report of the Woman's Auxiliary of this Presbytery, as submitted by Mrs. O. R. Post, Presbyterial Recording Secretary, reveals the usual splendid service that is being rendered each year by this praiseworthy organization.

The contributions for the year ending March 31, 1932, are as follows:

To Denominational Benevolences

1) Foreign Mission	$ 3,204.00	
(a) Birthday Gift—African School	674.00	
2) Assembly's Home Missions	1,131.00	
3) Christian Ed. and Ministerial Relief	710.00	
4) Religious Education and Publication	89.00	
5) Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	64.00	
6) Bible Cause	41.00	
7) Synod's Home Missions	278.00	
8) Orphans' Homes	683.00	
9) Educational Institutions	807.00	
10) Presbytery's Home Missions	1,242.00	
Total denominational benevolences		$ 9,143.00
11) Auxiliary special benevolences		514.00
Total all benevolences		9,657.00

To Local Church Work

12) Pastors' salaries	$ 184.00	
13) Current expenses:		
(a) Church	245.00	
(b) Local Auxiliary current expense	1,078.00	
(c) Presbyterial and Synodical contigent fee	327.00	
(d) Sunday school	54.00	
14) Building expense	2,884.00	
Total local church work		$ 4,515.00
15) Miscellaneous contributions		447.00
Total all benevolences		$ 9,657.00
Total, local church work		4,515.00
Miscellaneous contributions		447.00
Grand total all contributions		$14,619.00

The report reveals an increase of $1,172.00 in all contributions over last year.

There are 32 Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial; 17 have contributed to all church benevolent causes. The number of members reported are 1,929; tithers 451; family altars 346.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. Camp, Chairman.

Bills and Overtures

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Bills and Overtures has received but one communication as follows:

Congregation elects man to be deacon. Man signifies acceptance. Minister comes to conduct installation. In service the presiding minister by mistake uses the word "Elder" *instead* of "Deacon." No one calls his attention to mistake.

Now is this man an elder?

Is he a deacon?

Is he neither—because the presiding minister used word "Elder" in pronouncing and declaring instead of word "Deacon." *W. Bruce Doyle.*

Your committee recommends that Presbytery rule that the intent and motive of the congregation in the matter should be the guiding influence and that the name "Elder" be changed to read "Deacon" in order to avoid any future misunderstanding.

E. G. Tomkinson.
C. W. Henry.

Auditing Committee

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted and is as follows:

Your committee on auditing the books of our three treasurers, Messrs. T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, and Frank Taylor, begs to report that we have carefully examined their books and reports, and believe them to be true and correct. We recommend their approval, and the adoption of the reports.

Rhea Anderson.
G. M. Williams.

Minutes of Presbytery

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Presbytery was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on the Minutes of Presbytery

Your committee reports that we have carefully read and examined the printed minutes of the fall meeting of Presbytery and find that they have been neatly and carefully recorded. We have found no fault with them.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Sexton Buchanan, Chairman.

Minutes of Synod

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Minutes of Synod

Your committee reports that we have examined the minutes of the Synod and find nothing to bring before Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank S. Jones, Chairman.
Russell Jones.

Pastors' Salaries

The report of the Committee on Pastor's Salaries was read and adopted, and is as follows:

We wish to submit the following report on pastors' salaries for the year ending March 31, 1932. All have been paid in full except the following:

	Balance Due
Meadow Creek	$ 32.00
Blowing Rock	107.00
Russellville	81.50
Newdale	35.00
Paint Gap	10.00
Estatoa	42.00
Strawberry Plains	90.00
Micaville	54.00
Harris Memorial	8.48
Pineola	105.00

The attention of these churches is called to the matter, with the presumption that they will complete payment at the earliest possible date.

R. P. Carmack,
for the Committee

Statistical Report

The Stated Clerk was authorized to complete the report on statistics and forward to the General Assembly, and to print a summary in the minutes.

Statistics

Ministers	34	Adult baptisms	477
Churches	52	Infant baptisms	50
Candidates	10	Total S. S. enrollment	8,126
Elders	225	Licensures	1
Deacons	223	Ordinations	2
Received on confession	623	Installations	3
Received by certificate	290	Dissolutions	2
Whole No. of communicants	7,191		

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$11,881	
Assembly's Home Missions	3,810	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	2,942	
Religious Education and Publication	787	
Assembly's Training School	152	
Bible Cause	162	
Synod's Home Missions	2,076	
Orphans' Home	3,436	
Educational Institutions	7,902	
Presbytery's Home Missions	9,243	
Total to regular Benevolences		$42,391
Pastors' salaries actually paid	$37,977	
Current expenses	35,506	
Congregational missions	1,655	
Building expense	27,912	
Miscellaneous contributions	5,134	108,184
Grand total of all contributions		$150,575

Resolution of Thanks

A suitable resolution of thanks was read, and adopted by a rising vote.

The roll of the Presbytery was called for new business.

The minutes of today's sessions were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. John Yelton and the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in stated meeting in the Meadow Creek Church, Oct. 3, 1932, at 7 p. m.

John Martin, Moderator.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOLS

CHURCHES REPORTING SABBATH SCHOOLS	Number of Schools	MEMBERSHIP: Total Regular Pupils	Cradle Roll	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	Total Membership	Pupils Added to Church During Year	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS ($'s): Foreign Missions	Assembly's H. M.	Chris. Ed. & Min. Rel.	Rel. Ed. & Publication	Assembly's Training School for L. W.	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Mis.	Orphans' Homes	Educational Instit'ns	Presbytery's H. M.	Current Expenses of School	Misc. Contributions	Total of all Contributions
Arcadia	1	39			7	46	3											11		11
Banner Elk	4	311	3		26	340		7	10				6		13			159		195
Blountville	2	114	12		20	146									81			85	36	202
Blowing Rock	1	77			6	83									29			50	30	109
Bristol First	2	943		50	73	1066		54			56				366			802	90	1368
Buladean	3	136			12	148												45		45
Cold Spring	2	135				135		40							58		20	65		183
Cove Creek	2	270			12	282					61							56		117
Crossnore	1	126			13	139									31			89		120
Ebenezer	1	59			4	63	1										10	12		22
Estatoa	1	31			5	36												10		10
Grassy Creek	1	37			4	41	4								2			12		14
Gray's Chapel	2	99			11	110					5							36	20	61
Harris' Memorial	1	42			8	50	1	3			3							12		18
Hughes	1	21			4	25	5											14		14
Jefferson City	1	150			10	160	3				30				170			168		368
Johnson City First	3	896	50	15	84	1045	8	87							188			1008	428	1711
Kingsport First	3	843	79	12	47	981	62	174	50	25	6	3	2	25	92	77	123	553	136	1266
Leesburg	1	72			8	80												30		30
Mary Andrews Chapel	1	107			5	112	3			10	5							30		45
Meadow Creek	2	150			20	170	19	4	2	1				1	1	2	7	57		75
Micaville	1	70			5	75												35		35
Mooresburg	1	30			4	34	5								29			16	10	55
Morristown	2	332	13		31	376	8	172	31	42	39	3	2	7	10	141	55	3		505
Mount Sterling*																				
New Bethel	2	207			27	234									13			179	8	200
Newdale	1	49			6	55												16		16
Newland	1	96			5	101	10													
Newport	1	124	27		21	172	3				9				35	18	7	213		282
New Providence	1	65	4	4	5	78												32		32
Paint Gap	1	149	2		9	160												55		55
Paperville*																				
Pineola	1	73	9		8	90	1				8				33			41		82
Plumtree	5	293			16	309	12								20			135	87	242
Providence	1	50			6	56					1						3	11		15
Rheatown*																				
Roan's Chapel	2	85			13	98												22		22
Rogersville	4	334	14	27	43	418		54	20		61				147			511	37	830
Russellville	1	19			3	22												31		31
Russ Memorial	1	51			5	56														
Rutledge*																				
Salem *																				
Shulls Mills *																				
Smoky Mountain	1	45			3	48												8		8
Spruce Pine	1	93			10	103	3											97	6	103
Strawberry Plains	1	86			4	90	5								40			37		77
Thomas Memorial	1	52	10		8	70					6				55			97	60	218
Vians Valley	1	40			5	45												15		15
Weavers †																				
White Pine *																				
Windsor Avenue	2	223	36		22	281	20								43			340	167	550
Totals	69	7224	259	108	638	8229	176	595	113	78	290	6	10	33	1456	238	225	5198	1115	9357

* No school. † Independent school.

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MINUTES

OF

THE FALL MEETING

OF

Holston Presbytery

IN THE

Meadow Creek Presbyterian Church
Greeneville, Tennessee

OCTOBER 3, 1932

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Morristown, Tennessee

APRIL 17, 1933, 7:30 P. M.

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ORGANIZATION

Moderator—The Rev. John W. Young, Buladean, N. C.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, Kingsport, Tenn.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, E. G. Tomkinson, Robert King; Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary and Treasurer;* H. E. Harris, A. B. Rogan; Deacon: Sam R. Sells.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, *Chairman*, and Rev. McCoy Franklin.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. G. S. Buchanan, *Chairman*, and Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. E. G. Tomkinson.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. R. A. Brown, *Chairman;* Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, Rev. T. W. Clapp, Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, Mr. Robert Morrison.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. John S. Yelton, *Chairman;* Rev. Dan H. Graham.

7) *Stewardship*—Rev. R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary;* Rev. Roy L. Shortridge.

8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* Rev. McCoy Franklin.

9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robert King, *Chairman;* Rev. F. S. Jones.

10) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman;* Rev. Robert Yost, Rev. M. J. Murray.

11) *Orphans' Home*—Rev. T. W. Clapp, *Chairman;* Rev. R. A. Brown.

12) *Evangelism*—Rev. Dan Graham, *Chairman;* Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. Roy L. Shortridge, *Chairman;* Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. John S. Yelton.

14) *Vacancy and Supply*—Rev. John Martin, *Chairman;* Rev. W. C. Young.

15) *Program*—The Stated Clerk and the pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. Rev. S. H. Hay, Spring 1933.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Samuel H. Hay.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and the Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. P. Johnston, W. C. Frierson, and E. G. Tomkinson.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, C. W. Kernan, and McCoy Franklin.

5) *Scripture Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. T. P. Johnston; Elders J. E. Faucette, A. B. Rogan, J. A. Summers.

TRUSTEES

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and J. E. Nance.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. Robert King, Rod Armstrong, 1933; F. H. Stinson, 1934; Rev. H. H. Thompson, Sam R. Sells, 1935; E. W. King, 1936; Jas. A. Summers, 1937.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1933; Rhea Anderson, D. R. Beeson, Rev. E. F. Camp, 1934; Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chas. Hughes, 1935.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

Ralph L. Buchanan.....Plumtree, N. C.
Richard Burn..... Bristol, Tenn.
John W. Combs.....Holston Valley, Tenn.
George H. Ellis.....Bristol, Tenn.
Robert D. Earnest.....Chucky, Tenn.
Pat N. Easterling.....Bristol, Tenn.
Taft Franklin.....Crossnore, N. C.
T. M. Greenhoe.....Bristol, Tenn.
F. DeWolfe Miller III.....Stony Point, Tenn.
Wylie K. Mills.....Piney Flats, Tenn.
Ellis Oakes.....Banner Elk, N. C.
Orion W. Perrell.....Crossnore, N. C.
J. Linville Perry.....Roan Mountain, Tenn.
John Irvin Rhea, Jr.....Blountville, Tenn.
Thomas C. Rhea.....Blountville, Tenn.
Frank H. Sells.....Johnson City, Tenn.
Charles L. Stucky.....Plumtree, N. C.

MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY

The written records of Holston Presbytery from its organization thru the year 1923 are deposited with the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches at Montreat, N. C. Any information desired from these records will be gladly furnished by the Foundation upon request. A number of extra copies of the printed minutes from 1920 to date have also been placed with the Foundation. These copies are for distribution, and may be secured upon request as long as the supply lasts.

CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, and by authority of the Synod of Appalachia, the Presbytery of Holston met in the Memorial Auditorium, King College, Bristol, Tenn., Tuesday evening, September 6, 1932, at 10:00 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator. Roll call showed the following present:

Ministers—R. A. Brown, E. G. Tomkinson, M. J. Murray, John S. Yelton, E. F. Camp, McCoy Franklin, Roy Shortridge, W. C. Frierson, F. S. Jones, Robert Yost, Dan Graham, D. C. Amick, Sexton Buchanan, J. R. Cunningham, S. H. Hay, R. D. Carson, John Martin and T. P. Johnston. *Elders*—Rhea Anderson, Blountville; W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek. There were also a number of visiting elders.

Candidates Received

Mr. Ellis Oakes was recommended to the Presbytery by the session of the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Richard Burn was recommended by the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tenn.

These young men were examined by Rev. S. H. Hay on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

The constitutional questions prescribed in the Book of Church Order were answered by the candidates, after which brief charges were delivered to them by Rev. J. R. Cunningham and Rev. S. H. Hay. Dr. Cunningham offered a prayer in their behalf. They were duly received and enrolled as candidates under the care of Holston Presbytery.

Ministers Dismissed

A request from the Rev. Tilden Scherer for a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of Paris was reluctantly granted. The Stated Clerk was directed to write Dr. Scherer a letter of affection and appreciation of his services as a member of our Presbytery.

Rev. John R. Cunningham asked to be dismissed to the Presbytery of Louisville. This request was reluctantly granted.

The minutes were read and adopted and the meeting closed with prayer.

John Martin, Moderator.
Thos. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.

FALL MEETING

Greeneville, Tenn., Oct. 3, 1932.

The one hundred and nineteenth session of Holston Presbytery met in the Meadow Creek Presbyterian Church, Greene County, Tenn., beginning Oct. 3, 1932, at 7:00 p. m.

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the moderator, the Rev. John Martin.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—D. C. Amick, E. F. Camp (2), R. D. Carson, Dan H. Graham, S. H. Hay (2), T. P. Johnston, F. S. Jones, C. W. Kernan, Robert King, John Martin, M. J. Murray, R. L. Shortridge, H. H. Thompson, J. S. Yelton, Jas. W. Young, and W. C. Young—16.

Churches represented—Arcadia, S. A. Newland; Blountville, Rhea Anderson; Bristol First, J. D. Faucette; Buladean, T. B. Dalton; Cold Spring, W. C. Delaney; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Johnson City First, D. G. Stout; Meadow Creek, James Allen; Morristown First, J. D. Hasson (2); New Bethel, Russell Jones; Newport, R. P. Barnett; Rogersville, S. N. Portrum; Russellville, W. H. Millar; Spruce Pine, R. M. Burleson; Thomas Memorial, W. H. Dettor—15.

Organization

The Rev. John W. Young was elected moderator by acclamation.

Report of Program Committee

The Committee on Program offered the following report which was adopted:

Monday, October 3, 1932

7.00 p. m.	Presbytery opened with prayer.
	Organization.
	Report of Program Committee.
	Opening Sermon by the Rev. John Martin.
	Presbyterial Communion.
	Adjournment.

Tuesday, October 4, 1932

8.30 a. m.	Devotional service, Rev. R. D. Carson.
9.00	Business session.
11.00	Presbyterial Sermon by the Rev. Robert King.
12.00	Recess for luncheon.
2.00 p. m.	Business session.
5.00	Recess for supper.
7.00	Public Meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions.
	Rev. W. C. Young, Chairman, presiding.
	Address by the Rev. Egbert W. Smith.
	Business session until adjournment.

R. L. Shortridge.
T. P. Johnston.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. John Martin, retiring moderator, from the first chapter of Acts, on "The Evangelistic Challenge to the Church."

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial Communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. John W. Young and C. W. Kernan, assisted by the following elders: Rhea Anderson, Blountville; W. H. Millar, Russellville; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; S. A. Newland, Arcadia; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; S. N. Portrum, Rogersville; W. C. Deaney, Cold Spring; and Warren Dettor, Thomas Memorial.

Announcement was made to the Presbytery of the death of Dr. C. M. Dulaney, an elder of the Blountville Church, and the Presbytery was led in prayer by the Moderator, in behalf of the family of Dr. Dulaney.

Courtesy

The Rev. W. M. Hunter of Concord Presbytery was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Presbytery adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. H. H. Thompson, until 8:30 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:30 a. m., and was led in a devotional service by the Rev. R. D. Carson, who spoke from II Cor. 4:1, "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not."

The minutes of last night's session were read and adopted.

The printed minutes of the spring meeting were distributed.

The minutes of a called meeting were read for information.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees and elders on Permanent Committees:

Bills and Overtures—John Martin, Robert King, and D. G. Stout.

Minutes of Presbytery—M. J. Murray and S. N. Portrum.

Minutes of the General Assembly—R. D. Carson, R. P. Barnett, and Rhea Anderson.

Nominations—D. C. Amick and T. P. Johnston.

Resolutions—C. W. Kernan and Russell Jones.

Elders on Permanent Committees:

Foreign Missions—S. A. Newland.

Sabbath and Family Religion—T. B. Dalton.

Bible Cause—W. C. Delaney.

Stewardship—Rhea Anderson.

Evangelism—James Allen.

Vacancy and Supply—W. H. Millar.

Order of the Day

It was made the order of the day to examine candidates for the ministry at 10 o'clock a. m. today.

Communications

A communication from the Assembly's Committee on Evangelism was referred to the Presbytery's Committee on Evangelism.

A communication from the Director of Country Church Work was read, and referred to the Committee on Religious Education.

A communication from Union Theological Seminary was read, and referred to the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, concerning amendments, was read and referred to the Committee on Assembly's Minutes.

A communication from *The Christian Observer*, concerning Church Paper Week, was read and received as information.

A communication from the Rev. Jason Gardner was read and received as information.

Installation of Rev. M. J. Murray

The report of the commission to install the Rev. M. J. Murray, as pastor at Banner Elk, N. C., was read and adopted, and the commission discharged.

The commission appointed by Holston Presbytery to install Rev. Marion J. Murray as pastor of the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church, Banner Elk, N. C., met at the church June 5, 1932, at 11:00 a. m. The commissioners present were the Rev. Messrs. John Martin, Robert King, and E. F. Camp.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Robert King. Rev. E. F. Camp was elected to serve as clerk. The meeting was presided over by Rev. John Martin. Rev. Robert King delivered the sermon, using as his text John 13:3, "Judas Iscariot, Simon's son;" Scripture reading, John, 13th chapter.

The constitutional questions were asked by Rev. John Martin, and satisfactorily answered by both pastor and people. The pastor was declared duly installed. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. E. F. Camp. The charge to the congregation was delivered by Rev. Robert King.

After the singing of a hymn the bendiction was pronounced, and meeting was closed with prayer.

Minutes of meeting were read and approved. *E. F. Camp, Clerk.*

Installation of Rev. C. W. Kernan

The report of the commission appointed to install the Rev. C. W. Kernan at Cold Spring Church was read. Presbytery noted as irregular the preaching of the sermon by the pastor-elect, but the circumstances having been explained, the report was approved and the commission discharged.

The commission appointed by Holston Presbytery at its spring meeting to receive the call of Rev. Charles Kernan and, if the way be clear, to install him as pastor of Cold Spring Church, met at Cold Spring Church May 15, 1932, at 3:30 p. m.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. H. H. Thompson in the absence of Elder C. W. Henry. The meeting opened with prayer. The following members of Presbytery were present: Ministers, H. H. Thompson, Ralph Brown, W. C. Frierson, Charles Kernan; elders, Rhea Anderson, R. P. Carmack, C. D. Thomas.

The call from the Cold Spring Church to Rev. Charles W. Kernan was read, found in order, placed in the hands of Mr. Kernan, and accepted by him.

The commission voted to accept the sermon just preached by Rev. Charles Kernan as his installation sermon.

Rev. W. C. Frierson was asked to preside and propound the questions.

The meeting was called to order and the constitutional questions were propounded and answered, and the pastor declared duly installed.

The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. H. H. Thompson. The charge to the congregation was delivered by Rev. Ralph Brown. The congregation was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. Charles Kernan.

The minutes were read and found in order. The commission closed with prayer.

H. H. Thompson, Moderator.
C. D. Thomas, Clerk.

Installation of Rev. Robert King

The report of the commission to install the Rev. Robert King as pastor of the First Church, Johnson City, was read, adopted, and the commission discharged.

The commission appointed by the Holston Presbytery to install the Rev. Robert King as pastor of Johnson City First Church met at the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., on Sunday morning, May 22, 1932, at 10:30 o'clock.

There were present, the Rev. Messrs. Robert Yost and John Martin, Elders J. Fred Johnson and Allen N. Dryden.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. J. Fred Johnson. Rev. John Martin was asked to serve as clerk.

Following a devotional service at 11 o'clock, a sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert Yost from the sixth chapter of Isaiah on "A Vision of God." Rev. John Martin presided and propounded the constitutional questions, which were satisfactorily answered by pastor and people. The Rev. Robert King was declared duly installed.

A charge to the pastor was delivered by Elder J. Fred Johnson. A charge to the people was delivered by Elder Allen N. Dryden.

Following the singing of a hymn, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Robert King.

The minutes were read and approved, and the meeting closed with prayer by the Rev. John Martin.

John Martin, Clerk.

Address of Rev. W. M. Hunter

Rev. W. M. Hunter addressed the Presbytery concerning the work of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.

Reception of Candidates

Mr. Frank Sells presented a certificate from the session of the First Church, Johnson City; Mr. Ralph Buchanan a certificate from the session of the Plumtree Church, and Mr. Thomas C. Rhea a certificate from the Blountville Church. As the church of Mr. Jay Linville Perry, Gray's Chapel, has no session, Rev. John Martin and Elder J. L. Gray, Cove Creek, vouched for the character of Mr. Perry, and Presbytery accepted their certificate in lieu of a sessional certificate.

After a thorough examination on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry, these young men were received under the care of Presbytery and enrolled as candidates for the gospel ministry. The Presbytery was led in prayer by the Moderator in their behalf, and a charge delivered to them by the Rev. S. H. Hay.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert King, from Mark 8:36-37, on Evangelism.

The Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m.

Minutes of the General Assembly

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was read, the recommendations considered seriatim and adopted, and the report adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly would report that there are two amendments to the Book of Church Order sent down to the Presbyteries for their approval or rejection. We recommend—

1) That the amendment on title to church property (p. 37) be approved.

2) That the amendment on changes in pastorates (p. 41) be disapproved.

We find no other matters to bring before the Presbytery at this time.

R. D. Carson, Chairman.

Reports of Commissioners

The reports of the commissioners to the last General Assembly, the Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson and J. W. Young, and Elders R. P. Barnett, Newport, and Rhea Anderson, Blountville, were made to the Presbytery, and approved, and the diligence of the commissioners commended.

Nominations of Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following were nominated as commissioners to the General Assembly: *Principals*—Ministers, Rev. E. G. Tomkinson and Rev. H. H. Thompson; Elders, W. W. Hufford, Kingsport, and J. E. Nance, Rutledge. *Alternates*—Ministers, Rev. R. L. Shortridge and Rev. C. W. Kernan; Elders, Dr. F. F. Painter, Morristown, and J. W. Wilson, Pineola.

The Rev. S. H. Hay presented an overture touching the accrediting of ministers as teachers in standard training schools. This overture was received and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Bills and Overtures

The report of the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted. It is as follows:

Your committee would report that one overture has come into its hands, which reads as follows:

The Presbytery of Holston overtured the General Assembly of 1929 (See Minutes, p. 64) asking for such a change in plans as would accredit the ordained ministers of the church for teaching the leadership training courses. The Assembly granted the request to the extent of accrediting the ministers to teach Bible.

The Presbytery of Holston respectfully overtures the General Assembly, meeting in Montreat, N. C., May 25, 1933, asking that this accrediting of ministers be extended to include all subjects which our ministers would naturally, by reason of their training, be equipped to teach.

Some examples of such subjects in the present curriculum are "Training the Devotional Life" and "The Message and Program of the Church."

We recommend its adoption.

Robert King.
D.G. Stout.

Evangelism

A communication from the Assembly's Committee on Evangelism was read and received as information. Presbytery's Committee on Evangelism made no report, but at their request the Presbytery engaged in a free conversation on the state of religion, particularly as touching plans, methods and results of evangelism in the churches. The roll was called and all members present took part in the discussion.

Stewardship

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read. The recommendations were considered seriatim, and adopted as amended. The report as a whole was adopted. It is as follows:

At the last fall meeting we began our report by calling attention to an increase of over $9,000 in the amount pledged to the benvolence causes, but this year we will have to report that this increase was lost in the returns from the canvass of last March. Five churches, Hughes, Crossnore, Morristown, Paperville and New Providence, made no report on the every-member canvass. A total of $26,821 was pledged in the March canvass for the benevolence causes.

The total contributions for benevolences for the year 1931-32 were $10,000 less than the year before. The following table shows the per capita gifts for last year:

General Assembly	$23.61
Synod of Appalachia	23.72
Presbytery of Holston	20.94

The above table shows a per capita decrease from the year 1930-1931 in total gifts of—

$4.45 for the General Assembly;
$4.17 for the Synod of Appalachia;
$4.20 for the Presbytery of Holston.

We believe that these figures speak for themselves without further comment.

We recommend—

1) That the total budget for the benevolence causes for the year 1933-34 be set at $45,000 and that this amount be apportioned among the causes as follows:

		Percentage	*Total*
Assembly's Causes $20,700.			
Foreign Missions	$10,800	24%	
Home Missions	5,400	12	
Christian Education and Min. Relief	3,150	7	
Religious Education and Publication	900	2	
Assembly's Training School	225	0.5	
Bible Cause	225	0.5	46%
Synod's Causes $7,200.			
Home Missions (Synod's Work)	1,800	4	
Educational Institutions	5,400	12	16
Presbytery's Causes $17,100.			
Home Missions	12,600	28	
Grandfather Orphanage	1,800	4	
Lees-McRae College	2,700	6	38

2) That the budget of $45,000 be apportioned among the churches as follows:

Arcadia	$ 150	Crossnore	$ 350
Banner Elk	550	Ebenezer	25
Blountville	700	Estatoa	50
Blowing Rock	125	Grassy Creek	40
Bristol First	11,000	Gray's Chapel	25
Buladean	100	Harris Memorial	50
Cold Spring	500	Hughes	25
Cove Creek	125	Johnson City First	11,000

Kingsport	$ 3,500	Plumtree	$ 125
Leesburg	200	Providence	50
Mary Andrews Chapel	25	Rheatown	125
Meadow Creek	150	Roan's Chapel	25
Micaville	75	Rogersville	3,500
Mooresburg	50	Russellville	100
Morristown	8,000	Russ Memorial	50
Jefferson City First	800	Rutledge	150
Mt. Sterling	25	Salem	50
New Bethel	250	Smoky Mountain	25
Newdale	50	Spruce Pine	400
Newland	150	Strawberry Plains	100
Newport	800	Thomas Memorial	200
New Providence	250	Vians Valley	25
Paint Gap	50	Weavers	75
Paperville	50	White Pine	50
Pineola	125	Windsor Avenue	600

3) That the date of the every-member canvass be **March 12, 1933.**

4) That every church be urged to make a thorough canvass both for current expenses and for benevolences, and that pastors and church officers definitely prepare for the every-member canvass by a program of intense cultivation and earnest prayer.

5) That the Presbytery call the very earnest attention of churches and pastors to the 1933 General Assembly's Evangelistic Campaign; that, in connection with this campaign, pastors and officers make every effort possible to enlist the coöperation of every member as a tither or proportionate giver.

6) That the Presbyterial sermon at the spring meeting of Presbytery be on the subject of the Tithe.

Committee.

Minutes of Presbytery

The following report of the Committee on Minutes of Presbytery was read and adopted:

Your committee would report that we have read and examined the printed minutes of the spring meeting of Presbytery and find that they have been neatly and carefully recorded. We have no fault to find with them.

M. J. Murray.
S. N. Portrum.

Religious Education

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was read and adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Education would make the following recommendations:

1) That two more members be added to the committee, one to look after such matter as may arise in connection with the Country Church Work, and one for Men's Work.

2) That Rural Life Sunday be observed on May 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Kernan, Acting Chairman.

Nominations

The Committee on Nominations offered the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations would recommend—

1) That Rev. E. G. Tomkinson and Mr. Robert Morrison be added to the Permanent Committee on Religious Education.

2) That the Permanent Committee on Men's Work be abolished.

3) That Mr. J. E. Nance be made a Trustee of Presbytery in place of Mr. A. B. Rogan.

4) That the Presbyterial sermon for the spring meeting be on the subject of the Tithe. Preacher: Rev. John Yelton; alternate: Rev. M. J. Murray.

D. C. Amick.
T. P. Johnston.

Bible Cause

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted and is as follows:

We record with gratitude the translation of the Scriptures into additional languages, thus bringing the blessings of God's Word to a greater number of people. We are especially grateful to note that nearly 6,000 volumes of embossed forms were distributed among the blind, thus lighting a spiritual fire for those in physical darkness. There was a decrease in the distribution of Bibles and portions of scripture during the past year, yet in spite of untoward circumstances the impressive figure of 9,375,000 copies were placed in circulation. We recommend—

1) That Presbytery heartily endorse the efforts of the American Bible Society in its program of encouraging a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

2) That Presbytery continue the giving of one-half of one per cent of its benevolence budget to the American Bible Society.

J. S. Yelton, Chairman.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Presbytery accepted the invitation of the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown for the spring meeting. The time is April 17, 1933, at 7:30 p. m.

The Stated Clerk was requested by a rising vote to write a letter of appreciation and sympathy to Elder A. B. Rogan of Rogersville Church who is suffering from continued ill health.

Vacancy and Supply

The report of the Committee on Vacancy and Supply was read and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Vacancy and Supply offers the following report:

We request Presbytery to authorize the following stated supplyships until the next stated meeting of the Presbytery:

Rev. Messrs. Dan Graham and John Yelton—Paperville and Weavers.
Rev. Jno. W. Young—Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial, Roan's Chapel, and Viana Valley.
Rev. F. S. Jones—Micaville, Newdale, Estatoa, and Paint Gap.
Rev. T. W. Clapp—Plumtree and Hughes.
Rev. R. L. Shortridge—Rheatown.
Rev. W. C. Young—Leesburg, Whitesburg, Mooresburg, and Providence.

We request Presbytery to grant to the Rev. D. C. Amick evangelistic powers in the Cocke County field to receive members, until the next stated meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Young, Chairman pro tem.

The Presbytery took recess until 7:00 p. m.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 7:00 p. m.

Foreign Missions

A popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions was held, with the Rev. W. C. Young, chairman of Presbytery's Committee on Foreign Missions, presiding. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and received, and pending its adoption the Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D., of the Assembly's Committee.

The report with its recommendations was adopted. It is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Missions submits the following report:

The reports from our Foreign Mission stations reveal an open mind on the part of the masses to the gospel of Christ, and a desire for that peace and assurance that only Christ can bestow. Our mission stations report increased enrollments. The hospitals are doing a great work in healing and evangelism. Tent meetings in the towns are crowded. In Suchoufu, China, native preachers, by taking turns, kept continuous preaching and colportage work for seven hours a day, resulting in hundreds of inquirers. In Africa, the native women are manifesting increased interest in the gospel, and in the woman's auxiliary work. A recent auxiliary meeting, at Mutoto Station, addressed by Mrs. C. L. Crane, was attended by 570 women. The Japan evangelistic meetings, conducted by Dr. Kagawa, have had attendances ranging as high as 1,400.

The financial condition of our foreign mission work, however, calls for earnest prayer and a greater support by our membership. Up to Sept. 1 the receipts of our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions have been only about one-fourth of the annual appropriation, leaving three-fourths of the amount to be raised in the remainder of the church year. A cut of 10 per cent in appropriations to the mission stations, effective Sept. 1, was ordered to provide for the $17,500 of back debt, required to be paid this church year. If the receipts justify, this cut is to be only a temporary cut in the salaries and work accounts.

Your committee makes the following recommendations:

1) That the few churches of our Presbytery which have not made the every-member canvass be urged to make the canvass at once, that the Foreign Mission Committee may receive its due proportion, as well as the other benevolence causes.

2) That the churches of the Presbytery be requested to observe Jan. 22-29 as the "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions," and to make at that time a supplemental offering for Foreign Missions.

3) That each Sunday school in our Presbytery be asked to share in the raising of $60,000 for our work in Korea apportioned to the Sunday schools of our Assembly.

4) That each Young People's Society in our Presbytery be asked to share in the raising of $6,000, apportioned to the Young People's Societies of our Assembly for the Graybill Industrial School for Boys, and the Centenarista School for Girls, in Mexico.

5) That the thanks of the Presbytery be expressed, by a rising vote, to Dr. Egbert W. Smith for his enlightening and interesting address.

6) That a free will offering for Foreign Missions be now taken in the Presbytery.

7) That the Presbytery be led in prayer by Dr. Egbert W. Smith, that the Lord may stir the churches to greater self-denial for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Young, Chairman.

The offering of the Presbytery for Foreign Missions amounted to $9.58.

The Presbytery was led in prayer for Foreign Missions by Dr. Egbert W. Smith.

Resolution of Thanks

A suitable resolution of thanks was read, and adopted by a rising vote.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned, with prayer and the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in stated meeting in the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown April 17, 1933, at 7:30 p. m.

John W. Young, Moderator.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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MINUTES
OF
THE SPRING MEETING
OF
Holston Presbytery
IN THE
First Presbyterian Church
Morristown, Tennessee
APRIL 17, 1933

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Johnson City, Tennessee
MAY 11, 1933

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spruce Pine, North Carolina
OCTOBER 3, 1933, 10:30 a. m.

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ORGANIZATION

Moderator—The Rev. H. H. Thompson, Bristol, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, Jefferson City, Tennessee.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown; Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary and Treasurer;* H. E. Harris, A. B. Rogan, R. M. Burleson; Deacon: Sam. R. Sells.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, *Chairman;* Rev. McCoy Franklin.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. G. S. Buchanan, *Chairman;* and Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. E. G. Tomkinson.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman;* Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, Rev. M. J. Murray, Mr. Robert Morrison.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. John S. Yelton, *Chairman;* Rev. Dan H. Graham.

7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary;* Rev. Thos. P. Johnston.

8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* Rev. McCoy Franklin.

9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robert King, *Chairman;* Rev. F. S. Jones.

10) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. R. A. Brown, *Chairman;* Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Rev. John Yelton.

11) *Evangelism*—Rev. Dan Graham, *Chairman;* Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

12) *Sessional Records*—Rev. Roy L. Shortridge, *Chairman;* Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. John S. Yelton.

13) *Vacancy and Supply*—Rev. John Martin, *Chairman;* Rev. W. C. Young.

14) *Program*—The Stated Clerk and the pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. Rev. F. S. Jones, Fall 1933.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Samuel H. Hay.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and the Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. P. Johnston, Robert King, and E. G. Tomkinson.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, C. W. Kernan, and McCoy Franklin.

5) *Scripture Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. T. P. Johnston; Elders: A. B. Rogan, J. A. Summers; Deacon: J. D. Faucette.

TRUSTEES

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and J. E. Nance.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—F. H. Stinson, 1934; Rev. H. H. Thompson, Sam R. Sells, 1935; E. W. King, 1936; Jas. A. Summers, 1937; Rev. Robert King, Rod Armstrong, 1938.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Rhea Anderson, D. R. Beeson, Rev. E. F. Camp, 1934; Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chas. Hughes, 1935; Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1936.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

Ralph L. Buchanan	Plumtree, N. C.
Richard Burn	Bristol, Tenn.
Robert D. Earnest	Chucky, Tenn.
Pat N. Easterling	Bristol, Tenn.
Taft Franklin	Crossnore, N. C.
T. M. Greenhoe	Bristol, Tenn.
F. DeWolfe Miller III	Stony Point, Tenn.
Wylie K. Mills	Piney Flats, Tenn.
Ellis Oakes	Banner Elk, N. C.
Orion W. Perrell	Crossnore, N. C.
J. Linville Perry	Roan Mountain, Tenn.
John Irvin Rhea, Jr.	Blountville, Tenn.
Thomas C. Rhea	Blountville, Tenn.
Frank H. Sells	Johnson City, Tenn.
Charles L. Stucky	Plumtree, N. C

CLERKS OF SESSIONS OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

Church	*Clerk*	*Address*
Arcadia	S. A. Newland	Indian Springs, Tenn.
Banner Elk	F. H. Stinson	Banner Elk, N. C.
Blountville	Rhea Anderson	Blountville, Tenn.
Blowing Rock	W. L. Holshouser	Blowing Rock, N. C.
Bristol First	W. A. Tanner	Bristol, Va.
Buladean	Rev. J. W. Young	Buladean, N. C.
Cold Spring	C. D. Thomas	Bristol, Tenn., R. 3
Cove Creek	J. L. Gray	Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Crossnore	E. H. Sloop	Crossnore, N. C.
Ebenezer	A. J. Corn	Del Rio, Tenn.
Estatoa	A. M. Patton	Celo, N. C.
Gray's Chapel	J. L. Gray	Roan Mountain, Tenn.
Grassy Creek	T. S. Greenlea	Mt. Mitchell, N. C.
Harris Memorial	R. A. Peak	Toledo, N. C.
Hughes	Brown Hughes	Hughes, N. C.
Jefferson City First	J. W. Zirkle	Jefferson City, Tenn.
Johnson City First	W. F. Davis	Johnson City, Tenn.
Kingsport First	W. W. Hufford	Kingsport, Tenn.
Leesburg	F. R. DeVault	Greeneville, Tenn., R. F. D.
Mary Andrews Chapel	Rev. D. C. Amick	Newport, Tenn.
Micaville	(None)	
Meadow Creek	Robert Rupert	Greeneville, Tenn. R. 4
Mooresburg	F. M. Summers	Mooresburg, Tenn., R. F. D.
Morristown First	H. E. Harris	Morristown, Tenn.
Mt. Sterling	Rev. D. C. Amick	Newport, Tenn.
New Bethel	Jno. F. Gross	Piney Flats, Tenn.
Newdale	Dexter Cox	Newdale, N. C.
Newland	Charlie Hughes	Newland, N. C.
Newport	H. C. Alexander	Newport, Tenn.
New Providence	Sam P. Miller	Rogersville, Tenn., R. 2
Paint Gap	J. W. Holcomb	Paint Gap, N. C.
Paperville	R. P. Carmack	Bristol, Tenn., R. 3
Pineola	J. W. Wilson	Pineola, N. C.
Plumtree	F. L. Burleson	Spear, N. C.
Providence	S. B. Morelock	Limestone, Tenn., R. F. D.
Rheatown	Nic P. Earnest	Chucky, Tenn.
Roan's Chapel	B. S. Young	Bakersville, N. C.
Rogersville	A. B. Rogan	Rogersville, Tenn.
Russellville	E. H. Moore	Russellville, Tenn.
Russ Memorial	G. B. Forbes	Honeycutt, N. C.
Rutledge	J. E. Nance	Rutledge, Tenn.
Salem	S. B. Day	Whitesburg, Tenn. R. F. D.

Shull's Mills	W. S. Whiting	Shull's Mills, N. C.
Smoky Mountain	W. D. Messer	Hartford, Tenn.
Spruce Pine	W. W. Bailey	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Strawberry Plains	A. C. Parrott	Strawberry Plains, Tenn.
Thomas Memorial	Joe J. Thomas	Bluff City, Tenn.
Vians Valley	Ed Bowditch	Toecane, N. C.
Weavers	Karl O. Rhea	Bristol, Tenn.
White Pine	J. J. Humbird	White Pine, Tenn.
Windsor Avenue	J. R. Allen	804 Georgia Ave., Bristol, Tenn.

MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY

The written records of Holston Presbytery from its organization thru the year 1923 are deposited with the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches at Montreat, N. C. Any information desired from these records will be gladly furnished by the Foundation upon request. A number of extra copies of the printed minutes from 1920 to date have also been placed with the Foundation. These copies are for distribution, and may be secured upon request, as long as the supply lasts.

SPRING MEETING

Morristown, Tenn., April 17, 1933.

The one hundred and twentieth session of Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Tennessee, beginning April 17, 1933, at 7:30 p. m.

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the moderator, the Rev. John W. Young.

Enrollment

The following were present: *Ministers*—D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, G. S. Buchanan, E. F. Camp (2), R. D. Carson, T. W. Clapp, W. B. Doyle (2), McCoy Franklin, D. H. Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, F. S. Jones, C. W. Kernan, Robert King, John Martin (2), R. L. Shortridge, H. H. Thompson, E. G. Tomkinson, J. S. Yelton, J. W. Young, W. C. Young. *Ruling Elders*—S. A. Newland, Arcadia; Rhea Anderson, Blountville; R. L. Morrison, Bristol First; Jesse Bennett, Buladean; King Combs, Cold Spring; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; D. G. Stout, Johnson City First; W. W. Hufford (2), Kingsport First; B. F. Knight, Leesburg; Fred Gray, Meadow Creek; J. B. McCord (2), Morristown First; J. W. Zirkle, Jefferson City First; Creed Hodge, New Bethel; H. C. Alexander, Newport; R. P. Carmack, Paperville; J. G. Brown (2), Rogersville; W. H. Millar, Russellville; J. E. Nance, Rutledge; R. M. Burleson, Spruce Pine First; John Burton, Strawberry Plains; J. J. Humbird (2), White Pine; J. R. Allen (2), Windsor Avenue; W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial.

Organization

The Rev. H. H. Thompson was elected moderator by acclamation.

Report of Program Committee

The Committee on Program offered the following report which was adopted:

Monday, April 17, 1933

7.30 p. m.	Presbytery opened with prayer.
	Organization.
	Report of Program Committee.
	Opening sermon by the Rev. John W. Young.
	Presbyterial Communion.
	Adjournment.

Tuesday, April 18, 1933

8.30 a. m.	Devotional service, Rev. R. A. Brown.
9.00	Business session.
11.00	Presbyterial sermon by the Rev. John Yelton.
12.00	Recess for luncheon at the church.
1.30 p. m.	Reassembly and business session.
5.30	Recess.
7.30	Business session until adjournment.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. John W Young, retiring moderator, from the text, Exodus 14:15, "Speak unto the Children of Israel that they go forward."

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston and D. C. Amick, assisted by the following elders: H. C. Alexander, Newport; R. M. Burleson, Spruce Pine; B. F. Knight, Leesburg; W. H. Millar, Russellville; J. E. Nance, Rutledge; J. W. Zirkle, Jefferson City; Rhea Anderson, Blountville; and R. L. Morrison, Bristol First.

The Presbytery adjourned, after prayer by the Moderator, until 8:30 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:30 a. m., and was led in a devotional service by the Rev. Ralph A. Brown, who spoke from Galatians 6:17, on "The Marks of Service."

The minutes of last night's session were read and adopted.

The printed minutes of the spring meeting were distributed.

Courtesy

Miss Lillian Wells, a missionary to China from the Morristown Church, was introduced to the Presbytery.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees and elders on Permanent Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1) *Bills and Overtures*—J. W. Young, S. A. Newland, R. L. Morrison.
2) *Auditing*—Rhea Anderson, D. G. Stout, R. M. Burleson.
3) *Minutes of Presbytery*—T. W. Clapp, King Combs.
4) *Minutes of Synod*—F. S. Jones, W. H. Millar.
5) *Nominations*—R. D. Carson, T. P. Johnston.
6) *Pastors' Salaries*—Jno. S. Yelton, Fred Gray.
7) *Resolutions*—E. F. Camp, Creed Hodge.
8) *Sessional Records*—J. E. Nance, B. F. Knight.
9) *Permanent Committee of Vacancy and Supply*—J. L. Gray.

The roll of the churches was called for their sessional records.

Order of the Day

It was made the order of the day at 2 p. m. to hear Mr. Jasper Wilson, president of the Synod's Council on Young People's Work.

Communications

A communication from the Moderator of the General Assembly, concerning the Committee on Stewardship and Finance, was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations.

A communication from the Moderator of the General Assembly, concerning the election of commissioners to the General Assembly and the sending of overtures, was read and received as information.

The Rev. W. C. Frierson was granted a certificate of dismission to Piedmont Presbytery.

Mr. George H. Ellis, at his own request, was dropped from the roll of candidates of Holston Presbytery.

A communication from the Rev. Hugh White was read and received as information.

A call from the First Presbyterian Church of Spruce Pine, N. C., for the pastoral services of the Rev. Frank Jones was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Jones as pastor of the Spruce Pine Church, May 21, 1933, at 8 p. m.:

Commission for installation of Frank S. Jones at First Presbyterian Church of Spruce Pine, N. C.: To preside and propound constitutional questions, Rev. McCoy Franklin; Rev. J. H. Henderlite, of King's Mountain Presbytery, be invited to preach the sermon; charge to pastor, Rev. H. H. Thompson; charge to congregation, Rev. John Martin. Elder J. D. Faucette, with Elder W. W. Bailey as alternate.

Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following were elected commissioners to the General Assembly: Principals—Ministers, Rev. E. G. Tomkinson and Rev. H. H. Thompson; Elders, W. W. Hufford, Kingsport, and J. E. Nance, Rutledge. Alternates—Rev. R. L. Shortridge and Rev. C. W. Kernan; Elders, Dr. F. F. Painter, Morristown, and J. W. Wilson, Pineola.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to ask the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly to have consideration of the Presbytery's overture, concerning the accrediting of ministers in Leadership Training Courses, deferred until next year.

Stated Clerk Resigns

The resignation of the Rev. T. P. Johnston as Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Presbytery, effective June 1, 1933, was very reluctantly accepted.

Courtesy

The Rev. J. J. Fix, of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Treasurer's Report

The report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery was read and received, and together with his accounts and vouchers referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of Thos. P. Johnston, Treasurer of Holston Presbytery

April 15, 1932, to April 12, 1933

Receipts

Balance brought forward	$648.34	
Assessments received from churches	648.48	
Loan from First National Bank	100.00	
Offering for Foreign Missions	9.58	$1,406.40

Disbursements

Salaries:		
D. C. Amick, Central Treas. of Benev.	$300.00	
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk and Treas.	150.00	
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	20.00	$ 470.00
Stated Clerk's Office Expense:		
Printing and mailing minutes	$140.03	
Sessional report blanks	8.00	
Bonding fee	5.00	
Postage	4.02	$ 157.05
Central Treasurer's Office Expense:		
Bonding fee	$ 12.50	
Audit of books	10.00	
Post cards	5.00	$ 27.50

Miscellaneous:

General Assembly's assessment	$476.21	
Appalachia Synod's assessment	71.91	
Loan repaid	100.00	
Interest on loan	1.50	
E. F. Willis, Treas. Foreign Missions	9.58	
Federal tax on checks	.30	$ 659.50
Total disbursements		$1,314.05
Balance in bank April 12, 1933		92.35 $1,406.40

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. P. Johnston, Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions was read and received. It was referred, together with his accounts and vouchers, to the Auditing Committee.

To the Presbytery of Holston:

I herewith submit my report as treasurer of the Home Mission Committee of Holston Presbytery for the year April 1, 1932, to March 31, 1933.

Receipts

From the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee	$ 8,733.31
Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer	4,478.21
General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, Cocke County field	1,392.50
Dr. Geo. Graham Legacy Fund	125.00
General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, Plumtree, North Carolina	750.00
Rev. John Martin for worker at Honeycutt, N. C.	187.50
Special gifts	335.00
Gifts for student work at Boone, N. C.	110.00
Sale of chapel at Brummitts, N. C.	275.00
Reserve funds	3,656.06
Total receipts	$20,042.58

Disbursements

Overdraft April 1, 1932	$ 237.05
Payroll Home Mission workers	11,295.38
General Assembly's Home Mission Committee	4,700.00
Rent for manse for Supt.-Evangelist	300.00
Expense account of Supt.-Evangelist	681.16
Expenses Stewardship Conferences	15.00
Insurance	12.00
Student worker, Boone, N. C.	765.00
Committee expense	247.63
Expense of work in Cocke County field	1,431.25
Summer work	66.48
Rev. T. W. Clapp, Plumtree, N. C. (paid by Assembly's Com.)	750.00
Presbyterial tax	9.20
Worker at Honeycutt, N. C.	187.50
Total disbursements	$20,697.65
OVERDRAFT, MARCH 31, 1933	655.07

Frank Taylor, Treasurer.

Report of the Dr. Geo. F. Graham Legacy Fund

April 1, 1932, to April 1, 1933

Receipts

1932 April 1	By balance in bank	$ 23.49
	By interest received from Security Investment Co. bonds ($3,000)	180.00
	By interest received from Citizens Loan Corporation note ($600)	33.00
	(Interest paid to Jan 1, 1933)	
	Total receipts	$236.49

Disbursements

1932 Nov. 22	To check to Home Missions Committee	125.00
1933 April 1	By balance in bank	$111.49

Frank Taylor, Treasurer.

Report of Central Treasurer of Benevolences

The report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences of the Presbytery was read and received, and, together with his auditor's report, was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of Central Treasurer of Benevolences
D. C. Amick, Treasurer

Receipts from April 4, 1932, to April 4, 1933

Churches	*Congregation*	*W. S.*	*S. S.*	*Y. P. S.*	*Totals*
Banner Elk	$ 178.56	$ 13.50	$	$	192.06
Blountville	253.45	10.00			263.45
Blowing Rock	17.90	39.85	79.86	9.65	147.26
Bristol First	1,562.46	1,077.50	268.59		2,908.55
Buladean	44.62		8.50		53.12
Cold Spring	234.58	48.00	61.30		343.88
Cove Creek	138.00		73.00		211.00
Crossnore	10.00	72.00	14.52	10.00	106.52
Estatoa	9.70				9.70
Grassy Creek	38.12				38.12
Gray's Chapel	28.00		12.00		40.00
Harris Memorial	31.00				31.00
Hughes	14.85				14.85
Johnson City First	4,746.00	703.29		5.00	5,454.29
Jefferson City First	150.45	347.61	120.72	5.00	623.78
Kingsport First	814.15	879.32	483.06	3.00	2,179.53
Leesburg	110.00				110.00
Meadow Creek	41.00	10.00			51.00
Micaville	40.59				40.59
Mooresburg	38.29		5.89		44.18
Morristown	12.34				12.34
New Bethel	147.00	40.25			187.25
Newdale	15.00				15.00
Newland	26.31	38.00		9.00	73.31
Newport	85.17	131.60	25.05		241.82
New Providence		24.00			24.00
Paint Gap	70.50				70.50
Paperville	39.88				39.88
Pineola	11.75	16.91			28.66
Plumtree	54.20	5.00			59.20
Providence	6.00				6.00
Rheatown	45.53				45.53
Roan's Chapel	19.16				19.16
Rogersville	2,223.26	988.20	134.27	12.00	3,357.73
Russellville	12.00				12.00
Russ Memorial	21.00				21.00
Rutledge	75.00				75.00
Salem	9.00				9.00
Spruce Pine	5.00	40.00			45.00

Strawberry Plains		27.00	50.56		77.56
Thomas Memorial	107.28		3.65		110.93
Vians Valley	24.00				24.00
Weaver	37.50				37.50
White Pine		1.55			1.55
Windsor Avenue		51.00	18.66		69.66
Miscellaneous				10.00	10.00
Cash bal. April 4, 1932	35.00				35.00
Total receipts	$11,583.60	$4,564.58	$1,359.63	$63.65	$17,571.46
Less unpaid checks		7.50			7.50
Net receipts	$11,583.60	$4,557.08	$1,359.63	$63.65	$17,563.96
Plus overpayments	8.34				8.34
Plus refunds	176.77				176.77
Gross receipts	$11,768.71	$4,557.08	$1,359.63	$63.65	$17,749.07

Disbursements from April 4, 1932, to April 4, 1933

Foreign Missions		$4,573.89	
Assembly's Home Missions		2,165.35	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		967.95	
Religious Education and Publication Committee		415.61	
Assembly's Training School		88.32	
American Bible Society		93.32	
Synod's Work		884.39	
Educational Institutions		1,623.53	
Presbytery's Home Missions		4,403.33	
Grandfather Orphans' Home		1,432.53	
Banner Elk Schools		857.73	
Miscellaneous—			
H. F. Masters for Mary Andrews Chapel	$25.00		
Presbyterial tax, T. P. Johnston, Treas.	25.30		
Contingent fees, Woman's Auxiliary	16.05		
Merchants & Planters Bank, refunds	123.77		
Refund to Rogersville Auxiliary	53.00	$ 243.12	
Total disbursements			$17,749.07

Overpayment due to errors in checks	$ .84	
Overpayment due to unpaid checks	7.50	$ 8.34
Overpayment to Foreign Missions	$ 2.00	
Overpayment to Assembly's Home Missions	2.00	
Overpayment to Presbytery's Home Missions	.74	
Overpayment to Grandfather Orphans' Home	.10	
Overpayment to Contingent Fund	3.50	$ 8.34
Total receipts from all sources		$17,768.87
Total disbursements for all purposes		17,749.07
Balance on hand April 4, 1933		$ 19.80

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I have audited the reports and accounts of Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Benevolences of Holston Presbytery, for the 1932-33 period and found them in good order and correct, with the exception of a few minor items.

In this audit was included the following: Church accounts, paid vouchers, partial receipts, deposits, remittances and bank statements.

On March 31, 1933, Gray's Chapel was given credit for their remittance for $16. On page 54 of general ledger, line 22, credit was given Cove Creek for $16. No credit given or shown for Gray's Chapel.

Statement of remittance from Mooresburg Church: Total $38.29; Presbytery's Home Missions shows $10.43, should be $1.48, not shown; Orphans' Home shows $2.21, should be $10.43; Banner Elk Schools not shown, should show $2.21.

Bank balance date of audit April 15, 1933		$877.13
Less outstanding checks—No. 355	$171.80	
No. 356	189.04	360.84
		$516.29
Plus checks issued and charged after close of fiscal year:		
No. 360		$100.00
No. 361		270.00
Returned checks (Debit ticket)		7.50
		$893.79

Less deposits made after close of fiscal year:		
April 4, 1933	$ 10.52	
April 7, 1933	451.61	
April 9, 1933	375.00	
April 11, 1933	36.30	$873.43
Bank balance close of year		$ 20.36
Treasurer shows balance on hand		19.80
A difference of		.56

April 15, 1933. *W. B. Harkins, Auditor.*

Criticisms and Suggestions

In making this audit we find that many of the church treasurers do not send in the regular form with their remittances but merely write a letter to the General Treasurer stating the various causes to which the remittance is to be distributed, signing the name of the treasurer for the church and not giving the name of the church sending such remittance: This makes it rather difficult to audit such receipts. We would suggest that for the convenience of both the Central Treasurer as well as the person who audits his records, that some regular prescribed form be sent with all remittances.

In a few instances receipts for disbursements were missing. We would suggest that the Central Treasurer insist that receipts be sent for all remittances made by him. While a cancelled check is a legal receipt, for auditing purposes an official receipt is preferable.

April 15, 1933. *W. B. Harkins, Auditor.*

Presbytery voted a reduction in clerks' salaries in order that the per capita tax might be reduced. The Auditing Committee was instructed to bring in a proposed budget and tax rate for next year.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. John Yelton, from Matt. 5:3-5, on the Stewardship of Life.

Courtesy

The Rev. J. M. Walters, D. D., a minister of the Baptist Church, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Presbytery took recess until 1:30 p. m. and was dismissed with prayer by the Rev. C. W. Kernan.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 p. m. and was opened with prayer by the Rev. G. S. Buchanan.

Women's Work

The report of the Committee on Women's Work was read and adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Women's Work has examined the annual report of Woman's Auxiliary of Holston Presbytery, submitted by the Presbyterial Recording Secretary, and find the following items of special interest:

Number of Auxiliaries in Presbyterial 31; members, 1,933; auxiliaries contributing to all Denominational Benevolences, 15; Auxiliaries increasing gifts to Assembly's Causes, 9; Auxiliaries observing season of prayer and self denial for Foreign Missions, 22; Auxiliaries observing season of prayer and self denial for Home Missions, 21; Family altars, 243; Tithers, 431; Auxiliaries having Personal Workers Groups, 11.

Contributions

To Denominational Benevolences

1) Foreign Missions	$2,323.00
2) Assembly's Home Missions	1,414.00
3) Christian Ed. and Ministerial Relief	311.00
4) Religious Education and Publication	71.00
5) Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	37.00
6) Bible Cause	44.00
7) Synod's Home Missions	197.00
8) Orphans' Homes	662.00
9) Educational Institutions	584.00
10) Presbytery's Home Missions	1,122.00
Total Denominational Benevolences	$6,765.00
11) Auxiliary Special Benevolences	400.00
Total, all Benevolences	$7,165.00

To Local Church Work

12) Current expenses	$ 1,525.00
13) Building expense	934.00
Total, Local Church Work	$ 2,477.00
14) Miscellaneous Contributions	538.00

Summary

Total, all Benevolences	$ 7,165.00
Total, Local Church Work	2,477.00
Miscellaneous contributions	538.00
Grand total, all contributions	$10,180.00
Total decrease as compared with last year	4,439.00

E. F. Camp, Chairman.

Minutes of Synod

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was read and adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Synod's Minutes report that there is nothing demanding the attention of the Presbytery at this meeting. No recommendations are sent down.

Respectfully submitted,
F. S. Jones, Chairman.

Vacancy and Supply

The report of the Committee on Vacancy and Supply was read and adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Vacancy and Supply offers the following report:

We ask Presbytery to authorize the following stated supplyships until the next stated meeting of Presbytery:

The Rev. Messrs. Dan Graham and John Yelton—Paperville and Weavers.

The Rev. John W. Young—Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial, Roan's Chapel, and Vians Valley.

The Rev. T. W. Clapp—Plumtree, Hughes, Cove Creek, and Gray's Chapel.

The Rev. R. L. Shortridge—Rheatown.

The Rev. W. C. Young—Leesburg, Whitesburg, Mooresburg, and Providence.

We request Presbytery to grant to the Rev. D. C. Amick evangelistic powers in the Cocke County field, to receive members until the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
John Martin, Chairman.

Courtesy

The Rev. J. J. Fix, of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Religious Education

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was read and received. Pending its adoption the Presbytery heard an address on Young People's Work by Mr. Jasper Wilson, president of the Synod's Council on Young People's Work. The report with its recommendations was adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Religious Education Committee

Your committee presents the following report in four divisions corresponding to its departments:

I. Young People's Work.
Address by Mr. Jasper Wilson, president of Synod's Young People's Work, and report by Rev. C. W. Kernan.

II. Men's Work.
Report by Mr. R. L. Morrison.

III. County Church Work.
Report by Rev. T. W. Clapp.

IV. Sunday Schools.
Report by the Chairman.

I. Your Committee on Religious Education wishes to submit the following report on Young People's Societies:

Of the 52 churches in the Presbytery, 21 submitted reports; 18 groups are under the care of the sessions of their respective churches; 18 promote the program of the church; 9 are affiliated with the Young People of the Church and 10 with the Christian Endeavor movement; 11 are making use of the Young People's Council; 9 have organized classes; 17 make use of our Presbyterian literature; 10 use the uniform lessons; 6 use the group graded lessons; 11 use the Program Builder; 5 use Onward.

These societies report an enrollment of 1,347 ranging between the ages of 13 and 24. Because so many of the various age groups are combined in the same groups it is impossible to tell from the reports just how they are distributed according to age. Their total contributions were, to local expenses $225; to benevolences $83.

Your committee makes the following recommendations:

1) That the Presbytery urge upon the various churches the adoption of the Kingdom Highways plan.

2) That your committee be given authority to organize the various societies into a Young People's League, to meet at least once a year at some point within the Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Kernan, Chairman Y. P. S.

II. We, the Committee, offer the following report on Men's Work to Holston Presbytery:

We find there are 22 organized Men's Bible Classes and 3 Men-of-the-Church organizations.

We would recommend to Presbytery that the Men-of-the-Church organization, following the work as outlined by the General Assembly, be stressed in the individual churches as a means of furthering Christian fellowship among men, and as an educational work in acquainting the lay membership in the work of the church, its general program, and evangelistic efforts.

E. G. Tomkinson,
R. L. Morrison,
for Men's Work Dept.

III. Report of the Country Church department of the Committee on Religious Education:

Number of churches reporting, 25. They report 16 Sunday schools. Seven of them report that they have made a survey of the surrounding fields. Three of these report they are running busses or cars to bring people into the schools. *T. W. Clapp, Country Church Dept.*

IV. There is no statistical report on Sunday schools because of new blank forms, but the following summary and recommendations are here given:

45 reports turned in from 65 schools, two union schools not reporting. 15 churches conduct mission schools.

Recommendations

1) Continued observance of Rally Day with special offering for cause of Sunday School Extension.

2) That teacher training in one of the several ways possible be conducted in every church each year. *R. A. Brown, Chairman.*

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Presbytery amended the Manual, changing the time of the stated meetings from Monday evening to Tuesday morning of the week set. The Presbytery accepted the invitation of the First Presbyterian Church of Spruce Pine, N. C., for the fall meeting, and fixed the time as Oct. 3, 1933, at 10:30 a. m., eastern standard time.

Prayer for Banner Elk Community

It having been reported that there was an epidemic of sickness in Banner Elk, N. C., the Presbytery was led in a special prayer, by the Rev. S. H. Hay, for the sick and those that minister to the sick.

Presbytery's Home Missions

The report of the Superintendent and Evangelist of Presbytery's Home Missions was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Superintendent-Evangelist

Your Superintendent-Evangelist wishes to submit the following report:

This is not a detailed report, but general, dealing with the work accomplished during the year. Every worker and every field has been visited during the year, especially the fields where there has been no pastoral relationship.

Workers

There has been very little change in the personnel of workers. At the beginning of the year there were no vacancies. During the year Miss Katherine O'Neall, who was director of religious work at Banner Elk, left that work to accept a call to a similar work at King College. Owing to financial conditions, the committee did not deem it wise to continue that work, the pastor at Banner Elk and local workers agreeing to look after it. The Micaville field has suffered the loss of its pastor, Rev. Frank Jones, who accepted a call to Spruce Pine about Dec. 1st, leaving that field vacant, the only vacancy at the present time.

Community Workers

These workers are doing excellent and heroic work, our force of workers remaining the same as last year. Their work is very satisfactory and results of their labors have been most gratifying.

Summer Work

About 20 D. V. B. S.'s were held during the summer with very little expense to the committee, as only two workers were employed to assist in this work. Every church in which these schools were held was richly blessed. Only one young man was employed during the summer, Mr. Ted Greenhoe, who did a most excellent work in the Cocke County field.

Equipment

No new buildings have been erected during the year; one is contemplated at Whitesburg, and one started last year is nearing completion. The old Arcadia church was totally demolished by a recent tornado.

Evangelism

As has been the custom of the Home Mission Committee, evangelism has been emphasized. Over thirty evangelistic meetings have been held, this work being done by the Superintendent with the coöperation of other pastors of Presbytery. We are truly grateful to our Heavenly Father for the results, and feel that greater results will follow during the year if we rely more on the power of God. We sincerely hope that the prayer covenant of last year among the ministers may be renewed this year. While our report is incomplete there has been added to the church through these efforts some 300 members.

In conclusion, your Superintendent wishes to thank the committee and all the members of Presbytery for their hearty coöperation and loyal support, and especially for the prayers for his restoration during his recent illness.

John Martin, Supt.-Evangelist.

Minutes of Presbytery

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Presbytery was read and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Presbytery would respectfully report as follows:

1) We find the minutes correctly kept and well edited.

2) We wish to express our deep appreciation of the faithful services of the Rev. T. P. Johnston as stated clerk.

T. W. Clapp.
King Combs.

Resolution to A. H. M. Committee

The following resolution was adopted and ordered sent to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee:

The Presbytery of Holston would regret exceedingly any action of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee looking to the release of Miss Mary Andrews from her work.

Auditing Committee

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted. It is as follows:

Your Auditing Committee would report as follows:

1) We recommend that the Presbyterial assessment for next year be reduced 25 per cent, or from 20 cents per capita to 15 cents per capita. To make this reduction possible we recommend that the salaries of the stated and permanent clerks and that of the central treasurer be cut 20 per cent, and that the following budget be adopted: (Estimate based on 8,000 members)

Expenses	*Per Capita Assessment*	*Total Amt.*
General Assembly assessment	.05	$ 400
Appalachia Synod assessment	.02	160
Salary Central Treasurer	.03	240
Salary Stated Clerk and Treasurer	.015	120
Salary Permanent Clerk	.002	16
Expenses Stated Clerk's office	.02	160
Expenses Central Treasurer's office	.005	40
Miscellaneous	.008	64
Totals	.15	$1,200

This reduction is predicated on the proposition that all taxes in arrears be paid up before beginning new budget. To this end we recommend that the deacons of churches mail a circular letter to each member of the church stating definitely that we owe a tax that must be paid, and urging them to pay it.

2) We recommend that the minutes of the Presbytery be printed only once a year, in the spring, in order to cut down expenses.

3) We recommend that the Home Missions Committee have its books and accounts audited by a competent auditor before each spring meeting of Presbytery.

4) We have examined the reports and accounts of Rev. T. P. Johnston, Treasurer of Presbytery, Mr. Frank Taylor, Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions, also the report and auditor's report of Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Benevolences. We find same to be true and correct, and recommend their approval. We also commend these men for their efforts, neatness, and efficiency in their work.

Rhea Anderson.
D.G. Stout.
R. M. Burleson.

Evangelism

The Committee on Evangelism made a verbal report, which was received as information.

Nominations

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted and is as follows:

I. We recommend that the subject of the Presbyterial sermon at the fall meeting be "The Assurance of Salvation," and that the preacher be Rev. M. J. Murray, with Rev. Bruce Doyle as alternate.

II. We recommend the following changes in committees and trustees:

1) Presbytery's Home Mission Committee—Rev. R. A. Brown in place of Rev. E. G. Tomkinson; that Elder R. M. Burleson be added to this committee.

7) That the name of the Stewardship Committee be changed to "Stewardship and Finance," to conform to Assembly usage, and that Rev. T. P. Johnston be added to this committee in place of Rev. R. L. Shortridge.

3) Examining Committee on Church Government and Sacraments—That the Rev. Robert King be added to this committee in place of Rev. W. C. Frierson.

Trustees

2) That Rev. Robert King and Mr. Rod Armstrong be elected to succeed themselves as trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association for a period of five years.

3) That Rev. D. C. Amick and Messrs. Frank Taylor and J. D. Faucette be elected to succeed themselves as trustees of the Plumtree School for Boys for a period of three years.

III. We recommend that Rev. E. G. Tomkinson be elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer for a period of three years, his office to begin June 1.

R. D. Carson, Chairman.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was read and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief would recommend that Presbytery request for beneficiaries of the relief funds the same appropriations as last year, assuming that the Executive Committee shall revise the amounts, if necessary, to bring them in line with relief administered in other Presbyteries.

Respectfully submitted,
S. H. Hay,
E. G. Tomkinson,
Committee.

Sessional Records

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Sessional Records wishes to submit the following report:

We approve without exception the records of the following sessions: Weavers, Kingsport, Thomas Memorial, New Bethel, Blountville, Rogersville, Morristown, Jefferson City, Leesburg, Paperville, Providence, Whitesburg,

Bristol First, Windsor Avenue, Crossnore, Blowing Rock, Cold Spring, Newland, Johnson City, Newport, and Mooresburg.

We approve the following records with the exceptions noted in the book: Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial, Buladean, Vians Valley, Spruce Pine, Meadow Creek, Russellville, Arcadia, Gray's Chapel, Cove Creek, Rutledge. The exceptions are principally for failure to open and close meetings with prayer; elders present not recorded; admission of members to the church by pastor without approval of the session. Some had no meetings.

The following churches submitted no records: Rheatown, Banner Elk, Estatoa, Grassy Creek, Hughes, Micaville, Newdale, New Providence, Paint Gap, Pineola, Plumtree, Roan's Chapel, Salem, Strawberry Plains.

White Pine sent in the book, but it contained no records.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. Shortridge, Chairman.

Arcadia Church

The churches of Presbytery were requested to take a free will offering in the month of May, for the rebuilding of the Arcadia church, which was destroyed by a recent tornado. Said funds are to be sent to Mr. Rhea Anderson, Blountville, Tenn.

Adjourned Meeting

It was ordered that the Presbytery upon adjournment, do adjourn to meet in adjourned session in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, May 11, 1933, at 1 p. m., E. S. T.

Consideration of the reports of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, the report of the Stewardship Committee, and the Statistical report were postponed until the adjourned meeting of Presbytery.

Assembly's Home Missions

The report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Report on Assembly's Home Missions

The past year in Home Missions has been one of anxiety and difficulty, yet it has been a year of achievement and progress. Some phases of Assembly's Home Missions are found in 59 Presbyteries and each of the 17 Synods. In these 59 Presbyteries receiving aid from the Assembly's Committee there were 535 workers who served 530 churches and missions and carried the gospel to 294 outpost Sunday schools and unorganized preaching points. These Presbyteries report the organization of seven new churches and 35 new Sunday schools and that eight Home Mission churches had assumed self-support.

The reports from the fields served by Assembly's Home Missions in every instance reflect the serious economic situation which has existed throughout the country. The general business depression has borne with exceptional gravity upon the Home missionary, who as a rule serves a people already poor and in many ways handicapped. Unemployment has been tragically intensified among the Negroes and Mexicans and other people among whom the committee works. Many Home Mission churches and groups have been unable to pay their pastors the small amount promised. More than one Home Mission church has found itself with every member unemployed. The record of the year's work in Home Missions is a record of heroic struggle in which missionaries and churches have been compelled to carry unusual burdens with diminishing resources.

In keeping with all the agencies of our Church, the Home Mission Committee has been handicapped by distressing shortages of funds. After twenty years of enlarging receipts and expanding work, Assembly's Home Mission income has decreased to a point undreamed of five years ago. The budget receipts for the year ending March 31 were $289,323, a decrease of $99,514 from the income of 1932, making necessary a reduction of this amount in the appropriations for the current year.

Never in the history of the republic was there greater need for the undergirding and stabilizing work of the Christian church and never was the abandonment of our aggressive Home Mission work fraught with greater peril. If there is danger of violent and revolutionary changes in the United States, as some thoughtful persons believe, it is not too much to say that Home Missions is the most important single enterprise of the Church. Revolutions will not come from conservative Presbyterian communities, but from people who live on the margins and fringes of our economic life who have not been taught of God and know nothing of the saving power of Christ. It is here that the Church has its opportunity and Home Missions has its work. The primary need of our nation is a spiritual regeneration.

The following recommendations are presented for adoption by the Presbytery:

1) That all of our churches be called to a recognition of the primary place of Home Missions in the growth of the church and welfare of our country in these critical times when the very foundations are being tested.

2) That all of our churches be urged to recognize their definite responsibility for the support of the particular Home Mission tasks assigned the Assembly's Committee.

3) That all pastors and sessions be urged to present this vital cause to their congregations in the periods assigned Assembly's Home Missions in the Church's schedule of activities and ask for a generous over-and-above offering in this time of pressing financial need.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Sexton Buchanan, Chairman.

Educational Institutions

The Committee on Educational Institutions made an oral report which was received as information.

Resolution of Thanks

A suitable resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the benediction, to meet in adjourned session, in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, May 11, 1933, at 1 p. m., E. S. T.

H. H. Thompson, Moderator.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING

Johnson City, Tenn., May 11, 1933.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., at 1:00 p. m., May 11, 1933. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, the Rev. H. H. Thompson, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. McCoy Franklin.

Enrollment

The following were present: *Ministers*—D. C. Amick, G. S. Buchanan, E. F. Camp, R. D. Carson, McCoy Franklin, D. H. Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, F. S. Jones, Robert King, John Martin, M. J. Murray, R. L. Shortridge, H. H. Thompson, E. G. Tomkinson, and W. C. Young. *Ruling Elders*—J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; J. W. Zirkle, Jefferson City First; J. G. Brown, Rogersville; Troy Young, Roan's Chapel; J. E. Nance, Rutledge; R. M. Burleson, Spruce Pine; W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial.

Communications

A letter from Candidate John Combs was read requesting that his name be dropped from the roll of candidates. Upon the recommendation of the chairman of C. E. and M. R., this request was granted.

A communication from the Rogersville Church requested permission to amend the call of the pastor reducing the salary from $3,000 and manse to $2,400 and manse. The request was granted.

An acknowledgement of the receipt of the resolution of the Presbytery, concerning Miss Mary Andrews, by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee was read for information.

Statistical Report

The Stated Clerk presented the statistical report, which was read and ordered sent to the General Assembly. A summary was ordered printed in the minutes.

Statistics

Ministers	31	Added on confession	354
Churches	52	Added on certificate	183
Candidates	15	Whole No. of communicants	7,251
Installations	3	Adult baptisms	269
Elders	221	Infant baptisms	57
Deacons	237	Total S. S. enrollment	8,710

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 7,238	
Assembly's Home Missions	2,793	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	1,635	
Religious Education and Publication	544	
Assembly's Training School	99	
Bible Cause	104	
Synod's Home Missions	1,441	
Orphans' Home	2,843	
Educational Institutions	5,471	
Presbytery's Home Missions	5,508	
Total to regular benevolences		$ 27,676
Pastors' salaries actually paid	$33,725	
Current expenses	35,506	
Congregational missions	1,347	
Building expense	18,551	
Miscellaneous contributions	4,383	84,287
Grand total of all contributions		$111,963

Nominations

The Committee on Nominations offered a supplemental report, which was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations would recommend:

1) That the permanent committees known heretofore as "Educational Institutions" and "Orphans' Home" be abolished.

2) That a new permanent committee be erected, known as "Edgar Tufts Memorial Association," whose duties shall be to receive the annual reports of that association and recommend to the Presbytery action on the same, and to represent the Presbytery in matters pertaining to that association.

3) That this new committee consist of Rev. R. A. Brown, Chairman, Rev. Sexton Buchanan, and Rev. John Yelton, and an elder appointed at each spring meeting.

4) That Rev. H. H. Thompson be made chairman of the Committee on Religious Education in place of Rev. R. A. Brown, and that Rev. M. J. Murray be added to that committee in place of Rev. E. G. Tomkinson.

R. D. Carson, Chairman.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee offered its report, which was adopted and is as follows:

Stewardship

Due to the banking holiday, with its financial and psychological aftermath, the every member canvass report is very incomplete. The detailed report speaks for itself. In many churches the canvass taken was very incomplete and in others the canvass has been indefinitely deferred. In spite of unfavorable conditions $18,911 was secured for the Benevolent Causes. We beg to report that—

4 churches exceeded the Presbytery's askings.
10 churches secured 100% of Presbytery's askings.
3 churches secured more than 90% of Presbytery's askings.
2 churches secured more than 70% of Presbytery's askings.
9 churches secured more than 50% of Presbytery's askings.
6 churches secured more than 25% of Presbytery's askings.
4 churches give no report of canvass made.
10 churches report that no canvass was made or planned for.

Remembering that the darkest hour comes just before the dawn and that the Church of Jesus Christ has many times recovered from worse situations, the Presbytery urges upon pastors and officers to seek to utilize every Sunday of the year and by every effort maintain the highest possible attendance and to meet doubts with high courage and faith.

R. D. Carson, Chairman.

Edgar Tufts Memorial Association

Mr. Edgar Tufts, President, offered the reports of the three departments of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association. The reports were received and referred to the permanent committee on the association.

Presbytery took recess until 3 o'clock.

Presbytery reconvened at 3 p. m.

The permanent Committee on the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association made a verbal report commending the excellent report of the President of the association, and recommending that the report be printed in the minutes. This report was adopted.

To Holston Presbytery:

I am glad to present herewith report on the three departments of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, Inc., namely, Lees-McRae College, Grandfather Orphans' Home, and Grace Hospital. There has been a more concerted effort than ever before to keep the operating expenses within the income, and we are glad to report that we have been able to operate on the continued policy of the Board of Trustees to never incur indebtedness for operating expenses.

The statistical report is as follows:

Lees-McRae College

Enrollment

The total enrollment for the year has been 227, of whom 126 were boys and 101 girls. There were 198 boarding students. This session's enrollment represents an increase of 16 per cent over last session. Of this year's total enrollment 158 were in the college department, as compared to 90 last session, representing an increase of 76 per cent over last year. The eighth grade was dropped from the curriculum this past year, and it is the policy of the management to discontinue the ninth grade for the session beginning September, 1933. The enrollment by classes is as follows:

College freshmen	123	Tenth grade	21
College sophomores	35	Ninth grade	22
Eleventh grade	23	Special	3

By denominations, the enrollment is as follows:

Presbyterian	115	Episcopal	3
Baptist	39	Brethren	3
Methodist	35	A. R. P.	1
Member of no church	27	Catholic	1
Christian	3		

The following states were represented in the student body, from fourteen states and one foreign country:

North Carolina	141	New Mexico	1
Tennessee	26	Massachusetts	1
Virginia	22	Michigan	1
Georgia	14	New Jersey	1
West Virginia	9	Kentucky	1
South Carolina	5	Florida	1
Alabama	2	Maryland	1
		Germany	1

Total receipts and disbursements for operating expenses, as taken from the auditor's report for the year ending June 30, 1932, are as follows:

Receipts

Students' fees		$11,587.79	
Gifts		5,263.95	
Income on investments		10,729.75	
Church collections:			
Holston Presbytery Benev.	$1,212.07		
Concord Presbytery Benev.	663.05		
Assembly's Home Missions	900.00	2,775.12	
Miscellaneous		726.65	$31,083.26

Expenses

Administrative and general	$ 6,628.85	
Housing and subsisting	9,471.36	
Health	300.00	
Education	10,369.36	
Operation and maintenance	3,486.45	$30,256.02

Grandfather Orphans' Home

The orphanage cared for 88 children during the year. Included in this number were 27 orphans, 16 whose mothers were dead, 41 whose fathers were dead, and 4 children whose parents were living. Of the 88, 37 were boys and 51 girls. The total days of care were 29,833. The financial report for the orphanage, as of December 31, 1932, is as follows:

Receipts

Per capita payments:		
The Duke Endowment	$1,964.35	
Personal estates	2,382.83	$4,347.18
Contributions:		
Religious organizations	$2,515.25	
Fraternal Orders	10.75	
Individuals	4,627 10	7,153 10
Donated Commodities:		
Food	$ 966 55	
Clothing	1,155 36	
Dishes and supplies	56.53	2,178.44

Income on investments		1,166.58
Adjustments		85.79
Checking account		1,559.51
Inventory of supplies	$ 938.80	
Accounts payable	3,156.52	
Students' fees	1,257.37	5,352.69
Total operating receipts		$21,843.29

Expenses

Administration	$ 1,952.81
Household	10,182.00
Health	319.00
Education	1,490.01
Plant operation and maintenance	1,456.60
Extra-institutional service	100.00
Adjustments	85.79
Checking account Dec. 31, 1932	965.31
Inventory of supplies on hand Dec. 31, 1932	1,040.02
Unpaid bills from previous years paid during 1932	2,151.75
Total operating expenses	$19,743.29

Grace Hospital

During the year 1932 approximately 6,000 out-patients were served by Grace Hospital, and 910 in or bed-patients, making a total of approximately 7,000 patients treated by the hospital during the year. These patients were given over 12,000 days of care, and of this number 8,880 were charity days. Or, in other words, about 66 per cent of the patients treated were charity patients. There was an average of 34 patients every day in the year. The Duke Endowment report shows a gift of $8,880 to Grace Hospital on the usual basis of $1 per day for free beds in use. It has been one year since Grace Hospital moved into its new 60-bed, 4-story stone building, which was made possible by a large gift from the Duke Endowment, and also a gift from Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins, of New York City, for whose sister Grace Hospital was named. At the time this report is made every bed is occupied.

The average cost per patient per day was $1.60, as compared to $1.72 for the previous year.

The hospital serves nine mountain counties in North Carolina and Tennessee, and the two doctors and their corps of nurses are taxed almost beyond human endurance.

Respectfully submitted,
Edgar H. Tufts, President.

Mr. Don Beeson was elected secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Plumtree School for Boys.

Presbytery's Home Missions

At the request of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery, the following committee was appointed and authorized to act for the Presbytery in an effort to effect a new financial arrangement with the Assembly's Committee on Home Missions: Rev. T. P. Johnston, Rev. D. C. Amick, Rev. H. H. Thompson, Rev. John Martin, and Elder J. D. Faucette.

Mr. Carl Roy Clark presented a testimonial from the session of the Crossnore Church recommending him as a candidate for the ministry. The Presbytery talked with Mr. Clark about his candidacy for the ministry, and was pleased with his sincerity and earnestness, and encouraged him to counsel further with the Presbytery after some part of a year's experience in college.

Temperance

By a majority vote of those present, the Presbytery went on record as being in favor of temperance and the retention of the eighteenth amendment.

Dr. C. W. Henry, President of King College, addressed the Presbytery in the interest of that institution.

The minutes of this meeting were read and adopted, and the Presbytery adjourned and was closed with prayer by Rev. T. P. Johnston.

H. H. Thompson, Moderator.
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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MINUTES
OF THE
Holston Presbytery

CALLED MEETING
In the First Presbyterian Church
Kingsport, Tenn., Sept. 20, 1933

FALL MEETING
In the First Presbyterian Church
Spruce Pine, N. C., Oct. 3, 1933

CALLED MEETING
In the First Presbyterian Church
Johnson City, Tenn.
Dec. 19, 1933, and Feb. 22, 1934

SPRING MEETING
In the First Presbyterian Church
Bristol, Tenn., April 16, 1934

ADJOURNED MEETING
In the First Presbyterian Church
Bristol, Tenn., May 10, 1934

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
White Pine, Tenn.
OCTOBER 2, 1934, 10:30 A. M.

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MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY

The written records of Holston Presbytery from its organization thru the year 1923 are deposited with the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches at Montreat, N. C. Any information desired from these records will be gladly furnished by the Foundation upon request. A number of extra copies of the printed minutes from 1920 to date have also been placed with the Foundation. These copies are for distribution, and may be secured upon request, as long as the supply lasts.

ORGANIZATION—FALL 1933

Moderator—The Rev. John S. Yelton, Bluff City, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, Jefferson City, Tennessee.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

Representative on Synod's Committee of Stated Supply—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown; Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary and Treasurer;* H. E. Harris, Rod Armstrong, R. M. Burleson; Deacon: Sam. R. Sells.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, *Chairman;* Rev. Robert King.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. G. S. Buchanan, *Chairman;* Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. E. G. Tomkinson.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman;* Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, Rev. M. J. Murray, Mr. Robert Morrison.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. John S. Yelton, *Chairman;* Rev. Dan H. Graham.

7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary;* Rev. Thos. P. Johnston.

8) *Woman's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* Rev. R. A. Brown.

9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robert King, *Chairman;* Rev. F. S. Jones.

10) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. R. A. Brown, *Chairman;* Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Rev. John Yelton.

11) *Evangelism*—Rev. Dan Graham, *Chairman;* Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

12) *Sessional Records*—Rev. Roy L. Shortridge, *Chairman;* Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. John S. Yelton.

13) *Program*—The Stated Clerk and the pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. Rev. H. H. Thompson, Spring 1934.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Samuel H. Hay.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and the Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. P. Johnston, Robert King, and E. G. Tomkinson.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, C. W. Kernan, and M. J. Murray.

5) *Scripture Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. T. P. Johnston; Elders: J. A. Summers, J. D. Faucette.

TRUSTEES

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—F. H. Stinson, 1934; Rev. H. H. Thompson, Sam R. Sells, 1935; E. W. King, 1936; Jas. A. Summers, 1937; Rev. Robert King, Rod Armstrong, 1938.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Rhea Anderson, D. R. Beeson, Rev. E. F. Camp, 1934; Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chas. Hughes, 1935; Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1936.

CANDIDATES OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

Ralph L. Buchanan	Plumtree, N. C.
Richard Burn	Bristol, Tenn.
Robert D. Earnest	Chucky, Tenn.
Pat N. Easterling	Bristol, Tenn.
Taft Franklin	Crossnore, N. C.
Wylie K. Mills	Piney Flats, Tenn.
Ellis Oakes	Banner Elk, N. C.
Orion W. Perrell	Crossnore, N. C.
J. Linville Perry	Roan Mountain, Tenn.
John Irvin Rhea, Jr.	Blountville, Tenn.
Thomas C. Rhea	Blountville, Tenn.
Frank H. Sells	Johnson City, Tenn.
Charles L. Stucky	Plumtree, N. C.

CALLED MEETING

Kingsport, Tenn., Sept. 20, 1933.

Pursuant to the order of the Synod of Appalachia, Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tenn., Sept. 20, 1933, at noon, to consider the following items of business:

1) The election of a representative of the Presbytery on the Synod's Permanent Committee of Stated Supply.

2) A request from the Rev. McCoy Franklin for a dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Crossnore Church and himself.

The Presbytery was called to order, and opened with prayer, by the Moderator, the Rev. H. H. Thompson. Roll call showed the following present:

Ministers—H. H. Thompson, S. H. Hay, D. C. Amick, McCoy Franklin, R. A. Brown, F. S. Jones, John Martin, G. S. Buchanan, E. G. Tomkinson, Robert Yost, Robert King, R. L. Shortridge, M. J. Murray, R. D. Carson, and W. C. Young—15. *Elders*—L. Rolfe, Rogersville; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; P. L. Harris, Johnson City; H. H. Tittsworth, Jefferson City; W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial—5.

The Rev. John Martin was elected, for one year, to the Synod's Permanent Committee of Stated Supply.

The Rev. McCoy Franklin requested a dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Crossnore Church and himself. The Presbytery requested the Crossnore Church to hold a congregational meeting, with the Rev. E. F. Camp as moderator, to consider a dissolution of the pastoral relationship, and to report to the fall meeting of Presbytery, in Spruce Pine, N. C., Oct. 3, 1933.

After the reading and approval of the minutes, the Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

H. H. Thompson, Moderator.
E. G. Tomkinson, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

FALL MEETING

Spruce Pine, N. C., Oct. 3, 1933.

The one hundred and twenty-first session of Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Spruce Pine, N. C., beginning Oct. 3, 1933, at 10:30 a. m.

The Presbytery was called to order by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. H. H. Thompson, and opened with prayer by Elder J. D. Faucette.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—D. C. Amick, G. S. Buchanan, E. F. Camp, R. D. Carson, T. W. Clapp, Dan Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, F. S. Jones, C. W. Kernan, Robert King, John Martin, M. J. Murray, Roy Shortridge, H. H. Thompson, E. G. Tomkinson, John S. Yelton, John Young, W. C. Young—19.

Elders—F. W. VonCannon, Banner Elk; Rhea Anderson, Blountville; W. L. Holshouser, Blowing Rock; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; Garrett Street, Buladean; Nat Thomas, Cold Spring; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; A. M. Chisholm, Crossnore; J. R. Moser, Jefferson City First; E. E. Pence, Johnson City First; J. A. Gaines, Kingsport First; I. L. Ward, Meadow Creek; W. C. Torbett, New Bethel; David Troutman, Roan's Chapel; Frank M. Fulkerson, Rogersville; W. W. Bailey, Spruce Pine; W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial; Belmont Rhea, Weavers—18.

Organization

The Rev. John S. Yelton was elected moderator by acclamation.

Report of Program Committee

The Committee on Program offered the following report, which was adopted:

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1933

10.30 a. m. Presbytery opened with prayer.
Organization: Roll Call, Election of Moderator.
Report of Program Committee.
Opening sermon by Rev. H. H. Thompson.
Presbyterial Communion.
Memorials.

12.15 p. m. Recess for luncheon.
2.00 p. m. Business Session.
3.00 p. m. Presbyterial sermon by the Rev. M. J. Murray.
Business Session.
5.30 p. m. Recess for supper.
7.30 p. m. Public Meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions, Rev. W. C. Young, chairman, presiding.
Illustrated address by the Rev. J. F. Preston.
Business session until adjournment.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. H. H. Thompson, from Exodus 12:26—"What mean ye by this service?"

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial Communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. G. S. Buchanan and D. H. Graham, assisted by the following elders: W. L. Holshouser, Blowing Rock; Nat Thomas, Cold Spring; Rhea Anderson, Blountville; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; J. R. Moser, Jefferson City First, and W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial.

Rev. Jas. P. Doggett

The following memorial of the Rev. J. P. Doggett was read by the Rev. R. D. Carson:

Rev. Jas. P. Doggett

This devoted servant of God and faithful minister of Jesus Christ was born at Morrell's Mills in Sullivan County, Tenn., Jan. 4, 1844. He attended Jefferson Academy in Blountville until he was 18 years old, when he answered the call of his country and entered the Confederate army. Later he attended King College. In 1872 he opened a preparatory school for boys in Bristol. These years that he spent in the school room were years of real service to God and to men, and the impress he left on these young men is an abiding one. He is remembered in great reverence and affection by scores who came under his instruction.

He was married to Miss Ellen Newland, of Arcadia, Tenn., who shared with him in a long and useful life for the Kingdom of Christ and the good of men. In 1888, though a family of children had blessed his home, he entered

Union Seminary to prepare for the Gospel ministry. He was licensed by Abingdon Presbytery in 1889 and ordained by Holston Presbytery in 1890, and in the same year installed pastor of New Providence Church in Hawkins County, Tenn. He served this church for two years when he was called to the First Church of Jonesboro, Tenn., which he served in connection with the Leesburg and Providence Churches until 1896 when he accepted calls to Kershaw and Beaver Creek Churches in South Carolina.

In 1898 he returned to Tennessee and became the missionary pastor of a number of small and widely scattered churches, serving Meadow Creek, Blue Spring, Rheatown, Mount Zion, White Pine, Rutledge and Mooresburg until 1907. These were years of hard work, long rides over almost impassable roads, but the heart of the missionary never faltered, but through the suns of summer and the biting winds of winter he did his work and thought little of his own ease or comfort. He served the church at Clay City, Ky., for 11 months, but the last 22 years of his active life were given to New Bethel and Pleasant Grove Churches in Sullivan County, Tenn., with all the outpost work connected with these churches until, in 1922, the body that without reserve had been laid upon the altar of God grew tired in, but not of the work, and he was honorably retired when he had reached the 80th milestone on life's way. After 10 years of suffering, of weakness and of waiting God called him from his home in Bristol to his home in heaven, July 4, 1933.

Here is a brief outline of a life that was "hid with Christ in God" and that lived itself out in sacrificial service to God and men—"an Israelite indeed in whom there was no guile." No man among us was more devoted to his work, and the people whom he served loved and honored him in life and cherish his memory since he has gone. His greatest ministry was that of a pastor, a shepherd of the flock, and the prayers he offered around the heartstones of earth are remembered by those who heard them and for whom they were offered, and are registered in heaven where they still breathe the perfume of a saintly life and the sweetness of a childlike faith in the presence of that God in whose service he spent himself on earth and in whose presence he now rejoices in Heaven.

R. D. Carson.

Change of Docket

The docket of the Presbytery was amended to permit the opening sermon, the Presbyterial communion, and memorials of deceased ministers to precede the formal opening of the Presbytery.

Courtesy

The Rev. J. F. Preston, D. D., of Enoree Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The minutes of a called meeting were read for information.

The printed minutes of the spring meeting were distributed.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees and elders on Permanent Committees:

Bills and Overtures—H. H. Thompson, G. S. Buchanan, J. A. Gaines.
Minutes of Presbytery—D. C. Amick, Roy Shortridge, J. R. Moser.
Minutes of Assembly—H. H. Thompson, W. H. Dettor.
Nominations—T. P. Johnston, E. G. Tomkinson.
Resolutions—R. D. Carson, Nat Thomas.
Foreign Missions—Rhea Anderson.
Sabbath and Family Religion—F. W. VonCannon.
Bible Cause—J. L. Gray.
Stewardship—E. E. Pence.
Evangelism—W. W. Bailey.
Vacancy and Supply—W. L. Holshouser.

Communications

A communication from the Rev. Wm. Crowe, D. D., Chairman of the Assembly's ad interim Committee on the Federal Council of Churches, was read and received as information.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, concerning candidates for the ministry and the Synod's Permanent Committee on Stated Supply, was read and referred to the Committee on Assembly's Minutes.

A communication from the Presbytery's Stated Clerk and Treasurer was read, concerning unpaid Presbyterial taxes, and a request for a special committee to consider the matter and bring in a report at this meeting. The Moderator appointed the following committee: The Rev. R. D. Carson and Elders J. D. Faucette and E. E. Pence.

Orders of the Day

It was made an order of the day to hear the report of the Committee on Stewardship at 2:30 p. m.

It was made an order of the day to hear Mr. Edgar Tufts, Superintendent of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, and a group from the Grandfather Orphanage, at 4 p. m.

The Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m., after prayer by the Rev. Dan Graham.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m., with prayer by Elder J. L. Gray.

Installation of Rev. F. S. Jones

The report of the commission to install the Rev. F. S. Jones as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Spruce Pine, N. C., was read and adopted, and the commission discharged. The report is as follows:

The commission met in the Spruce Pine Church May 21, 1933, at 8 p. m., and was constituted with prayer. Rev. M. J. Murray was designated as chairman and J. D. Faucette as clerk. Rev. J. H. Henderlite, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, N. C., and father of the pastor elect's wife, preached the sermon from Mark 2:2, after which Rev. Murray propounded the questions and delivered the charge to the pastor, and Elder J. D. Faucette charged the congregation.

Treasurer's Report

The Presbytery, at the request of the former Treasurer of the Presbytery, directed the Moderator to appoint a special committee to audit the books of the former Treasurer and the present Treasurer of the Presbytery. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of Elders Rhea Anderson, Belmont Rhea, and Frank Fulkerson.

The reports of the former Treasurer and the present Treasurer were read and referred, together with the accounts and vouchers, to the special Auditing Committee. The reports are as follows:

Final Report of T. P. Johnston, Treasurer
April 12 to June 1, 1933

Receipts

Balance brought forward	$ 92.35	
Received from churches	585.86	
Total receipts		$678.21

Disbursements

W. B. Harkins, audit of Central Treas. books	$ 7.50	
W. C. Young, salary	8.00	
J. D. Leslie, Assembly's assessment	431.46	
D. C. Amick, salary, 2 months	40.00	
T. P. Johnston, Stated Clerk, postage and telephone	2.00	
B. D. Smith & Bros., printing and mailing minutes	68.68	
Federal tax on checks	.22	
Total disbursements	$557.86	
Balance to E. G. Tomkinson, Treasurer	120.35	$678.21

Respectfully submitted,
Thos. P. Johnston,
Treas. to June 1st, 1933.

Report of E. G. Tomkinson, Treasurer of Holston Presbytery
June 5, 1933, to October 2, 1933

Receipts

Balance received from T. P. Johnston, Treas.	$120.35	
Refund received from bonding fee	.25	
Assessments from churches	149.20	$269.80

Disbursements

Salaries:		
D. C. Amick, Central Treas. of Benevolences	$ 80.00	
E. G. Tomkinson, Stated Clerk and Treasurer	60.00	
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	8.00	$148.00
Stated Clerk's Office Expense:		
Safety deposit box rent	$ 2.00	
Printing checks	1.50	
Bonding fee	5.00	
Rubber stamp and pad	1.60	
Stationery	1.50	
Postage	1.00	$ 12.60
Central Treasurer's Office Expense:		
Printing	$ 1.00	
Postage	2.16	
Miscellaneous	.95	4.11

Miscellaneous:			
Appalachia Synod's assessment	$ 72.51		
Federal tax on checks	.22	72.73	
Total disbursements		$237.44	
Actual balance in bank, Oct. 2, 1933		32.36	$269.80

Respectfully submitted,
E. G. Tomkinson, Treasurer.

Stewardship

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read, received, and, pending its adoption, Mr. Edgar Tufts, of Banner Elk, was granted the privilege of the floor in the discussion of the report. The recommendations were considered seriatim, and adopted. The report as a whole was adopted, and is as follows:

When we note that in the past five years the per capita gifts of our church to benevolences have fallen off 57 per cent and those to current expenses 40 per cent, a total decline of 45 per cent, and although the reports of the Executive Committees indicate a still further decline, we are glad to report that there has been an increase of more than $1,000 for the first five months of the present year in the Presbytery of Holston.

All will agree that the major cause of this decline in receipts has been the extraordinary economic conditions which have prevailed. However, when we note that the decline in the church began a year before the "Depression," there must be other contributing causes. Although there have been many glorious examples of individual sacrificial giving, yet the church as a whole cannot be commended for its "grace of liberality."

No doubt the greatest of the contributing causes has been the timidity of Stewardship committees, pastors and sessions in presenting to the membership the great doctrines of the stewardship of life and property, and in keeping before them the glorious world-wide redemptive mission of the church.

When the state is calling upon each citizen to do his part, certainly the time is at hand for the church to sound a clear call for an advance.

The Presbytery calls upon pastors and officers to seek to utilize every Sunday of the year, and by every effort maintain the highest possible attendance upon services, and to meet doubts with high courage and faith.

Your committee recommends:

1) That the total budget for the year 1934-35 be set at $40,000 and that this amount be apportioned as follows: Assembly's Causes $18,400, to be apportioned by the Central Treasurer of Benevolences as the General Assembly directs. The total apportionment is approximately as follows:

		Percentage	*Total*
Assembley's Causes $18,400—			
Foreign Missions	$ 9,600.00	24%	
Home Missions	4,800.00	12	
Christian Education and M. R.	2,800.00	7	
Religious Education and Publication	800.00	2	
Assembly's Training School	200.00	0.5	
Bible Cause	200.00	0.5	46%
Synod's Causes $4,800—			
Educational Institutions	4,800.00	12%	12%
Presbytery's Causes, $16,800—			
Home Missions	12,800.00	32%	
Grandfather Orphanage	1,600.00	4	
Banner Elk Schools	2,400.00	6	42%
	$40,000.00	100%	100%

2) That this budget of $40,000 be apportioned among the churches as follows:

Arcadia	$ 100	New Bethel	$ 200
Banner Elk	500	Newdale	50
Blountville	600	Newland	100
Blowing Rock	125	Newport	700
Bristol First	10,000	New Providence	250
Buladean	100	Paint Gap	50
Cold Spring	450	Paperville	50
Cove Creek	125	Pineola	100
Crossnore	300	Plumtree	100
Ebenezer	25	Providence	50
Estatoa	50	Rheatown	100
Grassy Creek	40	Roan's Chapel	25
Gray's Chapel	25	Rogersville	3,000
Harris Memorial	50	Russellville	50
Hughes	25	Russ Memorial	50
Jefferson City First	700	Rutledge	100
Johnson City First	10,000	Salem	50
Kingsport	3,000	Smoky Mountain	25
Leesburg	150	Spruce Pine	300
Mary Andrews Chapel	25	Strawberry Plains	100
Meadow Creek	150	Thomas Memorial	200
Micaville	50	Vians Valley	25
Mooresburg	50	Weavers	75
Morristown	7,000	White Pine	50
Mt. Sterling	25	Windsor Avenue	600

3) That the date of the every-member canvass be the first Sunday in March.

4) That every church be urged to make a thorough canvass, both for current expenses and benevolences, and that pastors and officers make every effort possible to enlist the coöperation of each member as a tither or proportionate giver.

5) That the Presbytery in this session engage in a period of prayer that the Giver of all perfect gifts may give wisdom and spiritual vision for a renewed loyalty and power in soul winning to our entire church.

6) That the Central Treasurer of Benevolences be instructed, from this date, to pay from the monthly balances of Presbytery's Home Missions the sum of $23 per month to Synod's Work Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Carson, Chairman.

The Presbytery engaged in the season of prayer called for in the Stewardship report.

Report of Commissioners to General Assembly

The report of the commissioners to the General Assembly was made through their chairman, the Rev. H. H. Thompson. The report was received, and the commissioners commended for their diligence.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. M. J Murray, from 2 Tim. 1:12 and 4:7-8, on "Assurance of Salvation."

Statistical Report

The statistical report to Synod was read, approved, and ordered printed in the minutes. The report is as follows:

The Presbytery of Holston respectfully reports to the Synod of Appalachia in session at the First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tenn., Sept. 19, 1933, as follows:

Holston Presbytery has 52 churches, 31 ministers, 15 candidates for the ministry, 221 elders, 237 deacons, and 7,251 communicants.

There were added to the roll 354 members on confession and 183 by certificate, a total of 537. There were 269 adult baptisms and 57 infant baptisms.

The total Sunday school enrollment is 8,710.

Candidates received Oct. 3, 1932—Frank Sells, First Church, Johnson City; Ralph Buchanan, Plumtree Church; Thomas C. Rhea, Blountville Church; Jay Linville Perry, Gray's Chapel.

Candidates dismissed May 11, 1933—John Wesley Combs, Cold Springs Church; George H. Ellis, First Church, Bristol. (Names dropped at their own request.)

Installation May 21, 1933—Rev. Frank S. Jones and Spruce Pine Church.

Minister dismissed April 17, 1933—Rev. W. C. Frierson to the Presbytery of Piedmont.

Minister deceased July 4, 1933—Rev. J. P. Doggett.

Change in Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Rev. E. G. Tomkinson succeeding Rev. T. P. Johnston, resigned April 17, 1933.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. Tomkinson, Stated Clerk.

Grandfather Orphanage

The Presbytery listened to a very interesting program of song and recitation by girls from the Grandfather Orphanage. Mr. Edgar Tufts addressed the Presbytery concerning the expense and management of the Grandfather Orphanage.

Presbytery moved that, from date to the end of the church year, the 6 per cent now allotted to Lees-McRae College be allotted to the Grandfather Orphanage by the Central Treasurer of Benevolences, and that every pastor shall notify his congregation that this shall be done, unless objection be made by donors.

Resignation of Rev. McCoy Franklin

A communication was received from the Rev. McCoy Franklin, requesting a dissolution of the pastoral relationship with the Crossnore Church and a certificate of dismission to Knoxville Presbytery. The Crossnore Church having concurred with the request of the pastor the pastoral relationship was dissolved and the certificate granted. The Rev. T. W. Clapp was appointed to moderate the Crossnore session till a new pastor be secured.

Bible Cause

The following report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Bible Cause reports as follows:

We wish to express our gratitude for the work done by the American Bible Society in translation, publication and distribution of the Holy Scriptures.

We note, with gratitude, reports of systematic Bible study and reading in which many pastors are leading their congregations have come from various parts of the church.

We recommend—

1) That we heartily endorse the efforts of the American Bible Society in its program of wider distribution of the Holy Scriptures.

2) That Presbytery continue the giving of one-half of one per cent of its benevolences to this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Yelton, Chairman.

Presbyterial Taxes

Your special Committee on Presbyterial Taxes submit the following report:

That the Stated Clerk be directed to write delinquent churches urging the importance of the church paying all past due taxes, and if impossible to pay the whole amount at once to make substantial payments until paid.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Carson.
E. E. Pence.
J. D. Faucette.

Evangelism

The following report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and adopted:

It is impossible to secure accurate information on the number of meetings held, or the number of additions to the church in our Presbytery, but the Assembly's minutes show there were 354 added by profession of faith and 183 by letter during the last church year. Sixteen churches report no additions.

Your committee recommends—

1) That since the commission of the church is to win souls and to teach them, we feel that every pastor and church should be urged to hold, or have held, evangelistic meetings in every church and mission point as far as possible; and if he cannot secure outside help that he conduct the meetings himself.

2) That pastors and sessions survey their surrounding territory and establish Sunday schools and preaching points to advance the church.

3) That pastors help carry out the Assembly's request and hold meetings in other fields.

4) We feel that the cause of the church is one, therefore the Presbytery should urge the sessions of the churches to gladly release their pastors to hold meetings in the more destitute fields.

5) That the depression in our country is more spiritual than otherwise, so we urge our people to turn to God with true repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. God has promised that "if My people who are called by My name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land." (2 Chron. 7:14.)

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Graham.
John Martin.
John Young.
W. W. Bailey.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Presbytery accepted the invitation of the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., for the spring meeting, and fixed the time as April 16, 1934, at 10:30 a. m. (E. S. T.).

Minutes of Presbytery

The following report of the Committee on Minutes of Presbytery was read and adopted:

Your committee on the minute of Presbytery would respectfully report that we find them correctly kept and well edited.

D. C. Amick.
R. L. Shortridge.
J. R. Moser.

Nominations

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations would recommend—

1) That Elder Rod Armstrong, of Rogersville, be added to Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, in place of Mr. A. B. Rogan, who is unable to serve because of ill health.

2) That Rev. Robert King be added to the Foreign Missions Committee.

3) That Rev. R. A. Brown be added to the Committee on Woman's Work.

4) That Rev. M. J. Murray be added to the Examining Committee on Popular Lecture.

5) That the Committee on Vacancy and Supply be abolished.

6) That the preacher of the Presbyterial sermon next spring be Rev. R. A. Brown, with Rev. S. H. Hay as alternate; the subject to be "The Complete Authority of the Scriptures."

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. Tomkinson.
T. P. Johnston.

The Presbytery took recess until 7:30 p. m., after prayer by the Moderator.

FIRST DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. H. H. Thompson.

Foreign Missions

A popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions was held, with the Rev. W. C. Young, Chairman of the Presbytery's Committee on Foreign Missions, presiding. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery listened to an interesting stereoptican lecture on Korea, by the Rev. J. F. Preston, D. D.

The report, with its recommendations, was adopted and is as follows:

Foreign Missions

The work of our Foreign Mission stations has been much blessed during the past year. Doors are open, hearts are hungry for the Gospel, and the native Christians are manifesting greater faith and zeal. The income of the year, from native sources, increased $44,092 over the previous year. There were added to the church on profession of faith 6,146, this being 935 more than the previous year, and also the largest ingathering, on profession of faith, in the history of our Mission work. The roll of communicants was increased 7,276. The Sunday school enrollment was increased 4,000. The native workers increased 384. Medical patients increased 20,473.

If the home church had adequately supported the work the advance would have been greater. The budget authorized by the General Assembly was $1,185 less than one-half of the appropriation of the previous year, although the purchasing power of the American dollar had dropped during the year, 27 per cent in Japan, 30 per cent in China, and 22 per cent in Africa. Some schools and hospitals had to be closed. Those that were retained were reduced to the bare level of subsistence, but the missionaries and native workers bore the pinch of the lean year with fortitude. Only six missionaries from this country could be sent out during the year, reducing the roll by eleven.

Our Presbytery increased its gifts to this cause $426 over last year.

We make the following recommendations:

1) That Foreign Mission study classes be organized in our churches, from Oct. 8 to Nov. 19, using the approved text-book for the year, "The Ambassador Supreme."

2) That the churches of the Presbytery be requested to observe Nov. 12 to 19 as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions, and to make at that time a supplemental offering for Foreign Missions.

3) That the Sunday schools of the Presbytery be urged this year to co-operate in the Educational program for Foreign Missions built around the study of Mexico, and to devote their Foreign Mission offerings to the Mexican work.

4) That the Young People's Societies of the Presbytery be urged to build their Missionary educational program around the study of our work in Japan, and to devote their Foreign Mission offerings to the evangelistic work in Japan.

5) That the thanks of the Presbytery be expressed, by a rising vote, to the Rev. J. F. Preston, D. D., for his interesting and instructive address.

6) That a free will offering for Foreign Missions be now taken in the Presbytery.

7) That the Presbytery be led in prayer by Dr. J. F. Preston that the Lord may stir the churches to greater self-denial for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Young, Chairman.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by Dr. Preston.

The offering for Foreign Missions amounted to $15.11.

Nomination of Commissioners to General Assembly

The following were nominated as Commissioners to the General Assembly: Principals—Ministers, Rev. S. H. Hay and Rev. M. J. Murray; Elders, W. H. Millar, Russellville, and J. D. Faucette, Bristol First. Alternates—Ministers, Rev. T. P. Johnston and Rev. F. S. Jones; Elders, F. M. Fulkerson, Rogersville, and Nat Thomas, Cold Spring.

Auditing Committee

The Auditing Committee read the following report, which was adopted:

We, the Auditing Committee appointed to examine the reports of T. P. Johnston and E. G. Tomkinson, have examined same and find them to be correct and have approved same.

Rhea Anderson.
Belmont Rhea.
Frank M. Fulkerson.

Information for Sessions

It was ordered that the Stated Clerk send to the sessions mimeographed copies of all necessary recommendations and resolutions.

Special Resolution

The following resolution was made and ordered included in the list sent to sessions:

Special Resolution on Civil Affairs

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. S. H. Hay, and adopted and ordered to be read in the churches:

Relevant to current efforts of the civil authorities to make laws dealing with the liquor traffic, the Presbytery offers the following statement in the hope of clarifying the duty of perplexed and earnest church members desiring to do their rightful part in the spheres of both church and state:

The Presbytery and its churches have no disposition other than to obey the church law as stated in chapter 31, section 4, of the Confession of Faith, to the effect "that Synods and Councils are to handle or conclude nothing but that which is ecclesiastical; and are not to intermeddle with civil affairs which concern the commonwealth unless by way of humble petition in cases extraordinary; or by way of advice for satisfaction of conscience, if they be required thereunto by the civil magistrate."

Attention is called by our Presbytery to the fact that this law, binding Synods and Councils, places no limit or check upon the political or civil activities of individual members of the church. We urge upon all church members a vigorous and faithful performance of all duties to the civil state devolving upon them as citizens. Being a church member should enhance the effectiveness with which one performs his civil functions. In this connection the Presbytery urges the members of its churches to study the welfare of the state, and of all classes of folk, as affected by laws regulating the liquor traffic, and to so speak, act, pray, and vote as will best contribute to temperance, as God may enable them to see it.

The Presbytery further reminds its constituency of the appalling ruin inflicted upon youth and mature life by the use of intoxicants and opiates, and urges upon all a complete abstinence from these things unless temporary use be required by a physician in emergency; and we call upon all the teaching agencies of the church in the Presbytery to instruct and train the people against the sin of personally using liquors or narcotic drugs, whatever may be the existing civil laws or the degree to which such laws may be enforced.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. Hay

Resolution of Thanks

A suitable resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned with song and the benediction, to meet in stated meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., April 16, 1934, at 10:30 a. m. (E. S. T.).

John S. Yelton, Moderator.
E. G. Tomkinson, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

CALLED MEETING

Johnson City, Tenn., Dec. 19, 1933.

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Rev. John S. Yelton, Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Dec. 19, 1933, at 1 p. m. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer by the Rev. R. D. Carson.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, R. D. Carson, W. B. Doyle, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, Robert King, John Martin, R. L. Shortridge, E. G. Tomkinson, H. H. Thompson, John S. Yelton, W. C. Young—12. *Elders*—J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; J. W. Humbird, White Pine, and J. W. Zirkle, Jefferson City—4.

The following call was read and found in order:

The constitutional requirements having been met, the Presbytery of Holston is hereby called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1933, at 1 p. m., for the following purposes:

1) To act upon the resignation of the Rev. W. B. Doyle as pastor of the New Providence and White Pine Churches.

2) To dissolve the pastoral relationships between the Rev. W. B. Doyle and the New Providence and White Pine Churches.

3) To transact any business growing out of the above.

John S. Yelton, Moderator.
E. G. Tomkinson, Stated Clerk.

The resignation of the Rev. W. B. Doyle as pastor of the New Providence and White Pine Churches, on account of ill health, was accepted with regret.

The churches having been heard from, in concurrence, the pastoral relations between the Rev. W. B. Doyle and the New Providence and White Pine Churches was dissolved.

The Presbytery, in view of the dissolution of the pastoral relations between the Rev. W. B. Doyle and the New Providence and White Pine Churches, referred the matters of temporary supply and regrouping to the Home Missions Committee.

The Rev. John Martin was appointed the moderator of the New Providence and White Pine sessions until the spring meeting of the Presbytery, or a prior call of a pastor.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay in behalf of the Rev. W. B. Doyle and the New Providence and White Pine Churches.

The minutes were read and approved, after which the Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Robert King.

John S. Yelton, Moderator.
E. G. Tomkinson, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., February 22, 1934, at 1:15 p. m. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. John S. Yelton, and opened with prayer by the Rev. F. S. Jones. Roll call showed the following present:

Ministers—John Martin, Robert King, John S. Yelton, H. H. Thompson, R. D. Carson, F. S. Jones, D. C. Amick, W. C. Young, R. A. Brown, T. P. Johnston, and E. G. Tomkinson—11. *Elders*—W. W. Bailey, Spruce Pine; J. E. Nance, Rutledge; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First—3.

The following call was read and found in order:

The constitutional requirements having been met, the Presbytery of Holston is called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., February 22, 1934, at 1:15 p. m., for the following purposes:

1) To consider a loan to the Salem Church for a new building.

2) To transact any business growing out of the above.

3) To consider the request of the Bristol churches to change the date of the spring meeting of Presbytery, to coincide with the meeting of the Presbyterial.

John Yelton, Moderator.
E. G. Tomkinson, Stated Clerk.

Salem Church

The Trustees of the Presbytery were authorized to sign the papers connected with the loan to Salem Church, already approved by the Presbytery's Home Missions Committee and the Assembly's Home Missions Committee.

Mr. J. R. Simmonds was appointed to convene the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery.

Date of Spring Meeting

A committee consisting of the Revs. H. H. Thompson, R. A. Brown and E. G. Tomkinson was appointed to confer with the officers of the Presbyterial to arrange for the Presbytery and the Presbyterial to meet at the same time, if deemed advisable.

The minutes were read and adopted, after which the Presbytery adjourned with a season of prayer, in behalf of the every-member canvass and Home Missions, and the benediction by the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson.

John S. Yelton, Moderator.
E. G. Tomkinson, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

ORGANIZATION—SPRING 1934

Moderator—The Rev. R. A. Brown, Bristol, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, Jefferson City, Tennessee.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

Representative on Synod's Committee of Stated Supply—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown; Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary and Treasurer;* H. E. Harris, Rod Armstrong, R. M. Burleson; Deacon: Sam R. Sells.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, *Chairman;* Rev. Robert King.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. G. S. Buchanan, *Chairman;* Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. E. G. Tomkinson.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman;* Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, Rev. M. J. Murray, Mr. Robert Morrison.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. M. J. Murray, *Chairman;* Rev. Dan H. Graham.

7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. R. D. Carson, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary;* Rev. Thos. P. Johnston.

8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* Rev. R. A. Brown.

9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robert King, *Chairman;* Rev. F. S. Jones.

10) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. R. A. Brown, *Chairman;* Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Rev. John Yelton.

11) *Evangelism*—Rev. Dan Graham, *Chairman;* Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

12) *Sessional Records*—Rev. Roy L. Shortridge, *Chairman;* Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. John S. Yelton.

13) *Program*—The Stated Clerk and the pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. Rev. W. C. Young, Fall 1934.

SPRING MEETING

Bristol, Tenn., April 16, 1934.

The one hundred and twenty-second session of Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., beginning April 16, 1934, at 7:30 p. m. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. John S. Yelton, and opened with prayer by the Rev. H. H. Thompson.

Song Service

A devotional service of song was given by a ladies vested choir from the Virginia Intermont College, the King College Glee Club, and Prof. DeWitt Miller, of Sullins College.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. John S. Yelton, from Isaiah 14:12, on "Lawlessness."

Presbyterial Communion

A joint communion service was observed by Holston Presbytery and Holston Presbyterial. The elements were administered by the Revs. R. D. Carson and Dan H. Graham, assisted by the following elders: D. O. Blevins, Spruce Pine; Warren H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial; T. W. Simpson, Bristol First; Robert Rupert, Meadow Creek; R. P. Carmack, Paperville; Rhea Anderson, Blountville.

The Presbytery and the Presbyterial were welcomed by the pastor, the Rev. H. H. Thompson.

A joint collection was taken for Ministerial Relief, amounting to $27.

Rev. Gilbert Glass

The following memorial of the Rev. Gilbert Glass was read, and adopted by a rising vote:

Gilbert Glass, D. D.

This servant of the Lord Jesus and minister of His grace was born at Harrodsburg, Ky., January 24, 1875. He was the son of Rev. Harvey Glass, D. D., whose ministry for nearly half a century blessed the churches of Central Kentucky and whose memory still lingers like the aroma of ointment poured forth.

Growing up in a home like his, and with the training and example of a godly father, it is no wonder that the son heard the call of God to the Gospel ministry. He was graduated from Central University at Richmond, Ky., in 1895 and from the Seminary of Louisville in 1898. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from King College in 1915. He served pastorates in Glasgow, Munfordville, Stanford and Covington, Ky., and in these years he made for himself a place in the heart of the church as a leader of men and as a sympathetic and faithful pastor.

His last pastorate was in the First Church of Johnson City, Tenn. Here he proved himself the master of a difficult situation. A new church was to be erected and the congregation seemed hopelessly divided as to its location. Under the wise and tactful leadership of Dr. Glass the question was settled by the congregation rather than by the pastor, and a people united in heart and mind erected the building without a jar or discord.

On the death of Dr. A. L. Phillips the Publication Committee of our church called Dr. Glass, and for the past 19 years he had filled a difficult and important post in the place of leadership and instruction in the rapidly expanding program of the church.

He was married in 1911 to Miss Mary Grandin Orr, of Covington, Ky., who survives him. Two children blessed this union: Margaret, who was graduated with distinction from Agnes Scott last May, and Harvey, who is a member of the sophomore class and vice-president of the student body at Davidson College.

Dr. Glass was first of all a man, and a man who lived in fellowship with his Lord. Without any guile, without ostentation, with a spirit that radiated gladness and good cheer, he showed the world what a happy Christian can be. As a pastor he was always a welcome friend in the homes of his people. He did not court the favor of the rich; he never neglected the poor. His gospel was a gospel for everybody, and he did his best to give that gospel the widest circulation. He began the congregational Home Mission work in the First Church of Johnson City which has now grown into Calvary Chapel.

As a preacher he was scholarly without being heavy. No unbeaten oil was brought by him into the sanctuary of God. The gospel of our Lord was the burden of his ministry, and he preached that gospel in a clear, strong, winsome way.

It was in the publication office in Richmond that perhaps his greatest work was done; first as the superintendent of Young People's Work, but for the past 10 years as editor-in-chief of our Sunday school literature. In this work his

line has gone out into all the world, and thousands will thank God for the interpretations of His word that have come through the pen of this man of God. To those of us who knew him best the beauty of his genial spirit, the simplicity of his faith in Christ and the devotion of his great heart in his love to God and men will remain as a blessed inspiration.

On March 19, 1934, he received his promotion call and entered into the fuller service of God in the presence of Him whom he loved and served in life.

Program

The Program Committee offered the following report, which was adopted:

Monday, April 16, 1934

7.30 p. m. Presbytery opened with prayer.
Organization.
Election of Moderator.
Report of Program Committee.
Opening sermon by the Rev. John S. Yelton.
Presbyterial Communion observed jointly by Holston Presbytery and Holston Presbyterial.
Adjournment.

Tuesday, April 17

9.00 a. m. Devotional service, led by the Rev. M. J. Murray.
9.30 a. m. Business session.
11.00 a. m. Presbyterial sermon by the Rev. R. A. Brown.
12.00 noon Recess for lunch.
2.00 p. m. Report of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.
Business session.
5.00 p. m. Recess.
7.30 p. m. Joint session of Holston Presbytery and Holston Presbyterial, in the Windsor Avenue Church, in a popular meeting for Home Missions.
Adjournment.

Wednesday, April 18

9.00 a. m. Devotional service, led by the Rev. S. H. Hay.
Business session until adjournment.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, G. S. Buchanan, E. F. Camp, R. D. Carson, T. W. Clapp, Dan Graham, S. H. Hay (2), F. S. Jones, C. W. Kernan, John Martin, M. J. Murray R. L. Shortridge, H. H. Thompson, J. S. Yelton, Robert Yost (2), John Young, W. C. Young—18.

Elders—Joe Newland (2), Arcadia; W. C. Tate, Banner Elk; S. W. Miller, Blountville; T. W. Simpson (1), Herbert King (2), Bristol First; W. J. Combs (2), Cold Spring; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; A. M. Chisholm, Crossnore; J. R. Moser, Jefferson City First; W. M. McAfee, Johnson City First; George E. Stone, Kingsport First; B. F. Knight, Leesburg; Robert Rupert, Meadow Creek; D. W. Rutherford, Paperville; Troy Young (2), Roan's Chapel; Rod Armstrong (2), Rogersville; D. O. Blevins, Spruce Pine; W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial; Chas. Booker, Weavers; J. R. Allen, Windsor Avenue—19.

Organization

The Rev. R. A. Brown was elected moderator, and the Rev. D. C. Amick stated clerk for this meeting of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. F. S. Jones, to reconvene Tuesday at 9 a. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 9 a. m. The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. M. J. Murray, who spoke from John 3:1 on "Jesus and Nicodemus."

The minutes of last night's session were read and adopted.

Courtesy

The following ministers were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brothers: Rev. J. J. Fix, D. D., Abingdon Presbytery; Rev. F. M. Eversole, D. D., Asheville Presbytery; Rev. T. J. McConnell, D. D., Columbia Presbytery; Rev. W. C. Frierson, Piedmont Presbytery.

The minutes of called meetings held since the fall meeting were read for information.

Standing Committees

The Moderator read the following list of Standing Committees and elders on Permanent Committees:

Bills and Overtures—John Yelton, F. S. Jones, J. L. Gray.
Auditing—F. S. Jones, J. R. Moser, J. W. Zirkle.
Minutes of Synod—R. L. Shortridge, W. H. Dettor.
Nominations—R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, D. C. Amick.
Pastors' Salaries—John Martin, T. P. Johnston, D. O. Blevins.
Resolutions—C. W. Kernan, B. F. Knight.
Sessional Records—D. W. Rutherford, Chas. Booker, Robert Rupert.
Assembly's Home Missions—Rod Armstrong.
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—W. M. McAfee.
Religious Education—S. W. Miller.
Edgar Tufts Memorial Association—J. L. Gray.
Evangelism—A. M. Chisholm.
Stewardship—Joe Newland.
Woman's Work—J. R. Allen.

Communications

A communication from the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, in reference to Concord Church, was read and referred to the Home Missions Committee.

A communication from the Assembly's Training School was received and referred to the Committee on the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.

A communication from the Rev. W. M. McPheeters, D. D., in reference to the case of the Rev. Hay Watson Smith, D. D., was received and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from the Rev. Daniel Iverson, in reference to Evangelism, was received and referred to the Committee on Evangelism.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, in reference to the Assembly assessments, was read for information.

A communication from the Crossnore Church, in reference to conditions in the church, was received and referred to the following committee, to consider and bring in a report at this meeting of the Presbytery: Rev. R. D. Carson, Chairman; Rev. H. H. Thompson, and Elder J. L. Gray, Cove Creek.

A communication from the Ebenezer Mission, Greene County, Tenn., asking organization into a church, to be known as Ebenezer Church, was read and referred to the Home Missions Committee.

A communication from the Synod's Committee of Stated Supply was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Blaine Church

The Blaine Presbyterian Church, at Lee Springs, Tenn., was received from Union Presbytery, U. S. A., and enrolled with five elders, ten resident members, and ten non-resident members.

Report of Treasurer of Presbytery

The following report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was read, received, and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee:

Report of E. G. Tomkinson, Treasurer of Holston Presbytery
June 5, 1933, to April 14, 1934

Receipts		
Balance from T. P. Johnston, Treas.	$120.35	
Refund from bonding fee	.25	
Foreign Mission offering	15.11	
Assessments from churches	704.87	$840.58
Disbursements		
Salaries—		
D. C. Amick, Central Treas. of Benevolences	$200.00	
E. G. Tomkinson, Stated Clerk and Treas.	120.00	
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	8.00	$328.00
Stated Clerk's Office Expense—		
Safety deposit box rent	$ 2.00	
Printing checks	1.50	
Bonding fee	5.00	
Stamp and pad	1.60	
Printing	1.00	
Stationery	1.50	
Postage	7.00	
Mimeograph stencils and paper	4.15	
Telephone and telegraph	2.75	26.50

Central Treasurer's Office Expense—		
Printing	$ 1.00	
Postage	8.78	
Reports and envelopes	2.52	
Miscellaneous	1.20	
Bonding fee	12.50	26.00
Miscellaneous—		
E. F. Willis, Treas. Foreign Missions	$ 15.11	
Appalachia Synod's assessment	72.51	
Sessional report blanks	5.90	
Federal tax on checks	.34	93.86
Total disbursements		$474.36
Balance in bank April 14, 1934		366.22

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. Tomkinson, Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer Home Missions Committee

The following report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery's Home Missions Committee was read, received, and, with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee:

To the Presbytery of Holston:

I herewith submit my report as Treasurer of the Home Missions Committee of Holston Presbytery for the year April 1, 1933, to March 31, 1934.

Receipts

From the General Assembly's Home Missions Committee	$ 5,032.38
Rev D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer	4,160.87
General Assembly's Home Missions Committee for the Cocke County Field	1,054.96
Presbyterian Church, Morristown	24.00
Dr. Geo. F. Graham Legacy Fund	220.00
Gifts for worker at Honeycutt, N. C.	165.00
Synod's Committee, Mr. Faucette, Treasurer student work Boone, N. C.	200.00
Special gifts	112.00
Reserve funds	1,163.34
Total receipts	$12,132.55

Disbursements

April 1, 1933, overdraft	$ 655.07
Payroll Home Mission workers	8,395.50
General Assembly's Home Missions Committee	500.00
Rent for manse for Supt.-Evangelist	300.00
Expense account of Supt.-Evangelist	591.76
Committee expense	148.71
Payroll for workers in Cocke County Field	959.96
Summer work	75.00
Worker at Honeycutt, N. C.	180.00
Insurance	23.86
Student work at Boone, N. C.	50.00
	$11,879.86
Total disbursements	252.69
April 1, 1934, balance in treasury	
	$12,132.55

Frank Taylor, Treasurer.

Report of Central Treasurer

The following report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences was read, received, and, together with the auditor's report, referred to the Auditing Committee:

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to certify that I have audited the reports and accounts of Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Benevolences of Holston Presbytery for the 1933-34 period, and found them in good order and correct.

In this audit was included the following: Church accounts, paid vouchers, partial receipts, deposits, remittances and bank statements.

On Dec. 23, 1933, Blowing Rock Church was given credit for $3.69. On page 59 of General Ledger under "Receipts," line 45, credit was given for $3.67, a difference of two cents.

On the reports of the Treasurer there is an item of "Refunds." This consists of $250 to Albert Lyons, Treasurer of Rogersville Church, which was an overpayment on his part. Letters and proper receipts support this. The other refund consists of an item of $5.19 which was a returned check on Burnsville, N. C. This makes total refunds of $255.19.

Bank balance April 4, 1934		$70.63
Less deposits after close of books:		
April 5, 1934	$49.33	
April 11, 1934	20.67	70.00
		$ .63

Plus check charged back after books were closed	8.25
Plus cash due on 1933-34, deposited after books were closed	4.34
Bank balance close of year	$13.22
Treasurer shows balance on hand	12.36
A difference of (plus)	$ .86

April 14, 1934. *W. B. Harkins.*

Report of Central Treasurer of Benevolences, D. C. Amick, Treasurer

Receipts from April 2, 1933, to March 31, 1934

Churches	*Congregation*	*Aux.*	*S. S.*	*Y. P. S.*	*Totals*
Arcadia	$ 40.00				$ 40.00
Banner Elk	115.03	$ 60.00			175.03
Blountville	335.11	12.00			347.11
Blowing Rock	5.69	125.24	$ 71.68	$ 21.00	223.61
Bristol First	1,789.15	1,201.23	243.91		3,234.29
Buladean	56.00				56.00
Cold Spring	182.55	68.45	49.50	10.00	310.50
Cove Creek	102.00		65.00		167.00
Crossnore		100.00			100.00
Estatoa			1.35		1.35
Grassy Creek	26.48				26.48
Gray's Chapel	25.00		5.00		30.00
Harris Memorial	62.70		8.00		70.70
Hughes	7.50				7.50
Jefferson City First	106.11	377.78	120.00	6.89	610.78
Johnson City First	4,325.00	825.80	42.84	16.00	5,209.64
Kingsport First	553.85	923.51	585.76		2,063.12
Leesburg	73.40	10.00			83.40
Meadow Creek	40.00				40.00
Micaville		5.00	.93		5.93
Mooresburg	12.00		9.91		21.91
Morristown	741.85				741.85
New Bethel	159.02	40.07			199.09
Newdale			.87		.87
Newland	11.25	67.00		10.00	88.25
Newport		88.70	34.50	6.50	129.70
New Providence	12.00	11.50			23.50
Paint Gap	100.00				100.00
Paperville	49.00	21.50			70.50
Pineola	6.47	29.99			36.46
Plumtree		19.50			19.50
Providence	11.42				11.42

Churches	*Congregation*	*Aux.*	*S. S.*	*Y. P. S.*	*Totals*
Rheatown	52.92				52.92
Roan's Chapel	36.50				36.50
Rogersville	1,462.56	1,005.61	58.16	31.83	2,558.16
Russellville	42.97				42.97
Ruth Memorial	13.72				13.72
Rutledge	70.00				70.00
Salem	12.00				12.00
Spruce Pine	88.90	60.50	7.14		156.54
Strawberry Plains		37.00	75.85		112.85
Thomas Memorial	116.61				116.61
Vinn's Valley	61.75				61.75
Weavers	50.00				50.00
White Pine		36.00			36.00
Windsor Avenue	28.16	105.05	34.80	1.00	169.01
Miscellaneous	11.00				11.00
Net totals	$10,995.67	$5,231.43	$1,415.20	$103.22	$17,745.52
Plus refunds	255.19				255.19
Gross receipts	$11,250.86	$5,231.43	$1,415.20	$103.22	$18,000.71

Disbursements from April 2, 1933, to March 31, 1934

Foreign Missions		$5,274.17	
Assembly's Home Missions		2,288.06	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		1,237.99	
Religious Education and Publication		417.88	
Assembly's Training School		81.84	
American Bible Society		81.59	
Synod's Work		260.32	
Educational Institutions		1,441.91	
Presbytery's Home Missions—			
Presbytery's Home Missions	$4,359.11		
Synod's Work	118.10	4,477.21	
Grandfather Orphans' Home		1,730.71	
Banner Elk Schools		406.96	$17,698.64
Miscellaneous—			
Contingent fees, Woman's Auxiliary			32.50
Protestant Relief			2.00
Refunds			255.19
Total disbursements			$17,988.33
Balance due Synod's Work			12.36
Error in Blowing Rock Church account			.02
			$18,000.71

Sent direct and reported for credit:

Grandfather Orphanage—		
Cove Creek	$20.00	
Gray's Chapel	7.00	
Micaville	37.30	
		$64.30
Religious Education and Publication—		
Estatoa Sunday school	$ .75	
Micaville Sunday school	2.18	
Newdale Sunday school	.85	
		$ 3.78

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Presbytery accepted the invitation of the White Pine Church for the fall meeting of Presbytery, the time to be fixed at the adjourned meeting.

Holston Presbytery requested the Stated Clerk to ask Abingdon Presbytery for permission of the Blountville Church to operate in Scott County, Va.

Mr. Garland Morrison, of Bristol, Tenn., was introduced to the Presbytery, and made a profession of faith in Christ. The Presbytery was led in prayer in behalf of Mr. Morrison by the Rev. R. D. Carson.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon, on "The Complete Authority of the Scriptures," was preached by the Rev. R. A. Brown from I Corinthians 14:8. The Presbytery requested the Rev. R. A. Brown to have the sermon sent to the church papers.

Adjourned Meeting

It was moved that, when Presbytery adjourns it adjourn to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., on May 10, 1934, at 2 p. m.

Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following were elected commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers—Principals, Rev. S. H. Hay and Rev. M. J. Murray; alternates, Rev. T. P. Johnston and Rev. F. S. Jones. Elders—Principals, W. H. Millar, Russellville; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; alternates, F. M. Fulkerson, Rogersville; Nat Thomas, Cold Spring.

The Presbytery stood, for a minute, in deference to the memory of Mr. J. P. Alley, for his wholesome work in cartoons.

The Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m., after prayer by the Rev. Robert Yost.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. J. J. Fix.

Reports

The report of the Charter Committee to the Trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association was read, received, and docketed for action at the fall meeting.

The following report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read and adopted:

The Committee on Sessional Records submits the following report:

We examined 35 books, and approve without exception 27. We also approve, with exception, 8.

Fifty churches make up the Presbytery and we have no record from 11. We urge that all churches send in their books.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Shortridge.

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Synod of Appalachia was read and adopted:

The Committee on Synod's Minutes submit the following report:

We have examined the minutes of the nineteenth annual session of the Synod of Appalachia and find them in order.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Shortridge.

The following report of the Committee on Young People's Societies was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Young People's Societies respectfully submits the following report:

There are 21 Young People's Societies in the Presbytery.
To benevolences they contributed $196.
Those using the Y. P. of the Church plan, 11.
Affiliated with Christian Endeavor, 5.
Using "The Program Builder," 15.
Having a council, 6.
Using "Onward," 4.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Kernan, Chairman.

Woman's Work

The following report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read and adopted:

Your committee has examined a summary of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, and are thankful to be able to submit to you the splendid report as follows:

Number of auxiliaries, 30; membership, 2,167; auxiliaries observing General Study Season, 22; auxiliaries observing Season of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions, 22; auxiliaries having program on Foreign Missions, 22; auxiliaries observing Season of Prayer and Self-Denial for Home Missions, 21; auxiliaries having program on Home Missions, 22; auxiliaries having program on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, 21; auxiliaries having program on Religious Education, 21; auxiliaries presenting Stewardship during year, 15; family altars, 460; auxiliaries increasing gifts to Assembly causes, 14; auxiliaries contributing to all denominational benevolences, 18.

Contributions

To Denominational Benevolences

1) Foreign Missions	$2,651.00	
2) Assembly's Home Missions	1,032.00	
3) Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	488.00	
4) Religious Education and Publication	160.00	
5) Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	38.00	
6) Bible Cause	44.00	
7) Synod's Home Missions	212.00	
8) Orphans' Homes	856.00	
9) Educational Institutions	505.00	
10) Presbytery's Home Missions	1,349.00	
Total, Denominational Benevolences		$7,335.00

11) Auxiliary Benevolences			$ 818.00
Total, All Benevolences			$8,153.00
12) Current Expenses:			
a) Local Aux. Current Expenses	$762.00		
b) Presbyterial and Synodical Contg. Fund	351.00		
c) Local Church	284.00	$1,397.00	
13) Building Expense		739.00	
Total, Local Church Work			$2,136.00
14) Miscellaneous Contributions			312.00
Grand Total, All Contributions			10,913.00

Total increase compared with last year, $733.00.

Respectfully submitted.
E. F. Camp, Chairman.

The following report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted:

Your Auditing Committee would report the following:

We wish to state the fact that Presbytery's budget and fixed charges amount to over $1,200 and the possible income for this cannot exceed $1,000.

We recommend that Presbytery at the fall meeting take some action in order to balance this budget.

We have examined the reports of Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, Treasurer of Presbytery; Mr. Frank Taylor, Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions; Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Benevolences. We find same to be true and correct, and recommend their approval. We also commend these brethren for their efforts, neatness, and efficiency in their work.

J. R. Moser, Chairman.
J. W. Zirkle.
F. S. Jones.

The following report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted:

The Synod's Committee on Stated Supply, in a meeting at Johnson City, April 9, made the following recommendations to the Presbyteries of the Synod:

1) Any minister or licentiate applying for admission into the Presbytery, coming from any church other than the Presbyterian Church, U. S., shall be

required to present his credentials at a stated meeting of Presbytery. A committee shall be appointed to investigate his credentials and consider whether it is for the interests of the minister and the Presbytery for him to be received. The committee shall make its report at a later stated meeting.

2) In dissolving the pastoral relationship Presbyteries are urged to make use of the old custom of appointing a representative to declare the pulpit vacant. The object of this is to provide a means of contact with vacant churches for the representative in Presbytery of Synod's Committee on Stated Supply. *J. M. McChesney, Chairman.*

Your committee recommends that the Moderator appoint our representative on Synod's Permanent Committee to declare the pulpit vacant when necessary. *John S. Yelton, Chairman.*

The following report of the Committee on Pastors' Salaries was read and adopted:

Your committee not knowing the local conditions cannot make any recommendations, but submits the following items:

Harris Memorial, balance due March 31, 1934	$29.30
Russ Memorial, balance due March 31, 1934	20.00
Russ Memorial, balance due previous years	16.00
Buladean, balance due March 31, 1934	20.68
Buladean, balance due previous years	25.74

The following report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was read and adopted:

That the committee be authorized to apply for relief funds for the same persons and on the same scale as for the past year, permission being given also to make changes, if changing needs occur.

That Candidate F. DeWolfe Miller be removed from the roll of candidates for the ministry, at his own request. *S. H. Hay, Chairman.*

The following report of the Committee on the Petition of the Crossnore Church was read and adopted:

Your committee appointed to answer the communication from members of the Crossnore Church recommend that a commission of three ministers and two elders be appointed to investigate conditions in the Crossnore Church and to seek to restore peace and harmony. *R. D. Carson.*
J. L. Gray.
H. H. Thompson.

The following report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Evangelism submits the following report:

As to statistics this report is imperfect since so many of the churches are not represented.

Number of evangelistic meetings held	35
Number added to church on profession of faith	369
Number added to church by letter	196
Total added to church this year	565
Last year: Number added on profession of faith	354
Number added by letter	183
Total added last year	537

Comparing these figures, we note with shame a very small gain over last year. There must be a reason for this. There should be a great heart-searching on the part of Presbytery and people, for we know that the Master gave the great commission (Matt. 28:19-20), "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world."

We recognize the communication from the Rev. Daniel Iverson, of Miami, Fla., on this subject.

Our Assembly organized an evangelistic effort and put machinery in operation for a revival, and it has not come. God is just as willing today as ever to save souls.

Therefore, we recommend—

1) That we call our people to repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

2) That every church strive to win souls and extend the bounds of the kingdom.

3) That the preachers of the Presbytery try to arrange their work so they can hold at least two meetings in needy sections of the church outside their own parish.

4) That the pastors notify the Superintendent of Home Missions if and when they will be available for such meetings.

5) That the churches where the meeting is to be held prepare for it by making prayer lists, holding prayer meetings, and advertising in every legitimate way, so that the way will be prepared when the services start.

6) That a soul-winning band be organized in each church, so that a permanent effort shall be continued indefinitely to lead souls to Jesus Christ.

The Presbytery authorized the Stated Clerk to borrow money, if necessary, until the fall meeting of Presbytery, to meet the expenses of the Stated Clerk's office.

The question of the dissolution of the Mount Sterling Church was referred to the Home Missions Committee.

The Presbytery requested the Stated Clerk pro tem. to send a telegram of sympathy to the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, whose parents were seriously injured in an automobile wreck.

The Presbytery took recess, to meet in joint session with the Holston Presbyterial, at 7:30 p. m., in the Windsor Avenue Church, after a special prayer had been offered by the Rev. R. D. Carson in behalf of Rev. E. G. Tomkinson and his parents.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION

Presbytery reconvened in joint session with the Holston Presbyterial, in the Windsor Avenue Church, at 7:30 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. Hugh Ashe.

Presbytery's Home Missions

A popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions was held, with Elder J. D. Faucette, Chairman of Presbytery's Home Missions Committee, presiding. Talks on Home Missions were made by Miss Daisy Thrift, Paint Gap, N. C.; Miss Ruth Shillinglaw, Beans Creek, N. C.; Miss Osma Newton, Toledo, N. C.; Miss Lucy Abrams, Burbank, N. C.; Miss Mary Andrews, Cocke County, Tenn.; the Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, T. W. Clapp, R. L. Shortridge, M. J. Murray, G. S. Buchanan, F. S. Jones, John Young, W. C. Young, R. D. Carson, Dan Graham, E. F. Camp, and Elders J. L. Gray, Cove Creek, and Troy Young, Bakersville, N. C.

The report of the Rev. John Martin, Superintendent of Home Missions, was read and received.

A birthday offering for Home Missions was taken by the Holston Presbyterial.

The Presbytery, after the benediction by the Rev. T. J. McConnell, adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, at 9 a. m., tomorrow.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 9 a. m. The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. S. H. Hay, who led the Presbytery in a season of prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations recommend that—

1) Rod Armstrong be added to the Committee on Home Missions in place of A. B. Rogan, deceased.

2) That Rev. Robert King be added to the Foreign Missions Committee in place of Rev. McCoy Franklin.

3) That Rev. R. A. Brown be added to the Committee on Woman's Work in place of Rev. McCoy Franklin.

4) That Elder H. H. Tittsworth be elected Trustee of Presbytery in place of J. E. Nance, deceased.

5) That Rev. M. J. Murray be added to Committee on Bible Cause in place of Rev. J. S. Yelton.

6) That the Presbyterial sermon for the fall meeting be preached by Rev. Robert King, with Rev. T. P. Johnston as alternate; the subject to be, "The Christian's Devotional Life."

R. D. Carson.
H. H. Thompson.
J. L. Gray.

The Moderator appointed the following commission to visit the Crossnore Church: Rev. T. P. Johnston, Chairman; Rev. H. H. Thompson, Rev. R. D. Carson, Elder J. L. Gray, Cove Creek, and Elder Charles Hughes, Newland.

The Moderator appointed the following commission on the petition of Ebenezer Mission, with power to investigate and act, if the way be clear: Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. R. D. Carson, Rev. D. C. Amick, Elder J. R. Moser, Jefferson City, and Elder Frank Taylor, Johnson City.

The following report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was read and adopted:

Year in and year out the Home Mission areas of the church have been the most productive in evangelistic results. The percentages of increase of the whole Assembly in 1933 was about 4 per cent. This year our Mexican churches

report an increase of more than 16 per cent. Our Negro churches had an increase of about 12 per cent. Our Indian Presbyteries reported a membership gain of about 14 per cent. Guerrant Presbytery reported an increase of 10 per cent. The same proportionate gains were reported by other mountain mission churches aided by the Assembly's Committee.

We are glad to report that the Home Mission Study Book for 1934 was prepared by Dr. E. T. Thompson, of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. It is entitled "Presbyterian Missions in the Southern United States." It is hoped that this book with its facts and its appeal will have a wide use in the church. It is especially desired that all pastors use it as a basis for sermons and addresses, and for discussions at the mid-week services during the special Home Mission season this fall.

The following recommendations are offered:

1) That our churches be urged to recognize the distinctive place of Assembly's Home Missions as the chief agency of our denominational progress, and to provide the funds for enlarging this fruitful and far-reaching work of the church.

2) That Presbytery designate the period October 14-November 18 as a special Home Mission season in all departments of the church and that November 11-18 be designated as the annual Week of Prayer and Self-Denial with offerings for Assembly's Home Missions in all the churches.

3) That Presbytery be led in a special prayer for all Home Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Sexton Buchanan, Chairman.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by the Moderator in behalf of Home Missions.

The Clerk was authorized to insert necessary items in the record of the Blaine Church.

The report of the Committee on Vacancy and Supply was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Vacancy and Supply offers the following report:

We ask Presbytery to authorize the following supplyships until the next stated meeting of Presbytery:

Rev. Dan Graham and Rev. John Yelton at Paperville and Weavers.

Rev. John Young at Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial, Ross's Chapel, and Vians Valley.

Rev. T. W. Clapp at Plumtree, Hughes, and Gray's Chapel.

Rev. R. L. Shortridge at Rheatown.

Rev. W. C. Young at Leesburg, Whitesburg, Providence, and White Pine.

Rev. R. D. Carson at Mooresburg.

Rev. D. C. Amick, evangelistic powers in the Cocke County Field.

Rev. John Martin, evangelistic powers at large.

John Martin, Chairman.

The Rev. D. C. Amick was appointed a committee of one to investigate the matter of the bonds of Concord Church.

The question of the dissolution of the Concord Church was docketed for action at the adjourned meeting.

The Mount Sterling Church was dissolved and excused from back Presbytery taxes.

The Committee on Religious Education made a verbal report, which was received as information. At the request of the Committee on Religious Education, the Rev. J. J. Fix, D. D., addressed the Presbytery on the importance of religious education.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Stewardship

Your Committee on Stewardship reports that 48 churches reported $21,536 secured for the Benevolence Causes in the every-member canvass, an increase of $2,625 over last year. Nine churches reported that they had not completed the canvass and estimated that $1,500 will be secured. Only 4 churches in the Presbytery report no every-member canvass taken or contemplated. Seventeen churches secured the amount asked by the Presbytery and 9 report that they have secured an increase over the Presbytery's asking from 105 per cent to 200 per cent.

Statistical Report

Ministers	29	Added on confession	402
Churches	51	Added on certificate	223
Candidates	14	Whole number of communicants	7,421
Pastoral dissolutions	3	Adult baptisms	260
Elders	215	Infant baptisms	59
Deacons	224	Total S. S. enrollment	8,721

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 6,582
Assembly's Home Missions	2,528
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	1,465
Religious Education and Publication	593
Assembly's Training School	108
Bible Cause	113
Synod's Home Missions	688

Orphans' Home	2,700	
Educational Institutions	2,972	
Presbytery's Home Missions	4,706	
Total to regular benevolences		$22,455
Pastors' salaries actually paid	$31,720	
Current expenses	27,269	
Congregational Missions	2,034	
Building expenses	11,973	
Miscellaneous contributions	3,193	76,189
Grand total of all contributions		$98,644

Statistics

The statistical report to the General Assembly was approved and ordered forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. A summary was ordered printed in the minutes.

The Presbytery asked the Rev. D. C. Amick, Stated Clerk pro tem, to attend to the duties of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer, if the continued absence of the Stated Clerk made it necessary.

The Presbytery elected the Moderator as Presbytery's representative at the celebration in honor of the descendants of the Rev. Joseph Rhea, to be held in Weavers Church the third Sunday in August, 1934.

The communication from the Rev. W. M. McPheeters, D. D., in reference to the Hay Watson Smith case was read and received as information, and the Stated Clerk requested to write to Dr. McPheeters, acknowledging the receipt of his document and thanking him for his contention for the faith.

Resolution of Thanks

A suitable resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted, after which the Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by Elder Herbert King, to meet, in adjourned meeting, in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., May 10, 1934, at 2 p. m.

R. A. Brown, Moderator.
D. C. Amick, Stated Clerk, pro tem.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING

Bristol, Tenn., May 10, 1934.

The Presbytery of Holston met in adjourned meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., May 10, 1934, at 2 p. m. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. R. A. Brown, and opened with prayer by the Rev. C. E. Allen.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, R. D. Carson, John Martin, E. G. Tomkinson, H. H. Thompson, and W. C. Young—7. *Ruling Elders*—J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; Herbert King, Bristol First; J. W. Zirkle, Jefferson City—3.

Courtesy

The following ministers were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: C. E. Allen, Louisville Presbytery, U. S. A.; D. R. Greenhoe and J. J. Fix, Abingdon Presbytery; T. J. McConnell, Columbia Presbytery.

Licensure of Mr. T. M. Greenhoe

Mr. T. M. Greenhoe, a candidate of Holston Presbytery, appeared before the Presbytery for licensure. Mr. Greenhoe's degree of B. S. from King College was accepted in lieu of the examination on the academic studies; his degree of B. D. from Louisville Seminary was accepted in lieu of the examinations on the original languages of the Scriptures and Church History.

The examinations on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry, Theology, Church Government and Sacraments were sustained as satisfactory.

A sermon was preached by Mr. Greenhoe, from Ps. 118:22, on "The Rejected Stone," which was commended and sustained as satisfactory. The examinations, so far, were sustained as a whole.

Elder Herbert King, Bristol First, was appointed an elder on the Committee on Theology and Thesis, to make the committee a commission of the Presbytery to receive and approve the English Thesis, the Exegesis, and the Popular Lecture.

Pending the action of the commission, Mr. Greenhoe, having answered the constitutional questions, was duly licensed to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry.

The Rev. H. H. Thompson led the Presbytery in a special prayer in behalf of Mr. Greenhoe.

Mr. Greenhoe was granted a certificate of dismission, as a licentiate, to New Albany Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Regrouping of Churches

The Presbytery's Home Missions Committee was given the powers of a commission, to investigate and effect changes in groupings of Home Mission churches, or changes in supplies that may be expedient, until the fall meeting of Presbytery.

The time of the fall meeting of the Presbytery was fixed as Oct. 2, 10:30 a. m., at the request of the White Pine Church, the host of the Presbytery.

Concord Church

The Rev. D. C. Amick reported that the bonds of the Concord Church were unregistered and seemingly irrevocably lost. The Presbytery dissolved the church and assigned the membership of the church to membership in the Strawberry Plains Church. The Presbytery directed the trustees of the Concord Church, Presbyterian Church in U. S., to transfer any property now held by them, or which shall hereafter come into their hands as trustees of said church, in said Presbytery, to the trustees of the Presbytery of Holston, Presbyterian Church in U. S., commonly known as the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. E. G. Tomkinson expressed his thanks to the Presbytery for the Presbytery's sympathetic interest and prayers in reference to the illness of his parents.

The Presbytery granted the request of the Jefferson City Church for amending of the call of the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, by reduction of salary from $83.33 a month to $50 a month, the amount of service to be determined by the pastor and the church in conference with the Home Missions Committee.

Condensation of Minutes

The Presbytery directed the Stated Clerk to omit from the printed minutes the roll of candidates, the list of churches and clerks of sessions, and to use his discretion in omitting from reports of Committees and the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association matters for information only.

The minutes were read and approved, after which the Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. D. C. Amick, to meet in stated meeting in the White Pine Church, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 1934, at 10:30 a. m.

R. A. Brown, Moderator.
E. G. Tomkinson, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Holston Presbytery

FALL MEETING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHITE PINE, TENN.

October 2, 1934

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

COLD SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Holston Valley, Tenn.

April 15, 1935, 7:30 p. m. E. S. T.

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ORGANIZATION—FALL 1934

Moderator—The Rev. M. J. Murray, Banner Elk, N. C.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. R. A. Brown (1938), Bristol, Tenn.
Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.
Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.
Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.
Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.
Representative on Synod's Committee of Stated Supply—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown; Elders: J. D. Faucette, Chairman; Frank Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer; H. E. Harris, Rod Armstrong, R. M. Burleson; Deacon: Sam R. Sells.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, Chairman; Rev. Robert King.
3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Chairman; Rev. John W. Young.
4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick.
5) *Religious Education*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chairman; Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, Rev. M. J. Murray.
6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. John S. Yelton, Chairman; Rev. Dan Graham.
7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. R. D. Carson, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick, Secretary; Rev. T. P. Johnston.
8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Brown.
9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robt. King, Chairman; Rev. F. S. Jones.
10) *Assembly's Training School*—Rev. F. S. Jones, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Brown; Elder Rod Armstrong.
11) *Evangelism*—Rev. Dan Graham, Chairman; Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.
12) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. R. A. Brown, Chairman; Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Rev. John S. Yelton.
13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. Roy Shortridge, Chairman; Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. John S. Yelton.
14) *Program*—The Stated Clerk and pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery (Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, spring 1935).

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Samuel H. Hay.
2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and H. H. Thompson.
3) *Church Government and the Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, Robert King, and John Martin.
4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, C. W. Kernan, and M. J. Murray.
5) *Scriptural Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To help set up the Minister's Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman; Rev. T. P. Johnston; Elders: J. D. Faucette, and J. A. Summers.

TRUSTEES

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.
2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. H. H. Thomspon, Sam R. Sells, 1935; E. W. King, 1936; Jas. A. Summers, 1937; Rev. Robert King, Rod Armstrong, 1938.
3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chas. Hughes, 1935; Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1936; Rev. E. F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, W. D. McSween, 1937.

MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY

The written records of Holston Presbytery from its organization through the year 1923 are deposited with the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches at Montreat, N. C. Any information desired from these records will be furnished by the Foundation upon request. A number of extra copies of the printed minutes from 1920 to date have also been placed with the Foundation. These copies are for distribution, and may be secured upon request, as long as the supply lasts.

FALL MEETING

White Pine, Tenn., Oct. 2, 1934.

The one hundred and twenty-third session of Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, White Pine, Tenn., beginning Oct. 2, 1934, at 10:30 a. m., with a devotional service led by the retiring moderator, the Rev. R. A. Brown.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring moderator, the Rev. R. A. Brown, from the text, Isaiah 6:1, "I saw the Lord."

Presbyterial Communion

Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. R. L. Shortridge and E. G. Tomkinson, assisted by the following elders: R. L. Crookshank, Leesburg; S. A. Newland, Arcadia; J. V. Cline, Jefferson City; and J. F. Thomas, Cold Spring.

By special request, the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson sang a solo, "Keep Your Eyes Upon Jesus."

A special prayer of thanksgiving for the recovery of the Rev. Walter Keys was offered by the Rev. D. C. Amick.

The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer by the Rev. Robert Yost.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, G. S. Buchanan, R. D. Carson, W. B. Doyle, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, F. S. Jones, C. W. Kernan, Robert King, John Martin, M. J. Murray, Roy Shortridge, H. H. Thompson, E. G. Tomkinson, J. S. Yelton, Robert Yost, John Young, W. C. Young.

Ruling Elders—S. A. Newland, Arcadia; Edgar Tufts, Banner Elk; W. L. Holshouser, Blowing Rock; J. D. Faucette, First Bristol; J. F. Thomas, Cold Spring; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; J. V. Cline, Jefferson City; J. A. Summers, Johnson City; J. A. Gaines, Kingsport; R. L. Crookshank, Leesburg; Robert Rupert, Meadow Creek; J. R. Forgey, Morristown; Fred Gray, New Ebenezer; Rod Armstrong, Rogersville; W. H. Millar, Russellville; Frank Bryan, Rutledge; R. M. Burleson, Spruce Pine; W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial; J. J. Humbird, White Pine.

Organization

The Rev. M. J. Murray was elected moderator by acclamation.

Report of the Program Committee

The Committee on Program offered the following report, which was adopted:

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 1934

10.30 A. M.	Opening sermon by the Rev. R. A. Brown.
	Presbyterial Communion.
	Presbytery opened with prayer.
	Organization.
	Report of Program Committee.
	Recess for lunch.
1.30 P. M.	Business session.
2.00	Report of Charter Committee of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.
3.00	Presbyterial sermon by the Rev. Robert King.
5.00	Recess.
7.00	Public meeting in interest of Foreign Missions, with address by Mr. S. C. Farrior, of Chinkiang Ku, China.
	Business until adjournment.

Courtesy

Mr. Robert Ernest, a member of roll of candidates, was introduced to the Presbytery.

Resignation of Stated Clerk and Treasurer

The Rev. E. G. Tomkinson offered his resignation as Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Holston Presbytery, which was accepted with regret and commendation of his efficiency.

The Presbytery took recess till 1:30 p. m. with prayer by the Rev. Robert Yost.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery was reconvened at 1:30 p. m., with prayer by the Moderator.

The printed minutes of spring meeting were distributed.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees and elders on Permanent Committees:

1) *Bills and Overtures*—H. H. Thompson, R. A. Brown, Rod Armstrong.
2) *Auditing*—J. A. Gaines, W. L. Holshouser, W. H. Millar.
3) *Minutes of Assembly*—Roy Shortridge, J. J. Humbird.
4) *Minutes of Presbytery*—J. S. Yelton, Robert Rupert.
5) *Nominations*—R. D. Carson, T. P. Johnston, Frank Bryan.
6) *Resolutions*—S. H. Hay, R. M. Burleson.

Elders on Permanent Committees:
Foreign Missions—J. A. Summers.
Sabbath and Family Religion—J. V. Cline.
Bible Cause—J. L. Gray.
Stewardship—J. D. Faucette.
Evangelism—S. A. Newland

Communications

The Rev. E. G. Tomkinson presented his request for dissolution of the pastoral relation with the Jefferson City Church, to take effect Oct. 7, 1934, and requested a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of North Mississippi. The congregation concurring with the request for dissolution of the pastoral relation, with regrets, the request was granted; and with expressions of regret and commendation the Presbytery granted the dismission to North Mississippi Presbytery.

The report of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer was read, received, and together with accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

SAFETY FILM

Communications from the Assistant Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and the Rev. H. W. McLaughlin, concerning the stated supplyship, were read and referred to the Rev. John Martin.

A communication from the Assembly's Training School was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations.

New Ebenezer Church

The report of the commission to act upon the request of the Ebenezer Mission, Greene County, Tenn., was read, adopted and the commission discharged, and their expenses ordered paid.

Report of the Commission Appointed by the Presbytery of Holston with Power to Investigate and Act upon the Petition of the Ebenezer Mission of Meadow Creek to be Organized Into a Church

Your commission met at Ebenezer Mission of Meadow Creek Church September 24, 1934, at 7:00 p. m., and was constituted with prayer. Present: Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick, Rev. R. D. Carson, and Elders Frank Taylor and J. R. Moser. Rev. D. C. Amick was selected secretary of the commission. Rev. John Martin, Rev. Roy Shortridge, Rev. J. M. McChesney, of Abingdon Presbytery, and Elder H. G. Anderson, of Newport, were invited to sit with the commission.

A petition containing 37 names, certified to as belonging to Meadow Creek or some Evangelical Church, requesting that Ebenezer Mission be organized into a church to be known as the New Ebenezer Church was read, and after hearing from the Rev. Roy Shortridge and members of the commission on the advisability of proceeding with the organization, the request for organization was granted.

Letters of dismissal—37 from the Meadow Creek Church and 4 from other churches—were presented to the commission, and on motion these were accepted to become charter members of the New Ebenezer Church. Miss Josephine Hypsher came before the commission on restatement of a previous confession of her faith and asked to be received. After examination she was received to become a charter member. Miss Cleo Sizemore came before the commission on confession of faith. She was examined and her name enrolled among the charter members. On motion the Rev. Roy Shortridge was invited to administer the sacrament of baptism to Cleo Sizemore. The whole assembly was led in prayer by the Rev. R. D. Carson.

The Rev. S. H. Hay asked the constitutional questions, which were answered in the affirmative. The chairman then declared that the New Ebenezer Presbyterian Church had been duly organized, with 43 members, according to the Word of God and the faith and order of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Rev. J. M. McChesney, of Abingdon Presbytery, was invited to preach the sermon in connection with the ordination and installation of elders, which was done, and the Rev. D. C. Amick led in prayer.

After free discussion, it was voted to proceed with the election of two elders. Messrs. Fred C. Gray and Hubert Renner were nominated and elected elders in the New Ebenezer Church. Mr. Fred C. Gray, having been an elder in the Meadow Creek Church, was installed, and Mr. Hubert Renner was ordained and installed, after having been examined and answering the constitutional questions in the affirmative, by the laying on of hands of the commission.

On motion a congregational meeting was called to meet Sunday morning, September 30, 1934, at the regular preaching hour to consider the calling of a pastor, and the Rev. J. M. McChesney was invited to moderate this congregational meeting.

On motion Elder Fred C. Gray was designated to be clerk and convener of the session until such time as a pastor should be elected or stated supply designated.

The minutes were then read and adopted. On motion the commission adjourned with prayer by the Rev. John Martin.

S. H. Hay, Chairman.
D. C. Amick, Clerk.

A call from the New Ebenezer Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. R. L. Shortridge was read, found in order, placed in his hands, accepted by him, and the following commission appointed to install him pastor: Rev. R. D. Carson to preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. S. H. Hay to preach the sermon; Rev. D. C. Amick to charge the pastor; Elder H. C. Alexander, Newport, to charge the people; and Rev. W. C. Young alternate to any minister. Any adjustment in the salary to be made by the commission and the two churches which Mr. Shortridge will now serve.

Courtesy

Rev. W. E. Browning, pastor of the White Pine M. E. S. Church, and Mr. S. C. Farrior of our Chinkiang Ku(China)Mission, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Elder Harper Beall, of Concord Presbytery, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, was introduced to the Presbytery and given the privileges of the floor.

Edgar Tufts Memorial Association

The report of the Charter Committee of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association was taken from the docket.

The Presbytery expressed its full confidence in the Board of Trustees of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association by a rising vote.

The report was read, received, amended, adopted as amended, and is as follows:

Your special committee, composed of members of the Executive Committee of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, together with a Charter Committee composed of three members, beg leave to report as follows:

The high and holy ideals of the late Rev. Edgar Tufts, founder of this institution, are familiar to us all. It is our desire that this institution, through its Board of Trustees, all heads of departments, teachers and others, perpetuate and follow the example taught and lived by the Rev. Edgar Tufts, even as he humbly followed the teachings and example of our Lord Jesus Christ. This provision is intended to be all-inclusive, and if it were possible for us, and for all who shall come after us, to closely follow these lines, many problems that now confront us, and others that will surely develop, would automatically solve themselves.

In addition, however, to the adoption of these broad and general principles we are well aware that we are in the midst of times that bring rapid and unusual changes and that it is absolutely necessary to consistently adapt ourselves in many ways to new conditions.

To this end, and particularly in deference to the expressed desire on the part of Edgar H. Tufts and Dr. W. C. Tate, we recommend to the Board that separate charters be secured for the three present departments, namely, Educational, Hospital and Orphanage, and also a charter to be designated as "Business Enterprises" or otherwise suitably named. This plan may to some extent reduce our public liability, but it is particularly designed to avoid confusion resulting in possible loss in connection with future bequests that may be made in increasing numbers to the different departments of this work. It is recommended that the separate corporation known as "Business Enterprises," or otherwise named, have certain part of the present physical properties of the Association set apart to its use and that this Association list its particular property if necessary with the taxing authorities at a fair valuation and pay taxes thereon. It will, of course, be necessary that this be a non-profit corporation, with the provision that all of its earnings shall go towards the maintenance and support of itself and its affiliated enterprises in the education, hospital and orphanage field.

While your committee has considerable sentiment for the present arrangement under which Concord and Holston Presbyteries are controlling bodies, we, at the same time, recognize that the interest in and scope of the activities of this Association are under the present status more or less restricted in the mind of the church at large, and the time has probably come when through the medium of certain changes in charter and method of incorporation the interest of the church at large, and, too, the interest of certain foundations and particular individuals who are interested in perpetuating this work, may be greatly intensified and enlarged.

Your committee wishes to go on record as follows, namely: that however commendable may be the educational, hospital and orphanage features of the work of this institution, our supreme interest in this work lies in our desire that the spiritual lives of all those so definitely under our care shall be preëminently fostered, molded, and built up into well balanced lives. Unless this distinctive feature is emphasized as an all-time policy, we believe that the result of our labor will be unbalanced, ill-proportioned lives—in other words, as fruit that is distinctively imperfect and faulty.

With this thought in mind of standing by and encouraging in every possible way the heads of these departments who have long labored in such a self-sacrificing way and in line with their request made after long study, we recommend to the Board, by and with the consent of Concord and Holston Presbyteries, this work be committed to the care of a Board of Trustees, to be initially organized as follows:

1) That the charter be changed so that nominations to membership on the Board of Trustees shall come from the Trustees except as herein after provided. Such nominees are to be elected or rejected by Concord and Holston Presbyteries. In event said Presbyteries, having been promptly notified by the Board through their Stated Clerks, shall fail to act within one year, the Trustees so nominated automatically become members of the Board.

2) That while we have much sentiment in perpetuating this work under the entire control of the Presbyterian Church, which founded it, at the same time, rather than that its work be restricted to a wholly sectarian or denominational basis, our greater interest lies in perpetuating the Christian ideals above set forth.

3) That the number of Trustees shall be limited to 27. Of this number 14 shall be from the membership of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and elected by Concord and Holston Presbyteries as follows: Seven shall be nominated and elected by Concord Presbytery, and seven shall be nominated and elected by Holston Presbytery. The remaining trustees may be from the membership of any evangelical church, and shall be elected by both Concord and Holston Presbyteries. It is required, however, that the nominees shall be church members whose lives are recognized as thoroughly Christian.

4) We further recommend that as a matter of convenience of operation, nine members out of the full membership of this Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the affairs of the corporation, provided, however, that no proxies be permissible in any board meeting.

5) We believe that out of a Board of Trustees composed of not more than 27 members such Board itself can designate its own sub-committees for the more direct supervision of the several departments. We, therefore, recommend that the trustees of said departments be appointed by and from the membership of the trustees of the parent corporation and that all separate departments shall be under the general supervision of the parent board. Your committee assumes and recommends the perpetuation of the parent corporation, namely, the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, which shall be known as the parent corporation.

6) If the foregoing plan and principles are adopted, we recommend that your Board in regular session appoint a special committee to work out and put into effect all the details of the foregoing plan with full authority to adjust all minor details which are not in conflict with the fundamental principles set forth above, and that this committee present the details of said plan before Concord and Holston Presbyteries.

7) Your committee could not conclude this report without again expressing our highest appreciation of the self-sacrificing labors of all those actively connected in any way with the wonderful work which has been done by and through the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.

Special Charter Committee,
Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbytery postponed the preaching of the Presbyterial sermon to the spring meeting; the subject to be on "The Christian's Devotional Life," and to be preached by the Rev. Robert King, with the Rev. T. P. Johnston as alternate.

Presbytery took recess until 7:00 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION

Foreign Missions

A public meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions was held with the Rev. W. C. Young, Chairman of Presbytery's Committee on Foreign Missions, presiding. Presbytery was reconvened with prayer, and the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and received. Pending its adoption, the Presbytery listened to an interesting address by Mr. S. C. Farrior, of Chinkiang Ku, China.

The report with its recommendations was adopted, and is as follows:

Foreign Missions Report

The Committee on Foreign Missions submits the following report:

As we review the work of our Foreign Missions we see much to encourage our people in the support of the work, for God's blessing has been clearly manifested. The year ending March 31, 1934, brought 8,383 persons into the Foreign Mission churches upon profession of faith, the largest ingathering of professions in any of the 70 years of our Foreign Mission work, and exceeding by more than 2,000 the number of such in any other year.

The Sunday school rolls were increased 8,058 persons. There were 67,842 more medical patients than in any previous year of the Missions.

Progress toward self-support by the churches was encouraging. On April 1 the Carrie McMillan Home was transferred to the Japanese Presbyterian Church, of Kochi. Our committee still aids the Home, but in amounts decreasing each year.

The receipts of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, from April 1 to August 31, 1934, have been $157,897.50, leaving about three-fourths of the budget for Foreign Missions yet to be raised by April 1, 1935. Though the work of the missions has been wonderfully blessed, the financial stringency has reduced appropriations one-half in the last four years, limiting expansion and bringing hardships to the missionaries. Out of their meagre salaries our missionaries and the native workers have given liberally, many at least one-fourth of their incomes.

A very helpful conference, attended by the missionaries of six denominations, was held June 4-7, at our Mission Stations, Mutoto, Congo Belge, Africa, under the leadership of Dr. John R. Mott—a conference in which were stressed salvation through the blood of Christ, entire surrender to Him, and the need of power from above.

Your committee makes the following recommendations:

1) That the Sunday schools of Holston Presbytery be urged to use the special Missionary Education Program on Japan, and to devote their Foreign Mission offerings to Japan.

2) That the young people's organizations of Holston Presbytery be urged to use the special Missionary Education Program on China, and to devote their Foreign Mission offerings to China.

3) That, as there is no Foreign Mission Study Book assigned this year, our pastors be asked to preach frequently on Foreign Missions.

4) That January 20-27 be observed in our churches as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions.

5) That, recognizing the need of a living touch with the Foreign Mission enterprise, our pastors be asked to arrange, through the Educational Department of the Foreign Missions Committee, for missionaries, on furlough, to visit their churches.

6) That the thanks of the Presbytery be extended to Mr. S. C. Farrior for his interesting and enlightening address.

7) That a free will offering for Foreign Missions be now taken in the Presbytery, and credited to the First Church of White Pine.

8) That the Presbytery be now led in prayer for Foreign Missions by Mr S. C. Farrior.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Young, Chairman.

An offering for Foreign Missions was taken and amounted to $12.11.

Crossnore Church

The commission on the Crossnore Church made a verbal report which was received as information, and because sickness prevented the completion of its business the commission was continued.

Stewardship

The following report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted:

The report of the Presbytery for the year ending April 1, 1934, showed another decline, both in its gifts to benevolent causes and to current expenses. The decrease in benevolent gifts was $5,221, and in current expenses $8,098. This followed the trend of the Assembly as a whole.

Your committee through its Secretary with the aid of individuals contacted every church in the Presbytery in the interest of the every-member canvass. Twelve church or group conferences were held in the bounds of the Presbytery during the month of February. Your committee reports that only four churches out of 51 reported no canvass taken for the current year, and that the total reported in every-member canvass for the year 1934-1935 showed an increase of $4,125 over the canvass of the year before. Seventeen churches out of the 47 making a canvass reported pledges for benevolences of 100 per cent or more of Presbytery's askings.

Your committee recommends:

1) That the total budget for the year 1935-1936 be set at $40,000 and that this amount be apportioned as follows: Assembly's Causes, $18,400, to be apportioned by the Central Treasurer of Benevolences as nearly as possible as the General Assembly directs; Synod's Causes, $4,800; Presbytery's Causes, $16,800.

2) That the amounts apportioned to the causes and percentages for General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery be as follows:

Assembly's Causes, $18,400—			
Foreign Missions	$ 9,600.00	24 %	
Home Missions	4,800.00	12	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	2,800.00	7	
Religious Education and Publication	800.00	2	
Assembly's Training School	200.00	0.5	
Bible Cause	200.00	0.5	46 %
Synod's Causes, $4,800—			
Educational Institutions	$ 4,800.00	12 %	12 %
Presbytery's Causes, $16,800—			
Home Missions	$12,800.00	32 %	
Grandfather Orphanage	1,600.00	4	
Banner Elk Schools	2,400.00	6	42 %
	$40,000.00	100%	100%

3) That this budget of $40,000 be apportioned among the churches as follows:

Arcadia	$ 100	Cove Creek	$ 125
Banner Elk	500	Crossnore	300
Blaine	50	Ebenezer	25
Blountville	600	Estatoa	50
Blowing Rock	125	Grassy Creek	40
Bristol First	10,000	Gray's Chapel	25
Baladean	100	Harris Memorial	50
Cold Spring	450	Hughes	25

Jefferson City First	$ 700	Pineola	$ 100
Johnson City First	10,000	Plumtree	100
Kingsport	3,000	Providence	50
Leesburg	150	Rheatown	100
Mary Andrews Chapel	25	Roan's Chapel	25
Meadow Creek	150	Rogersville	3,000
Micaville	50	Russellville	50
Mooresburg	50	Russ Memorial	50
Morristown	7,000	Rutledge	100
New Bethel	200	Salem	50
Newdale	50	Smoky Mountain	25
New Ebenezer	75	Spruce Pine	300
Newland	100	Strawberry Plains	100
Newport	700	Thomas Memorial	200
New Providence	250	Vians Valley	25
Paint Gap	50	Weavers	25
Paperville	50	White Pine	50
		Windsor Avenue	600

4) That the date of the every-member canvass be March 10, 1935, and that March 24, 1935, be designated as "Loyalty Sunday," and individuals who made no pledges be urged to make a special contribution to their church on this date.

5) That every church be urged to make a thorough canvass, both for current expenses and benevolences, and that the pastor and officers make every possible effort to enlist the coöperation of every member as a tither or proportionate giver.

6) That the Presbytery recommend to the churches of the Presbytery the Belmont Plan as presented by the Rev. G. L. Whiteley, and use the study book being prepared by the Rev. Henry H. Sweets, D. D., entitled, "Planning the Good Life," during the general study season, February 1935.

7) That the Presbyterial tax be set at 18 cents per member.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Carson, Chairman
D. C. Amick, Secretary

Sabbath and Family Religion

The Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion made a verbal report which was received as information.

Nominations of Commissioners to General Assembly

The following were nominated as Commissioners to the General Assembly: Principals—Ministers, Rev. T. P. Johnston and Rev. John Martin; Elders, J. J. Humbird, White Pine, and Frank Bryan, Rutledge. Alternates—Ministers, Rev. George F. Robertson and Rev. Chas. Kernan; Elders, Rod Armstrong, Rogersville, and Nat Thomas, Cold Spring.

Reports of Commissioners to General Assembly

The verbal reports of the Commissioners to the General Assembly—Elders J. D. Faucette, First Bristol, and W. H. Millar, Russellville; and Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay and M. J. Murray—were received, approved, and their diligence commended.

Bible Cause

The Committee on Bible Cause offered a report which was adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Bible Cause reports: We wish to express our gratitude for the work done by the American Bible Society in the translation, publication and distribution of the Holy Scriptures.

We recommend (1) that we heartily endorse the efforts of the American Bible Society in promoting a wider distribution of the Holy Scriptures; (2) that Presbytery continue the giving of one-half of one per cent of its benevolences to this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Yelton, Chairman.

Nominations

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

The Committee on Nominations recommends:

1) That a Committee on Assembly's Training School be appointed, consisting of the following: Rev. Frank Jones, Rev. R. A. Brown, and Elder Rod Armstrong.

2) That Rev. E. F. Camp and Mr. D. R. Beason be reëlected to the Board of Trustees of the Plumtree School for Boys, and W. D. McIween in the place of Rhea Anderson, and that he be made secretary of the board. These shall be for terms ending 1937.

3) That Rev. D. C. Amick be added to the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief in place of Rev. E. G. Tomkinson.

4) The Rev. R. A. Brown be elected stated clerk and treasurer for a term of three years.

5) That Rev. John Martin take the place of Rev. E. G. Tomkinson on Committee on Church Government and Sacraments.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Carson, Chairman.

Place of Next Meeting

The place of next spring meeting of Presbytery shall be arranged for by the Stated Clerk. (Upon invitation of the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, Presbytery will meet there April 15, 1935, 7:30 p. m., E. S. T.)

Bills and Overtures

The Bills and Overtures Committee reported orally, recommending that action on the changes sent down from the General Assembly be postponed until spring meeting of Presbytery. The report was adopted.

Statistical Report

The statistical report to the Synod was read, approved and ordered printed in the minutes. The report is as follows:

The Presbytery of Holston respectfully reports to the Synod of Appalachia, in session at the First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tenn., Sept 18, 1934, as follows:

Number of Churches 51; Ministers 28; Licentiates 0; Candidates 13.

CHURCHES

1) *Received*	*From*	*Date*
Blaine, Tenn.	Union Presbytery U. S. A.	April 17, 1934

2) *Dissolved*	*Date*
Mt. Sterling, N. C.	April 18, 1934
Concord, Tenn.	May 10, 1934

MINISTERS

1) *Deceased*	*Date*
Rev. Gilbert Glass, D. D., age 59	Mar. 19, 1934

LICENTIATES

1) *Dismissed*	*To*	*Date*
T. M. Greenhoe	New Albany Presbytery U. S. A.	May 10, 1934

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. Tomkinson, Stated Clerk.

Presbytery's Minutes

The Committee on Presbytery's Minutes made an oral report that the work was well done.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to purchase an adding machine for the Central Treasurer of Benevolences, at a cost not to exceed $25.

Auditing Committee

The Auditing Committee offered the following report, which was adopted:

Your Auditing Committee has examined the report and accounts otf he Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, Treasurer of the Presbytery. We find them accurate in every respect, and properly supported by checks, vouchers and bank statement. We recommend their approval.

J. A. Gaines, Chairman Auditing Committee.

Overture to the General Assembly

An overture to the General Assembly was adopted as follows:

The Presbytery of Holston, in session at White Pine, Tenn., Oct. 2, 1934, respectfully overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., meeting at Montreat, N. C., May 30, 1935, to amend the Book of Church Order, chapter 17, par. 86, by the addition of the following paragraph: "All commissioners to the Assembly shall be elected for a term of two years. Each Presbytery shall select one-half of its commissioners annually."

Presbytery recommended no action on the communications from the Rev. E. C. Scott and the Rev. H. W. McLaughlin, D. D.

The Stated Clerk was ordered hereafter to print the fall minutes of the Presbytery as a separate edition immediately after the meeting.

Resolution of Thanks

The Committee on Resolution of Thanks read a suitable resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned with the benediction by the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson, to meet in stated meeting in the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, April 15, 1935, 7:30 p. m. (E. S. T.)

M. J. Murray, Moderator.
E. G. Tomkinson, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Holston Presbytery

SPRING MEETING

COLD SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOLSTON VALLEY, TENN.
APRIL 15, 1935

ADJOURNED MEETING
First Presbyterian Church
Bristol, Tenn.
June 20, 1935

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
PAINT GAP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Paint Gap, N. C.
October 1, 1935, 11:00 A. M. (E.S.T.)

B. D. Smith & Bros., Printers
Pulaski, Virginia

MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY

The written records of Holston Presbytery from its organization through the year 1923 are deposited with the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches at Montreat, N. C. Any information desired from these records will be gladly furnished by the Foundation upon request. A number of extra copies of the printed minutes from 1920 to date have also been placed with the Foundation. These copies are for distribution, and may be secured upon request, as long as the supply lasts.

ORGANIZATION—SPRING 1935

Moderator—The Rev. F. S. Jones, Spruce Pine, N. C.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer—The Rev. R. A. Brown (1938), Bristol, Tenn.
Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Spruce Pine, N. C.
Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.
Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.
Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.
Representative on Synod's Committee of Stated Supply—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown; Elders: J. D. Faucette, Chairman; Frank Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer; George M. Smith, Rod Armstrong, R. M. Burleson; Elders: D. R. Beeson, R. L. Peters; Deacon: Sam R. Sells.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, Chairman; Rev. Robert King.
3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Chairman; Rev. John W. Young.
4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick.
5) *Religious Education*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chairman; Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, Rev. M. J. Murray.
6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. John S. Yelton, Chairman; Rev. Dan Graham.
7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. R. D. Carson, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick, Secretary; Rev. T. P. Johnston.
8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Brown.
9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robt. King, Chairman; Rev. F. S. Jones.
10) *Assembly's Training School*—Rev. F. S. Jones, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Brown; Elder Rod Armstrong.
11) *Evangelism*—Rev. Dan Graham, Chairman; Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.
12) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. John S. Yelton, Chairman; Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Rev. R. A. Brown.
13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. Roy Shortridge, Chairman; Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. John S. Yelton.
14) *Program*—Stated Clerk and pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. (Rev. W. C. Young, Fall 1935.)

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Samuel H. Hay.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, Robert King, and John Martin.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, C. W. Kernan, and M. J. Murray.

5) *Scriptural Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To help set up the Minister's Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman; Rev. T. P. Johnston; Elders: J. D. Faucette and J. A. Summers.

TRUSTEES

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—E. H. Tufts, 1936; J. A. Summers, 1937; Rev. Robert King, 1938; Hon. Sam R. Sells, 1939; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1940; F. H. Stinson, 1941; L. G. Gillespie, 1942.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chas. Hughes, 1935; Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1936; Rev. E. F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, W. D. McSween, 1937; Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. H. H. Thmopson, Charles Hughes, 1938.

SPRING MEETING

Holston Valley, Tenn., April 15, 1935.

The one hundred and twenty-fourth session of Holston Presbytery met in the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, Holston Valley, Tenn., beginning April 15, 1935, at 7:30 p. m., with a devotional service led by the retiring moderator, the Rev. M. J. Murray.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring moderator, the Rev. M. J. Murray, from the text, I Cor. 1:23-24, "We preach Christ crucified."

Presbyterial Communion

Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson and T. W. Clapp, assisted by the following elders: W. J. Smith, Blountville; R. M. Burleson, Spruce Pine; J. J. Humbird, White Pine; and A. K. Combs, Cold Spring.

The Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, the Rev. M. J. Murray, and opened with prayer by the Rev. F. S. Jones.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, G. S. Buchanan, E. F. Camp (2), R. D. Carson, T. W. Clapp, D. H. Graham, S. H. Hay (2), T. P. Johnston, F. S. Jones, C. W. Kernan, Robert King, John Martin, M. J. Murray, R. L. Shortridge, H. H. Thompson (2), J. S. Yelton, Robert Yost, John Young, W. C. Young.

Ruling Elders—Joe Newland, Arcadia; W. J. Smith, Blountville; Fred Smith, Bristol First; J. M. Butler, Buladean; E. D. Darter, Cold Spring; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; A. M. Chisholm, Crossnore; R. A. Peak, Harris Memorial; J. W. Zirkle, Jefferson City; D. R. Beeson, Johnson City; R. L. Peters, Kingsport; J. L. Warren, Meadow Creek; A. L. King, New Bethel; H. A. Riddle, New Ebenezer; R. P. Carmack, Paperville; Fred Stewart (2), Pineola; N. P. Earnest, Rheatown; L. Rolf, Rogersville; D. L. Blevins, Spruce Pine; W. H. Dettor (2), Thomas Memorial; C. P. Booher, Weaver's; J. J. Humbird, White Pine; J. R. Allen, Windsor Avenue.

Organization

The Rev. F. S. Jones was elected moderator by acclamation.

Report of the Program Committee

The Committee on Program offered the following report, which was adopted:

Monday, April 15, 1935

7.30 p. m.	Opening sermon.
	Presbyterial Communion.
	Presbytery convened with prayer.
	Organization (Roll call).
	Election of Moderator.
	Report of Program Committee.
	Announcements and adjournment.

Tuesday, April 16

8.30 a. m.	Devotional by the Rev. F. S. Jones.
9.00 a. m.	Business session.
11.00 a. m.	Presbyterial sermon by the Rev. Robert King.
12.00 m.	Recess for lunch.
1.30 p. m.	Business session.
3.30 p. m.	Examination of Mr. Earl Miller.
5.00 p. m.	Recess.
7.30 p. m.	Reconvene.
	Program, Committee on Religious Education.
	Address by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, "Our Greatest Asset."
	Business until adjournment.

Courtesy

The Rev. J. M. McChesney, D. D., of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator until 8:30 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:30 a. m., with a devotional service led by the Rev. F. S. Jones, who spoke from Matt. 6:9-13, "The Lord's Prayer."

The minutes of last night's session were read and adopted.

The printed minutes of the fall meeting were distributed, and the sessional records called for.

Courtesy

The Rev. F. M. Eversole, D. D., of Asheville Presbytery, and the Rev. T. J. McConnell, D. D., of Columbia Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Standing Committees

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees and elders on Permanent Committees:

Bills and Overtures—M. J. Murray, John Martin, E. D. Darter.
Auditing—W. J. Smith, J. M. Butler, R. D. Beeson.
Minutes of Presbytery—E. F. Camp, W. H. Dettor.
Minutes of Synod—John Yelton, J. J. Humbird.
Nomination—T. P. Johnston, Robert King, J. L. Gray.
Pastors' Salaries—John Martin.
Resolutions—R. D. Carson, Fred Smith.
Sessional Records—S. Buchanan, J. R. Allen, R. A. Peak, N. P. Ernest, J. L. Warren.
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Joe Newland.
Religious Education—J. L. Gray.
Evangelism—J. W. Zirkle.
Stewardship—Fred Smith.
Woman's Work—R. P. Carmack.

Communications

The overtures from the General Assembly concerning foreign languages in the Seminary course and the retired roll of communicants were read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from Candidate H. M. Moffett requesting reception into the Presbytery at an adjourned meeting was read and referred to the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

A communication from Candidate Pat Easterling requesting a transfer to North Mississippi Presbytery was read and his request was granted.

The annual report of the Assembly's Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was received and referred to the Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

Order of the Day

It was made an order of the day to examine Mr. Earl Miller at 3:30 p. m., with a view to receiving him under the care of the Presbytery.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences

The following report of the General Treasurer of Benevolences was read, received and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee:

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I have audited the reports and accounts of Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Benevolences of Holston Presbytery, for the 1934-35 period, and found them in good order and correct.

I have included in this audit the following: Church accounts, paid vouchers, partial receipts, deposits, remittances and bank statements.

The addition in all instances was not verified; however, adding machine tapes were furnished covering all additions and enough of these were checked to satisfy my mind that they were substantially correct.

Bank balance April 1, 1935		$ 749.73
Plus deposits made after close of year but included in 1934-35 totals:		
1935 April 2	124.25	
2	152.20	
2	1,285.22	
3	2,189.47	
		$4,500.89

Less outstanding checks:		
No. 578	$1,390.92	
579	128.93	
580	311.60	
584	128.70	
585	42.96	
586	66.36	
587	2.00	
588	476.68	
589	65.00	
590	1,475.44	
591	391.94	
592	8.00	$4,488.53
Balance		$ 12.36

April 13, 1935 *W. B. Harkins.*

Report of Central Treasurer of Benevolences
D. C. Amick, Treasurer

Receipts from April 1, 1934, to April 2, 1935

Churches	*Congregation*	*Aux.*	*S. S.*	*Y.P.S.*	*Totals*
Arcadia	$ 75.00	.....	.....	.....	$ 75.00
Banner Elk	80.75	$ 160.00	.....	.....	240.75
Blountville	319.33	24.00	$ 14.87	.....	358.20
Blowing Rock	.....	111.00	76.29	$ 8.00	195.29
Bristol First	2,134.29	784.06	108.03	.....	3,026.38
Butadean	66.65	.....	.....	.....	66.65
Cold Spring	206.36	127.30	46.12	.....	379.78
Cove Creek	100.00	.....	65.00	.....	165.00
Crossnore	.....	96.00	.....	.....	96.00
Grassy Creek	14.00	.....	.....	.....	14.00
Gray's Chapel	25.00	.....	10.00	.....	35.00
Harris Memorial	54.60	.....	11.00	.....	65.60
Hughes	25.70	.....	.....	.....	25.70
Jefferson City	66.08	262.57	129.90	2.00	460.55
Johnson City 1st	3,248.39	788.10	47.26	12.74	4,096.49
Kingsport 1st	1,913.95	873.51	549.39	.....	3,235.85
Leesburg	128.00	14.50	.....	.....	142.50
Mary Andrews Ch.	12.05	.....	.....	.....	12.05
Micaville	3.80	.....	.....	.....	3.80
Meadow Creek	61.30	.....	.....	.....	61.30
Mooresburg	24.46	.....	.....	.....	24.46
Morristown	886.07	74.25	.....	.....	960.32
New Bethel	155.00	45.00	.....	.....	200.00

Churches	*Congregation*	*Aux.*	*S. S.*	*Y.P.S.*	*Totals*
New Ebenezer	$ 9.80	$ 15.00	.....	.....	$ 24.80
Newland	27.63	58.00	.....	.....	85.63
Newport	96.77	61.52	$ 11.40	.....	169.69
New Providence	.....	9.00	.....	.....	9.00
Paint Gap	101.90	.....	.....	.....	101.90
Paperville	38.00	16.04	.....	.....	54.04
Pineola	5.50	21.50	.....	.....	27.00
Plumtree	69.12	29.80	.....	.....	98.92
Providence	39.00	.....	.....	.....	39.00
Rheatown	61.49	.....	.....	.....	61.49
Roan's Chapel	30.00	.....	.....	.....	30.00
Rogersville	2,249.89	921.00	36.86	31.21	3,238.96
Russellville	12.00	36.00	.....	.....	48.00
Russ Memorial	12.60	.....	.....	.....	12.60
Rutledge	41.75	33.29	.....	.....	75.04
Salem	12.75	5.00	.....	.....	17.75
Spruce Pine	242.10	67.03	52.53	.....	362.66
Strawberry Plains	.....	69.90	45.91	.....	115.81
Thomas Memorial	90.21	.....	.....	.....	90.21
Vian's Valley	45.00	.....	.....	.....	45.00
Weaver	75.00	.....	.....	.....	75.00
White Pine	.....	45.49	.....	.....	45.49
Windsor Avenue	17.57	187.28	65.25	.....	270.10
Miscellaneous	219.82	.....	.....	.....	219.82
Totals	$13,100.68	$4,936.14	$1,168.81	$53.95	$19,259.58
Cash balance	12.36				12.36
Plus refunds	17.90				17.90
Gross receipts	$13,130.94	$4,936.14	$1,168.81	$53.95	$19,289.84

Disbursements from April 2, 1934, to April 2, 1935:

Foreign Missions		$4,796.70	
Assembly's Home Missions		2,672.33	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		1,223.68	
Christian Education and M. R. Birthday Offerings		188.55	
Religious Education and Publication		461.53	
Assembly's Training School		88.42	
American Bible Society		96.42	
Educational Institutions		1,738.98	
Presbytery's Home Missions—			
Presbytery's Home Missions	$5,417.40		
Synod's Work	294.14	5,711.54	
Grandfathers Orphans' Home		2,144.20	
			$19,122.35

Miscellaneous—		
Contingent fees, Woman's Auxiliary	14.50	
Presbyterial tax	122.73	
Net disbursements	$19,259.58	
Refunds	17.90	
Cash balance	12.36	
	$19,289.84	

Recommendation: The Central Treasurer of Benevolences is directed to remit the balance carried on the books as due Synod's Work ($12.36) to J. D. Fourette, Treasurer, to be applied on the expenses of the Presbyterial Young People's President to the Montreat Council meeting.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer

The following report of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Presbytery, together with the list of the churches in arrears on Presbyterial taxes, was read and received. The accounts and vouchers were referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of E. G. Tomkinson, Treasurer, Holston Presbytery

April 16, 1934, to Oct. 1, 1934

Receipts

Balance brought forward	$366.22		
Assessments from churches	490.49		$856.71

Disbursements

Salaries:			
D. C. Amick, Central Treas. Benevolences	$120.00		
E. G. Tomkinson, Stated Clerk and Treas.	60.00		
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	16.00	$196.00	
Central Treasurer's Office Expense			
Audit Central Treasurer's books	$ 10.00		
Printing	3.50	$13.50	
Stated Clerk's Office Expense:			
To D. C. Amick, expense spring meeting	$ 6.00		
Postage and phone	3.45	9.45	

Miscellaneous:			
Assembly's assessment	$435.06		
Synod's assessment	74.21		
Printing and mailing minutes	102.09		
Commission expense to Crossnore	7.10		
Buladean check returned N. S. F.	7.50		
Federal tax on checks	.20	626.18	
Total disbursements		$845.13	
Balance in bank Oct. 1, 1934		11.58	$856.71

Respectfully submitted,
E. G. Tomkinson.

Report of R. A. Brown, Treasurer Holston Presbytery

October 1, 1934, to April 15, 1935

Receipts

Balance brought forward	$ 11.34	
Assessments from churches	610.09	$621.43

Disbursements

Salaries:		
D. C. Amick, Central Treas. Benevolences	$120.00	
R. A. Brown, Stated Clerk and Treasurer	60.00	$180.00
Central Treasurer's Office Expense:		
Renewal of bond on D. C. Amick	$12.50	
Printing, supplies, miscellaneous	3.60	
Postage	10.30	
Traveling expense	3.00	29.40
Stated Clerk's Office Expense:		
Report blanks for Presbytery	$ 5.60	
Postage and express	6.40	
Supplies	2.00	
Federal tax on checks (Oct.-Feb.)	.12	14.12
Printing Minutes:		
Minutes	$ 41.75	
Mailing and postage	4.49	46.24
Crossnore commission		8.10
Total disbursements		$277.86
Balance in bank, April 15, 1935		343.57
		$621.43

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. Brown.

Presbyterial Taxes

All of the back Presbyterial taxes of the churches receiving aid from the Home Missions Committee were excused by the Presbytery, provided the churches pay the 1935 tax, and all churches not receiving aid were urged to pay their back taxes. The list of back taxes due is as follows:

List of Churches in Arrears on Presbyterial Tax

Church and Years	*Amount*
Banner Elk, 1932-1933	$ 73.40
Blountville, 1934	73.95
Gray's Chapel, 1933	2.40
Buladean, 1932	5.21
Cove Creek, 1933	7.40
Ebenezer, 1933	3.20
Estatoa, 1930-1934	38.55
Grassy Creek, 1930-1933	17.00
Johnson City, 1933	256.00
Micaville, 1930-1934	44.50
New Bethel, 1932-1934	79.09
Newdale, 1930-1934	26.80
Newland, 1930-1934	74.70
New Providence, 1932-1934	43.00
Point Gap, 1930-1934	64.30
Pineola, 1931-1934	62.95
Plumtree, 1931-1934	84.95
Shell's Mill, 1930-1934	11.50
Strawberry Plains, 1934	9.40
Weavers, 1933	14.05

Treasurer of the Home Missions Committee

The following report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery's Home Missions Committee was read, received and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee:

To the Presbytery of Holston:

I herewith submit my report as Treasurer of the Home Missions Committee of Holston Presbytery for the year April 1, 1934, to March 31, 1935.

1934	*Receipts*	
April 1	Balance in treasury Home Missions Committee	$212.69
	Balance in treasury Cocke County field	40.00
	Total balance	$ 252.69
	Received from General Assembly's Home Missions Committee	4,728.80
	Received from Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer	4,332.26
	Received from General Assembly's Home Missions Committee for Cocke County field	999.96
	Received for worker at Honeycutt, N. C.	120.00
	Received for work at Boone, N. C.	5.00
	Received from special gifts	470.00
	Total receipts	$10,908.71
	Disbursements	
	Payroll for Home Mission workers	$ 8,383.00
	Payroll for Home Mission workers, Cocke County field	1,009.96
	Rent for manse for Supt.-Evangelist	300.00
	Expenses for Supt.-Evangelist for year	576.44
	Expense worker at Honeycutt, N. C.	120.00
	Insurance	12.00
	H. F. Masters, Treasurer Newport Church, "Special"	25.00
	Blain Church	150.00
	Payment on loan for Whitesburg Church	45.96
	Committee expense	208.34
	Total disbursements	$10,830.70
	Balance in treasury April 1, 1935	78.01
		$10,908.71

Frank Taylor, Treasurer.

Mr. Edgar Tufts made an oral report for the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, which was received as information.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert King, from Heb. 5:7, on "The Prayer Life of Jesus."

The Presbytery took recess after prayer by the Rev. R. L. Shortridge until 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m. with prayer by the Rev. John Yelton.

The thanks of the Arcadia Church to the churches of the Presbytery that contributed to the rebuilding were expressed by the Rev. Dan Graham.

An overture requesting a column in the Assembly's minutes giving the number of Sunday schools in each church was introduced and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Courtesy

Mr. Robert Earnest, a candidate for the ministry under the care of this Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery.

The certificate of Mr. J. W. Walkup, a candidate for the ministry from Bethel Presbytery, was received and he was introduced to the Presbytery.

Minutes of the Presbytery

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery was read and adopted:

Your committee has examined the minutes of Presbytery and finds no errors.

E. F. Camp, Chairman.

Minutes of the Synod

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Synod was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Synod's Minutes reports as follows:

1) The minutes of Synod were reviewed and found in order.

2) We find nothing in the minutes of Synod which call for the attention or action of Presbytery.

John S. Yelton, Chairman.

Assembly's Home Missions

The following report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was read and adopted, and the Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. John W. Young in behalf of Home Missions. The report is as follows:

The total Home Mission receipts were $330,601, a gain of $41,090. The budget receipts were $285,393, a gain of $17,234. The appropriations to the Presbyteries and missions are limited to the budget receipts of the preceding year, and expenditures are kept within the income. All obligations for the year were paid, and the required reduction was made on the bank debt.

The magnitude of Assembly's Home Missions is revealed in the fact that financial assistance was given last year to 503 men and women, who served 722 churches and missions with 117 outpost Sunday schools and 271 unorganized preaching points. Through the agency of this committee the Gospel was preached in the name of the Southern Presbyterian Church in more than one thousand communities. Some phase of Assembly's Home Missions is found in 59 of the Presbyteries and in each of the 17 Synods. These Presbyteries reported the organization of eight churches and 28 Sunday schools; and that 17 Home Mission churches or groups had come to self-support and had been removed from the list of aided churches.

Recommendations

1) That the church be entreated to more earnest prayer for the Home missionaries, their churches and the people they serve, that the cause of Christ may be advanced in our land and throughout the world.

2) That an earnest effort be made by all our churches to increase the Home Mission income, that the salaries of Home Mission pastors and workers may be sufficient to provide for their comfort and efficiency.

3) That a special prayer be offered for Home Missions in general.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Sexton Buchanan, Chairman.

Crossnore Church

The report of the commission on the Crossnore situation was read and adopted, and the appreciation of the Presbytery expressed to the commission by a rising vote. The report is as follows:

Report of the Commission on the Crossnore Situation

To the Presbytery of Holston:

We believe it important that a detailed report of this entire case should be recorded in the minutes of Holston Presbytery. We have included, therefore, in this report the minutes of two official meetings of the commission, together with certain recommendations of the commission.

I. Minutes of a meeting held at Crossnore, N. C., June 12, 1934.

The commission of Holston Presbytery, appointed to investigate matters that have caused discord in the Crossnore Presbyterian Church, met at the church in Crossnore, N. C., June 12, 1934. The following were present. Ministers, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, and T. P. Johnston; elders, J. L. Gray and Charles Hughes. The following officers of the Crossnore Church were also present: Elders, Dr. E. H. Sloop, T. C. Dellinger, A. M. Chisholm, and A. F. McKinney; deacons, C. L. Franklin and R. Q. Bault. Mr. T. R. Burleson was absent. The Rev. H. H. Thompson was appointed clerk of the commission.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. H. H. Thompson. The call for the meeting was read and found in order. The action of the Presbytery in appointing the commission was read for information. A communication from certain members of the church, addressed to Holston Presbytery, and requesting an investigation of conditions which were causing unhappiness in the congregation, was also read. Brief remarks were offered by the chairman, Rev. T. P. Johnston, and Rev. R. D. Carson and Elder J. L. Gray, setting forth the purpose of this meeting and expressing the earnest desire that all matters be considered in the spirit of Christ.

It was stated by the chairman that there seemed to be four major causes of discord in the church, namely, the matter of the transfer of a farm from the church to the school; the deeds to the church property; the back salary claimed by the Rev. McCoy Franklin; and the adjustment of the compensation due the Rev. McCoy Franklin for improvements on the manse lot.

After a recess for lunch, the commission reconvened at 1 o'clock and was opened with prayer. The church officers were also present, and were invited to make any statements pertaining to the situation they desired. A number of them spoke briefly.

The matters in question were then taken up in order.

1) With reference to the farm, it was stated that it had been purchased as follows: The initial payment of $3,500 was made by a Mrs. Geo. N. Reid, of Oil City, Pa., at the solicitation of the Rev. McCoy Franklin, who stated it was her request that the farm be under the direction of the trustees of the Crossnore Presbyterian Church, and the revenue from it to be used for charitable or orphanage purposes. It then developed that Mrs. Reid later requested that the property be deed to the school. It developed further that $2,500 of the purchase price had been paid by the school from the funds raised in the Opportunity Club of Crossnore School. After a careful consideration, the commission decided that the farm matter be dropped, since it had been transferred to the school by the congregation (See minutes of the session, Nov. 19, 1933). The officers of the church present agreed with this decision.

2) With reference to the deed to the lot upon which the church is built the owners were asked to make these deeds at once. Dr. Sloop agreed, and Rev. McCoy Franklin and Mr. Mack Dellinger, the other owners, were to be asked to make such deeds. Mr. C. L. Franklin, brother of Rev. McCoy Franklin, stated that Rev. McCoy Franklin would make such a deed. These deeds are to be held in escrow by Mr. Charles Hughes until all are in. He will then file them for record, and deliver them to the trustees of the church.

3) With reference to the back salary due Mr. Franklin, it was decided that inasmuch as the original call had never been legally changed, the salary stated therein, namely $1,000 a year, would prevail. The records of the Assembly's minutes would be accepted as to amounts actually paid, and the difference between the sum of these amounts and the amounts that would have been due at the rate of $1,000 a year would constitute the amount of back salary due. This ruling was accepted by the officers of the church.

4) With reference to the manse situation, it had been agreed by the church that in the event of Mr. Franklin's leaving he would be paid a fair compensation for any improvements made on the manse lot (See minutes of the session for May 27, 1932). Mr. Franklin has built a house and garage, and done some landscaping on the lot. It was agreed by the commission and the officers of the church that the commission should appoint an impartial committee of three members to appraise the value of the improvements, with the understanding that the church and Mr. Franklin accept the appraised value set by the committee, if possible.

The chairman of the commission, the Rev. T. P. Johnston, was authorized to deal with the above matters for the commission between the times of official meeting.

The minutes of today's meeting were read and adopted, and the meeting closed with prayer.

Thos. P. Johnston, Moderator.
H. H. Thompson, Clerk.

II. Minutes of a meeting held at Cold Spring Church at 1:00 p. m., April 16, 1935.

The commission met at Presbytery at Cold Spring Church April 16, 1935.

There were present: Ministers, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, T. P. Johnston, and Elder J. L. Gray. The meeting opened with prayer. The chairman offered the following report, which was adopted:

"At a conference with Rev. McCoy Franklin on August 7, 1934, at my home, Mr. Franklin agreed to the proposals of the commission as follows:

"1) Touching the matter of the farm, Mr. Franklin does not regard himself as a party.

"2) In the matter of the deeds to the church lot, Mr. Franklin readily agreed to make a deed to the church for such part of the lot as he owned.

"3) In the matter of back salary owed Mr. Franklin by the Crossnore Church, Mr. Franklin agreed to the proposal of the commission. The period of service is 12 years and five months, which at $1,000 a year would make $12,416.67. The records of the General Assembly show amounts actually paid totaling $11,729, leaving a difference of $677.67. From this amount is substracted two sums of $79 and $34 paid since the report to the General Assembly as of March 31, 1933, receipt of which was acknowledged by Mr Franklin, and which brings the difference down to $574.67, which sum is due Mr. Franklin.

"4) In the matter of compensation made to Mr. Franklin for improvements on the manse lot, Mr. Franklin agreed to the appointment of the impartial committee to appraise the property, and to abide by their decision.

"Acting upon the above agreements, the business has been completed as follows: Three deeds to the church lot have been executed and delivered to Mr. Charles Hughes by Dr. E. H. Sloop, Rev. McCoy Franklin, and Mr. Mack Dellinger. These have been filed for record by Mr. Hughes, and will be delivered by him in due course to the trustees of the Crossnore Church.

"A check for back salary due Mr. Franklin, amounting to $574.67, was received by me and sent to him Feb. 12, 1935, and his receipt for same forwarded to the Crossnore Church.

"On March 15, 1935, a committee composed of E. C. Robbins, Howard Holshouser, and E. F. Heaton, visited the manse property and fixed a valuation of $2,250 as a reasonable compensation for improvements including the house and garage and landscaping of the lot. This figure was accepted by both Mr. Franklin and the church. It has been agreed that Mr. Franklin is to be paid over a period of ten years in a series of twenty notes bearing 5 per cent interest, and properly secured in some satisfactory manner.

"This brings to a close the matters before this commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. P. Johnston, Chairman."

III. Recommendations.

The following recommendations were adopted by the commission:

1) That this commission be now dissolved.

2) That the Rev. Robert King be requested by the Presbytery to go to Crossnore Church for a series of special services.

The minutes of this meeting were read and approved, and the meeting closed with prayer.

Thos. P. Johnston, Moderator.
H. H. Thompson, Clerk.

Sessional Records

The following report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Sessional Records submits the following report:

We examined 37 books, and approve without exception 27. We also approve, with exceptions and corrections noted in books, 10. No sessional records were presented by 15 churches. All churches are urged to send in their books at the regular spring meeting of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Shortridge, Chairman.

Women's Work

The following report of the Committee on Women's Work was read and adopted:

Your committee has examined the report of the Woman's Auxiliary and very happily submit to you the following summary of their splendid report for the year ending March 31, 1935:

Auxiliary members	1,994
Auxiliaries in Presbyterial	30
Auxiliaries contributing to all denominational benevolences	19
Auxiliaries increasing gifts to all Assembly causes	9
Family altars	308
Tithers	437

Contributions
To Denominational Benevolences

Foreign Missions	$1,762.00	
Assembly's Home Missions	938.00	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	858.00	
Religious Education and Publication	511.00	
Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	52.00	
Bible Cause	67.00	
Synod's Home Missions	135.00	
Religious Education in Synod or Presbytery	138.00	
Homes	636.00	
Educational Institutions	431.00	
Presbytery's Home Missions	998.00	$7,319.00
To Local Church Work		
Current expenses	$1,598.00	
Building expenses	1,100.00	2,698.00
Miscellaneous contributions		467.00
Grand total, all contributions		$10,484.00

Total decrease compared with last year, $117.00

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. Camp, Chairman.

Resolution on Local Option

The Presbytery, deeming the impending liquor bill to be occasion for extraordinary action, requested the Rev. S. H. Hay and the Rev. R. D. Carson to bring before the Presbytery a suitable resolution.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a standing vote:

1) The Presbytery feels that the State laws prohibiting the liquor traffic are in jeopardy, and that the emergency is a "case extraordinary" under chapter 31, section 4, of the Confession of Faith; and therefore—

2) The Presbytery humbly petitions the legislators of all the region co-extensive with it to do everything in their power to retain intact the present prohibition laws.

3) The Presbytery requests the ministers and elders of the churches to present this petition to the legislators from their respective counties; and that the Stated Clerk advise the Nashville Ministers' Association of the Presbytery's action with the request that it be used at the capital if a wise way can be found by them.

S. H. Hay, Chairman.

Reception of Candidate

Mr. Earl Miller presented a testimonial from the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., and after an examination on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry was duly received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. Robert King in behalf of Mr. Miller.

New Providence Church

The Nominating Committee was requested to appoint a committee of two with such authority as is necessary to visit the New Providence Church and assist the church in securing a pastor. The committee is composed of the Rev. T. P. Johnston and the Rev. S. H. Hay.

Pastors' Salaries

The following report of the Committee on Pastors' Salaries was read and adopted:

Your committee wishes to submit the following report:

We have received reports from 43 churches, 34 of which report pastor's salary paid in full, and the following churches are in arrears: Harris Memorial, $44 for 1935, $30 for 1934; Buladean $25 for 1935, $6 for 1934; Russ Memorial

$16.86 for 1935, $20 for 1934; Blountville $408 for 1935; Weaver's $168 for 1935; New Bethel $106 for 1935; Hughes $4.52 for 1935; Cold Spring $100 for 1935. White Pine reports salary paid in full to present pastor, but $46 still due the Rev. Doyle for past services.

Your committee recommends to the sessions of these churches that are in arrears that they make efforts to raise as much of these back salaries as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

John Martin, Chairman.
Fred Stewart.

Religious Education

Rev. H. H. Thompson gave an oral report of the work on Sunday schools in the Presbytery, urging every church to continued activity in Sunday school extension and Bible schools during the vacation months. The report was received as information.

Presbytery's Home Missions

The following report of the Presbytery's Home Missions Committee was read and adopted:

Report of Chairman of Home Missions April 16, 1935

First of all I want to express my appreciation for the loyalty and faithfulness of our committee.

Our Superintendent has been faithfully on the job, and I believe the work in our Presbytery was never more harmonious.

Our Treasurer has kept us posted as to the status of our finances, and we have kept out of debt as is shown by his report.

We should be truly grateful to God that during these disturbing times and many financial disasters, we have not lost one dollar of Home Missions funds.

I want to impress upon the Presbytery the desirability and, I think, advisability of adding to our Home Missions Committee one or two laymen who can and will give to this work sufficient time to become familiar with the field and work. Our preachers are always subject to change while the laymen are, humanly speaking, more likely to remain in the field. Your present chairman is past his three-score and ten years and naturally his activities of mind and body are on the decline, and he will cheerfully turn over his position to one younger who can carry on the work more efficiently.

We have not during the year taken on any new or additional work for lack of funds, although we should do so, and will when we feel that we can finance it.

I am more deeply impressed than ever before with the thought that our Home Mission work is of the greatest necessity, not only for the advancement of the Kingdom, but for our own preservation, and that it is the richest field for our activities. We need to be more active, not only in the rural communities, but also in the outskirts of our cities.

I quote the following from report of our Superintendent, Rev. John Martin, to the committee:

"This year your Superintendent wishes the Presbytery to join him in thanking God for His wonderful goodness and blessing on our work.

"While the visible results have not been as great as in some former years, yet God's Spirit has been manifested among our workers and has been shown by their keen evangelistic fervor, their zeal in soul-winning, and this year there has been added to our churches in the Home Mission field 250 on profession of faith and 90 by letter.

"We cannot give a definite report on last year's Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Those that were held accomplished much in the training of the children and young people, and we are hoping that the Assembly's committee may help us some in this work the coming year.

"The Arcadia church building, which was destroyed by tornado, in Rev. Dan Graham's field, has been rebuilt. Also, a church building at Whitesburg, in Rev. W. C. Young's field, is in process of construction.

"We urge all our pastors and workers in the Home Mission field to continue to lay emphasis on benevolent giving, and to enlist more of the membership in God's plan of giving. If this can be accomplished we are certain we can continue to grow."

Committee Recommendations

1) The Home Missions Committee asks that two additional laymen be added to the committee and that the number required for a quorum be left as it now is.

2) That the Home Missions Committee be authorized to effect such changes in the stated supply of the Micaville field and Whitesburg group as in their judgment will advance the Lord's work in these fields.

3) The Home Missions Committee further recommends that the Presbytery authorize the following stated supplyships, if the way be clear, until the next meeting of Presbytery: R. D. Carson at Mooresburg; Messrs. Dan Graham and John Yelton at Paperville; J. W. Young at Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial, Roan's Chapel, Vians Valley; T. W. Clapp at Plumtree, Hughes, Cove Creek, and Gray's Chapel; R. L. Shortridge at Rheatown; W. C. Young at Leesburg, Whitesburg, Providence, White Pine. We further recommend that evangelistic powers be granted to John Martin and to Rev. D. C. Amick, limited to the Cocke County field.

J. D. Faucette, Chairman

Auditing Committee

The following report of the Committee on Auditing was read and adopted:

Your Auditing Committee has examined the reports and accounts of the Rev. R. A. Brown, Treasurer of Presbytery; the Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Benevolences; and Mr. Frank Taylor, Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions Committee. We find them accurate in every respect and properly supported by checks, vouchers and statements. Those of Mr. Amick were supported by the certificate of a certified public accountant. We recommend their approval. *W. J. Smith, Chairman Auditing Committee.*

Nominations

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

Your committee recommends the following changes and additions:

1) Elders D. R. Beeson and R. L. Peters be added to the Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions.

2) That Rev. John S. Yelton be made chairman of the Permanent Committee on the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, instead of Rev. R. A. Brown. The committee remains the same.

That trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association be elected as follows: E. H. Tufts, 1936; J. A. Summers, 1937; Rev. Robert King, 1938; Hon. Sam R. Sells, 1939; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1940; F. H. Stinson, 1941; L. G. Gillespie, 1942.

That the following trustees of the Plumtree School for Boys be reelected with terms expiring in 1938: Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. H. H. Thompson and Charles Hughes.

We recommend that the Rev. Samuel H. Hay, with the Rev. Roy Shortridge, alternate, be appointed to preach the Presbyterial sermon next fall on the subject, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

That Rev. T. P. Johnston and Rev. S. H. Hay be appointed a special committee to assist the New Providence Church in finding a pastor.

Thos. P. Johnston, Chairman.

Evangelism

The following report of the Committee on Evangelism was read, received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery heard from the ministers of the Presbytery concerning evangelism in their fields, after which the report was adopted:

Your Committee on Evangelism submits the following report: There were 29 meetings held during the past year. The churches of the Presbytery reported the following additions to the church, by profession of faith 399, and by certificate 219.

We urge each church to establish outpost Sunday schools and to hold evangelistic meetings at each point as well as at home, if possible, during the coming year. Also, that each pastor conduct as many meetings as possible in mission fields.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dan Graham, Chairman.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The following report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was read and adopted:

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made a verbal report and presented the following recommendation which was adopted:

That Presbytery's Committee in this department be authorized to make application for relief funds the same as the past year.

Samuel H. Hay, Chairman.

Statistical Report

The statistical report to the Synod was read, approved, and ordered printed in the minutes. The report is as follows:

Ministers	28	Elders	248
Churches	52	Deacons	246
Candidates	15	Added on confession	399
Licensures	3	Added on certificate	219
Ordinations	1	Whole No. of communicants	7,549
Installations	1	Adult baptisms	248
Pastoral dissolutions	1	Infant baptisms	77
New churches organized	1	Total S. S. enrollment	8,828

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 5,833
Assembly's Home Missions	3,087
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	2,014
Religious Education and Publication	676
Assembly's Training School	99
Bible Cause	106
Synod's Home Missions	209
Synod's and Presbytery's Religious Education	1,373

Orphans' Homes	$ 3,458	
Educational Institutions	3,826	
Presbytery's Home Missions	5,864	
Total to regular benevolences		$ 26,543
Pastors' salaries actually paid	$ 30,250	
Current expenses	26,175	
Congregational missions	1,873	
Building expenses	23,319	
Miscellaneous contributions	2,389	84,006
Grand total of all contributions		$110,551

R. A. Brown, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery took recess until 7:30 p. m., after prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. Robert King.

Address on Religious Education

The Rev. T. P. Johnston delivered an address on "Religious Education of the Youth—Our Greatest Asset."

Young People's Work

The following report of the Committee on Young People's Work was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Young People's Work wishes to submit the following report:

There are 18 churches in the Presbytery having Young People's organizations with a total membership of 1,475. These groups range from 16 to 271 in number. During the past year they contributed to benevolences $157 and to current expenses $164.

During the last year the young people of the Presbytery have been organized as a permanent organization. The Kingsport-Bristol-Johnson City district of the Presbytery has organized the young people of the societies of this district and held three meetings, and expect to continue holding them quarterly. The young people of the western part of the Presbytery have had such an organization for several years.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Kernan, Chairman.

Bills and Overtures

The following report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommends:

1) That the overture of the General Assembly regarding the retiring of non-active resident members of churches be answered in the affirmative.

2) That the overture of the General Assembly regarding foreign languages in the Seminary course be answered in the negative.

3) That the Presbytery of Holston overture the General Assembly to direct our church orphanages to set a cash value on produce donated to them by the churches, and to send a notation of that value to the Central Treasurer of Benevolences, or to any proper authority, that the church may report such benevolent contributions.

4) That the Presbytery of Holston overture the General Assembly to add to the statistical reports to the General Assembly from the churches a column giving the number of Sunday schools maintained by each church, and that this column be printed in the Assembly minutes.

M. J. Murray, Chairman.

Stewardship

The following report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Stewardship begs to submit the following report:

First, that the amounts apportioned to the causes and the percentages for the Assembly, Synod and Presbytery as printed on page 15 of the fall minutes be amended as follows to conform to previous recommendations of the Presbytery:

Assembly's Causes, $18,000.00—			
Foreign Missions	9,000.00	24%	
Home Missions	4,800.00	13	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	2,800.00	6	
Religious Education and Publication	800.00	2	
Assembly's Training School	200.00	0.5	
Bible Cause	200.00	0.5	46%
Synod's Causes—			
Educational Institutions	4,800.00	12	12
Presbytery's Causes—			
Home Missions	12,800.00	32	
Orphans' Home	4,000.00	10	42
	$40,000.00	100%	100%

Second, that the Stewardship promotion in the Presbytery was carried on through the Secretary with the aid of individuals and the following results are reported:

Every church in the Presbytery except one was contacted in the interest of the every-member canvass. Ten church or group conferences were held during the month of February with fine attendance. Five churches closed the church year using the "Belmont Plan" and report remarkable results. Six other churches are planning to use the "Belmont Plan" in the near future.

All the churches in the Presbytery except New Providence report that an every-member canvass has been completed or is in the process of completion. To date $21,021 has been secured for the benevolent causes. Twenty-six churches have secured 100 per cent or more of the Presbytery's askings for Benevolences. *R. D. Carson, Chairman.*

Place of Next Meeting

The place of the next fall meeting of Presbytery shall be arranged for by the Stated Clerk, who will receive invitations till the printing of the spring minutes.

Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following were elected commissioners to the General Assembly: Principals—Ministers, Rev. T. P. Johnston and Rev. George F. Robertson; Elders, J. J. Humbird, White Pine, and Frank Bryan, Rutledge. Alternates—Ministers, Rev. John Martin and Rev. Chas. Kernan; Elders, Rod Armstrong, Rogersville, and Nat Thomas, Cold Spring.

A suitable resolution of thanks was read and adopted by a rising vote.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned with the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in adjourned meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., June 20, 1935, at 2 p. m.

F. S. Jones, Moderator.
R. A. Brown, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING

Bristol, Tenn., June 20, 1935.

Holston Presbytery met in adjourned session June 20, 1935, at 2:00 p. m., in the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tenn. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. F. S. Jones, and opened with prayer by the Rev. M. J. Murray.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—R. A. Brown, S. H. Hay, F. S. Jones, C. W. Kernan, M. J. Murray, H. H. Thompson, W. C. Young—7. *Elders*—J. D. Faucette, First Bristol; J. R. Moser, First Jefferson City; Frank Bryan, Rutledge; W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial—4.

Courtesy

The following ministers were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: T. J. McConnell, Columbia Presbytery; H. M. Moffett, Concord Presbytery.

Licensure of H. M. Moffett, Jr.

The certificate of transfer from Concord Presbytery for Candidate H. M. Moffett, Jr., was received and Mr. Moffett was introduced to the Presbytery. It was moved to proceed with the examination of Mr. Moffett with a view to licensure, using the parts of trial assigned by Concord Presbytery. Mr. Moffett's degree of A. B. from Davidson College was accepted in lieu of examination on academic studies, and his degree of B. D. from Union Seminary was accepted in lieu of the examination on the original languages of the Scriptures and church history.

The examinations on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry, theology, church government and sacraments were sustained as satisfactory.

A sermon was preached by Mr. Moffett, from Luke 23:26, on "Bearing the Cross," which was sustained as satisfactory.

Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, reported concerning the written parts for trial, the

English thesis, the exegesis, and the popular lecture, and moved that they be accepted as satisfactory. The motion was adopted. The examinations were sustained as a whole.

After Mr. Moffett had answered satisfactorily the constitutional questions for licensure, he was duly licensed to preach the Gospel as a probationary for the holy ministry.

The Rev. S. H. Hay led the Presbytery in special prayer in behalf of Mr. Moffett.

The examination for licensure was then approved for ordination. Calls from the First Presbyterian Church of Jefferson City, Tenn., the Presbyterian Church of Rutledge, Tenn., and the Presbyterian Church of Strawberry Plains, Tenn., were found in order, placed in the hands of Mr. Moffett and accepted by him. It was approved that he serve as stated supply of Blaine Presbyterian Church, Lea Springs, Tenn.

The following commission was then appointed to ordain and install Mr. Moffett as pastor of the three congregations in special services at Jefferson City, Tenn., 11:00 a. m., June 23, 1935: the Rev. John Martin to preside and propound the constitutional questions; the Rev. R. D. Carson to charge the pastor; the Rev. S. H. Hay, the Rev. W. B. Doyle, Elder J. D. Faucette to charge the congregations, and Elder J. W. Zirkle.

Candidate J. W. Walkup was transferred to King's Mountain Presbytery.

The pastoral relations of the Rev. W. C. Young and the Russellville Presbyterian Church were dissolved, the congregation concurring with the request of the pastor.

Mr. George M. Smith, Morristown, Tenn., was elected a member of the Presbytery's Home Missions Committee in place of Mr. H. E. Harris, who has moved out of the bounds of the Presbytery.

Evangelistic powers to receive members into the church were granted to the Rev. W. C. Young in the Micaville Church, from June 1, 1935, until next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to arrange for the fall meeting of Presbytery. (Upon invitation of the Paint Gap Church, Yancey County, N. C., the fall meeting will be held in the Paint Gap Church, Tuesday, October 1, 1935, at 11:00 a. m. E. S. time.)

Minutes were read and approved, and the meeting adjourned with prayer to meet at the call of the Moderator.

F. S. Jones, Moderator.
R. A. Brown, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Holston Presbytery

FALL MEETING

PAINT GAP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PAINT GAP, N. C.
OCTOBER 1-2, 1935

CALLED MEETING
First Presbyterian Church
Kingsport, Tenn.
August 29, 1935

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
WINDSOR AVE. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Bristol, Tenn.
April 13, 1936, 7:30 P. M. (E.S.T.)

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ORGANIZATION—FALL 1935

Moderator—G. S. Buchanan, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Rhea Anderson, Blountville, Tenn.
Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Spruce Pine, N. C.
Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.
Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.
Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.
Representative on Synod's Committee of Stated Supply—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown; Elders: J. D. Faucette, Chairman; Frank Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer; George M. Smith, Rod Armstrong, R. M. Burleson, D. R. Beeson, R. L. Peters; Deacon: Sam R. Sells.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, Chairman; Rev. Robert King.
3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Chairman; Rev. John W. Young.
4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick.
5) *Religous Education*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chairman; Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, Rev. M. J. Murray.
6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. John S. Yelton, Chairman; Rev. Dan Graham.
7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. R. D. Carson, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick, Secretary; Rev. T. P. Johnston.
8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Brown.
9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robt. King, Chairman; Rev. F. S. Jones.
10) *Assembly's Training School*—Rev. F. S. Jones, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Brown.
11) *Evangelism*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chairman; Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.
12) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. John S. Yelton, Chairman; Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Rev. R. A. Brown.
13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. Roy Shortridge, Chairman; Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. John S. Yelton.
14) *Program*—Stated Clerk and pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. (Rev. W. C. Young, Fall 1935.)

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Samuel H. Hay.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, Robert King, and John Martin.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, C. W. Kernan, and M. J. Murray.

5) *Scriptural Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

To help set up the Minister's Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman; Rev. T. P. Johnston; Elders: J. D. Faucette and J. A. Summers.

TRUSTEES

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—E. H. Tufts, 1936; J. A. Summers, 1937; Rev. Robert King, 1938; Hon. Sam R. Sells, 1939; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1940; F. H. Stinson, 1941; L. G. Gillespie, 1942.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1936; Rev. E. F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, W. D. McSween, 1937; Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. H. H. Thompson, Charles Hughes, 1938.

CALLED MEETING

Kingsport, Tenn., August 29, 1935.

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Rev. F. S. Jones, Holston Presbytery met in called session in the First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tenn., August 29, 1935, at 11 a. m. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. F. S. Jones, and opened with prayer by the Rev. R. A. Brown.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, F. S. Jones, T. P. Johnston, Robert King, Robert Yost, and W. C. Young. *Elders*—J. B. Deyton, Spruce Pine; R. L. Peters, Kingsport, and Fred Smith, Bristol First. *Visiting Elders*—A. J. Doggett and George E. Stone, Kingsport; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First.

Call

The call was read and found in order, and is as follows:

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call Holston Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tenn., at 11 a. m., Thursday, August 29, 1935, to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1) To dissolve the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. T. P. Johnston and the First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tenn.

2) To grant the Rev. T. P. Johnston permission to accept the call of the Board of Trustees of King College to the presidency of that institution.

3) To complete any and all business arising out of the above.

Frank S. Jones, Moderator.

The Rev. T. P. Johnston requested a dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, and himself. The congregation concurring with regret, through the representatives, Elders George E. Stone and R. L. Peters, the Presbytery reluctantly granted the dissolution of the pastoral relationship, effective Sept. 1, 1935.

The Rev. T. P. Johnston was granted permission to accept the call of the Trustees of King College to the presidency of the college.

The request of the First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, for the Rev. T. P. Johnston to act as moderator of the session, was granted.

The minutes were read and approved, after which the Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Robert Yost.

Frank S. Jones, Moderator.
R. A. Brown, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

FALL MEETING

Paint Gap, N. C., October 1, 1935.

The one hundred and twenty-sixth session of Holston Presbytery met in the Paint Gap Presbyterian Church, beginning October 1, 1935, at 11 a. m., with a devotional service led by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Frank S. Jones.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Frank S. Jones, from Mark 11:12-22, "The Christian's Opportunities and Privileges."

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston and H. H. Thompson, assisted by the following elders: Rhea Anderson, Blountville; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; B. F. Knight, Leesburg, and R. L. Young, Newdale.

The Presbytery was called to order by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Frank S. Jones, and opened with prayer by the Rev. D. C. Amick.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, G. S. Buchanan, R. D. Carson, T. W. Clapp, D. H. Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, F. S. Jones, C. W. Keenan, H. H. Thompson, J. S. Yelton, John Young, W. C. Young.

Ruling Elders—W. R. Hall, Blountville; W. L. Holshouser, Blowing Rock; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; C. D. Thomas, Cold Spring; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; John Ledderman, Harris Memorial; H. H. Tittsworth, Jefferson City; Frank Wright, Kingsport; B. F. Knight, Leesburg; J. M. Hall, Micaville; H. W. Dick, Morristown; R. L. Young, Newdale; J. W. Holcomb, Paint Gap; B. S. Young, Roan's Chapel; P. M. Lyons, Rogersville; W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial; Paul Gray, Weavers.

Organization

The Rev. G. S. Buchanan was elected moderator by acclamation.

Program

The Committee on Program offered the following report, which was adopted:

Tuesday, October 1, 1935

11:00 a. m.	Opening sermon. Communion. Organization. Report of Program Committee. Recess.
2:00 p. m.	Business.
3:00 p. m.	Presbyterial sermon, Rev. S. H. Hay. Business.
5:00 p. m.	Recess.
7:30 p. m.	Foreign Mission Meeting—Address by Rev. D. Lee Williamson. Business till adjournment.

Communications

The overture on dual membership of pastors of united or federated churches was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from C. E. and M. R. Committee, Louisville, to C. E. and M. R. Committee of Presbytery, was read and referred to standing committee.

Communications from Leesburg and Russellville Churches, concerning stated supply, were read and referred to the Home Missions Committee.

A request for certificate of transfer of Candidate W. K. Mills to West Lexington Presbytery (given Aug. 15th to permit reception at mid-summer Presbytery) was granted.

Communications relative to Diamond Jubilee Committee were read and referred to Dr. H. H. Thompson.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer

The resignation of the Presbytery's Stated Clerk and Treasurer, the Rev. R. A. Brown, was accepted, with regret, the nomination of his successor referred to the Nominating Committee, and the report, together with his accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of R. A. Brown, Treasurer
April 15 to Sept. 30, 1935

Receipts

Balance brought forward	$343.57	
Assessments from Churches	588.05	$931.62

Disbursements

Salaries:		
D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer Benevolences	$120.00	
R. A. Brown, Stated Clerk and Treasurer	60.00	
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	16.00	196.00
Central Treasurer's Office:		
Adding machine	$ 30.00	
Audit of Central Treasurer books	10.00	
Supplies	4.00	
Expense	5.59	49.59
Stated Clerk's Office:		
Postage	$ 2.92	2.92
Miscellaneous:		
Assembly assessment	$445.26	
Synod's assessment	113.16	
Printing and mailing minutes	67.37	
New Providence Committee expense	2 50	628.29
Total disbursements		$876.80
Bank balance, Sept. 30, 1935		54.82
		$931.62

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph A. Brown, Treasurer.

The Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. Dan H. Graham.

Standing Committees

The Moderator read the following Standing Committees, and elders on Permanent Committees:

Bills and Overtures—F. S. Jones, C. W. Kernan, H. W. Dick.
Auditing—Rhea Anderson, P. M. Lyons.
Minutes of Presbytery—John Young, John Yelton.
Minutes of Assembly—T. P. Johnston.
Nominations—H. H. Thompson, R. D. Carson, C. D. Thomas.
Resolutions—D. H. Graham.
Elders on Permanent Committees—
- Foreign Missions—J. M. Hall.
- Sabbath and Family Religion—B. F. Knight.
- Bible Cause—R. L. Young.
- Stewardship—Frank Wright.
- Evangelism—J. L. Gray.

Special Committee for Diamond Jubilee—H. H. Thompson.

Order of the Day

It was made the order of the day to hear the Rev. T. P. Johnston in behalf of the King College following the Presbyterial sermon.

Statistical Report

The statistical report was read, approved and ordered printed in the minutes. The report is as follows:

The Presbytery of Holston respectfully reports to the Synod of Appalachia, in session in the Presbyterian Church at Tazewell, Va., Sept. 17, 1935, as follows:

Number of Churches 52; Ministers 28; Licentiates 0; Candidates 13.

CHURCHES

1) *Organized*		*Date*
New Ebenezer	Greeneville, Tenn.	Sept. 24, 1934

PASTORAL RELATIONS

1) *Established*	*Church*	*Date*
Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr.	Jefferson City	June 23, 1935
Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr.	Rutledge	June 23, 1935
Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr.	Strawberry Plains	June 23, 1935

2) *Dissolved*		*Date*
Rev. W. C. Young	Russellville	June 20, 1935
Rev. T. P. Johnston	Kingsport	Aug. 29, 1935

LICENTIATES

1) *Ordained*	*Date*
Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr.	June 23, 1935

CANDIDATES

1) *Received*	*From*	*Date*
J. W. Walkup	Bethel Presbytery	April 16, 1935
Earl Miller, on examination		April 16, 1935
H. M. Moffett, Jr.	Concord Presbytery	June 20, 1935

2) *Dismissed*	*To*	*Date*
P. N. Easterling	North Mississippi	April 16, 1935
J. W. Walkup	King's Mountain	June 20, 1935
Wiley Mills	West Lexington	Aug. 13, 1935

3) *Licensed*	*Date*
H. M. Moffett, Jr.	June 20, 1935

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. Brown, Stated Clerk.

Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr.

The following report of the commission to ordain and install the Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr., was read, approved, and the commission discharged:

Jefferson City, Tenn., June 23, 1935.

To The Presbytery of Holston:

We, the commissioners appointed by you at the adjourned meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., on June 20, 1935, for the purpose of ordaining and installing Mr. Harry M. Moffett, Jr., as pastor of the churches of Strawberry Plains, Rutledge and Jefferson City, Tenn., met in the First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, Tenn., on June 23, 1935, with the following members present: Ministers—Dr. R. D. Carson, Dr. S. H. Hay and Rev. John Martin. Ruling Elders—Mr. J. D. Faucette and J. W. Zirkle.

After prayer by Rev. John Martin, chairman, J. W. Zirkle was elected secretary. Dr. Harry M. Moffett, Sr., delivered the sermon. Dr. R. D. Carson delivered the charge to the pastor. Elder J. D. Faucette delivered the charge to the congregations.

The Rev. Harry M. Moffett, Jr., was duly ordained and installed as pastor of the churches of Jefferson City, Strawberry Plains and Rutledge, all these congregations being officially present, and all in accordance with the constitution of the church.

Meeting was closed with prayer.

John W. Zirkle, Secretary.

The minutes of a called meeting of the Presbytery, held in the First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tenn., were read for information.

Courtesy

The Rev. H. F. Ash, Holston Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

New Providence Church

The committee to visit New Providence Church, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston and S. H. Hay, made a verbal report, which was received as information and the committee discharged.

Next Meeting

The invitation of the Windsor Avenue Church, Bristol, Tenn., for the spring meeting of the Presbytery, April 13-14, 1936, was accepted with thanks.

Nominations to the General Assembly

The following were nominated commissioners to the General Assembly: Principals—Ministers, Rev. John Martin and Rev. R. A. Brown; Elders, W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial, and Troy Young, Roan's Chapel. Alternates—Ministers, Rev. Chas. Kernan and Rev. G. S. Buchanan; Elders, Thomas Beatty, Kingsport, Tenn.; J. C. Gray, Roan Mountain, Tenn.

Stewardship Committee

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read, received, the recommendations considered seriatim and adopted, and the report as a whole adopted. The report is as follows:

The report of the Presbytery for the year ending March 31, 1935, showed that the decline which had been so marked for three years has been arrested and that an increase of $4,090 in benevolences and $11,907 in current expenses was noted, making a total increase in all gifts of $15,997.

Your committee, through its Secretary with the aid of individuals, carried on the promotion of stewardship in the Presbytery as thoroughly as the limited expense fund would permit. Your committee wishes to call the Presbytery's attention to the fact that no funds are provided by the Presbytery for promotion work. Your committee has had to depend entirely on voluntary gifts. This should be remedied. The report of the General Assembly's Stewardship Committee shows that Holston Presbytery leads the whole Assembly in stewardship promotion. Since the spring report to both the General Assembly and the Presbytery four additional churches have taken a canvass, making 50 churches out of the 51 making an every-member canvass.

Your committee recommends—

1) That the total budget for the year 1936-37 be set at $35,000 and that this amount be apportioned as follows: Assembly's Causes $16,100, to be apportioned by the Central Treasurer of Benevolences as nearly as possible as the General Assembly directs; Synod's Causes $4,200; Presbytery's Causes $14,700. This reduction in the total budget askings makes it more representative of the present giving of the churches plus the 25 per cent increase in benevolence giving recommended as one of the goals of the Jubilee Year than heretofore.

2) That the Presbytery adopt as a goal of the Jubilee Year a 25 per cent increase in all benevolences and that all churches be urged to make a definite effort to increase the number of tithers in their congregations.

3) That the amount apportioned to the causes and the percentages for the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery be as follows:

Assembly's Causes, $16,100—			
Foreign Missions	$ 8,400	24%	
Home Missions	4,500	13	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	2,100	6	
Religious Education and Publication	700	2	
Assembly's Training School	200	0.5	
Bible Cause	200	0.5	46%
Synod's Causes, $4,200—	4,200	12	12
Presbytery's Causes, $14,700—			
Home Missions	11,200	32	
Orphans' Home	3,500	10	42
	$35,000	100%	100%

4) That this budget of $35,000 be apportioned among the churches as fairly as possible on the basis of giving and membership. The following apportionments are made for the year 1936-37:

Arcadia	$ 100	Newdale	$ 50
Banner Elk	500	New Ebenezer	75
Blaine	50	Newland	100
Blountville	700	Newport	600
Blowing Rock	150	New Providence	250
Bristol First	8,000	Paint Gap	50
Buladean	100	Paperville	50
Cold Spring	450	Pineola	100
Cove Creek	150	Plumtree	100
Crossnore	300	Providence	50
Ebenezer	25	Rheatown	100
Estatoa	50	Roan's Chapel	25
Grassy Creek	50	Rogersville	3,500
Gray's Chapel	25	Russellville	50
Harris Memorial	50	Russ Memorial	50
Hughes	25	Rutledge	100
Jefferson City First	600	Salem	50
Johnson City First	8,300	Smoky Mountain	25
Kingsport	4,000	Spruce Pine	300
Leesburg	150	Strawberry Plains	100
Mary Andrews Chapel	25	Thomas Memorial	200
Meadow Creek	150	Vians Valley	50
Micaville	50	Weavers	125
Mooresburg	50	White Pine	50
Morristown	4,000	Windsor Ave.	600
New Bethel	250		

5) That March 8, 1936, be designated as every-member canvass day and that congregations be urged to accept the full benevolence quota sent down.

6) That every church be urged to make a thorough canvass both for current expenses and benevolences, and pastors and officers make every effort possible to enlist the coöperation of every member as a tither or a proportionate giver.

7) That March 22, 1936, be designated as Presbyterian Loyalty Day upon which date every local church shall make an earnest attempt to collect in full all pledges for the year.

8) That sessions of the churches are directed to include in their report to Presbytery under benevolences only their contributions to causes and agencies under direct control of the church and that all contributions to agencies and causes not under the direct control of the church be included under miscellaneous contributions.

R. D. Carson, Chairman.
D. C. Amick, Secretary.

The report of the commissioners to the General Assembly was made by the Rev. T. P. Johnston. The report was approved and received as information.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. S. H. Hay, from Job 14:14, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

King College

An address, setting forth the spiritual and intellectual aims of King College, was made by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, president of the college.

The Presbytery pledged, by a rising vote, its support to King College, and was led in prayer for the college by the Rev. R. D. Carson.

Committee on Evangelism

The Rev. Dan H. Graham resigned the chairmanship of the Committee on Evangelism. The resignation was accepted, and the selection of the new chairman referred to the Nominating Committee.

Weavers Church

The Rev. John Yelton offered his resignation as pastor of Weavers Church. The congregation concurring, the resignation was accepted.

Stated Supplyships

The Presbytery authorized the following stated supplyships until the next stated meeting of the Presbytery:

R. D. Carson at Mooresburg.

Dan Graham at Paperville and Weavers.

J. W. Young at Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial, Roan's Chapel, and Vians Valley.

T. W. Clapp at Plumtree, Hughes, Cove Creek, and Gray's Chapel.

R. L. Shortridge at Rheatown.

John Yelton at Leesburg, Whitesburg, Providence, Russellville, and New Providence.

H. M. Moffett, Jr., at Blaine.

W. C. Young at Newdale, Micaville, Estatoa, and Paint Gap.

Evangelistic powers were granted to the Rev. John Martin and the Rev. D. C. Amick, limited to the Cocke County field.

Delinquent Taxes

The following committee was appointed to approach churches delinquent in Presbyterial taxes: Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay, D.C. Amick, R. D. Carson, and the Stated Clerk.

Crossnore Church

The Rev. T. W. Clapp was relieved of the moderatorship of the Crossnore session as the church is now supplied with a pastor.

Nominating Committee

The following report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations recommends that Mr. Rhea Anderson, of the Boluntville Church, an elder, be elected to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. R. A. Brown as stated clerk of the Presbytery.

We recommend that Rev. Moffett, of Jefferson City, be designated to preach the Presbyterial sermon at the spring meeting of the Presbytery and thiat his subject be Personal Evangelism.

By special request the name of Rev. H. H. Thompson is presented to serve for this year as chairman of the Committee on Evangelism.

R. D. Carson, Chairman.

Bills and Overtures

The following report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read, taken up seriatim, and adopted:

Your Committee on Bills and Overtures makes the following recommendations:

1) With regard to the terms of commissioners, affirmative.

2) With regard to ministers holding membership in two Presbyteries, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. Jones.
C. W. Kernon.
W. W. Dick.

Auditing Committee

The following report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted:

We, your committee appointed to audit the report submitted to the fall meeting of Presbytery by Dr. R. A. Brown, Stated Clerk and Treasurer, wish to report that we have examined the report. We checked same with his books and vouchers and find all in perfect order.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Anderson.
P. M. Lyons.

Diamond Jubilee

The report of the Committee on the Diamond Jubilee of the General Assembly was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Diamond Jubilee Committee calls attention to some of the proposed objectives presented by the Synod of Appalachia:

First, that evangelistic services be held in every church of the Synod during the Jubilee year of the Church.

Second, that an effort be put forth to enlist 10,000 tithers in the Synod.

Third, that an effort be made to enroll 20,000 daily Bible readers within the Synod.

We recommend that the following committees be named to set up the program of the Diamond Jubilee within the bounds of the Presbytery:

The Home Missions Committee take the responsibilities proposed for the Committee on Evaluation and Advance; the Committee on Evangelism take the place of the proposed Committee on Evangelism and Bible Reading; the Committee on Stewardship serve in place of the Committee on Tithing and Jubilee Offering; that the local pastors serve instead of a special Committee on Church Loyalty and Local Celebrations; that Rev. H. H. Thompson, a member of Synod's Committee on the Diamond Jubilee, be the general chairman of the committee for the Presbytery with the chairmen of the respective committees named above constituting the general committee.

With reference to the requested 4 cents per capita tax designated by the General Assembly, your committee recommends instead that a special committee be named by the Presbytery to collect the $539 past due on the regular Presbyterial tax ($394 of this amount due by one of our larger churches and able to pay it), and that out of this amount $300 be paid into the Jubilee fund.

H. H. Thompson, Chairman.

Minutes of Presbytery

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery was read and adopted:

Your committee has examined the minutes of Presbytery, and commend the Stated Clerk for their neatness and accuracy. We recommend their approval.

J. W. Young, Chairman.

Bible Cause

The following report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Bible Cause reports as follows:

We note with gratitude that the American Bible Society continues its translation and publication of the Scriptures in the languages of the people of the earth.

We recommend that our Presbytery continue its apportionment of one-half of one per cent to this cause.

J. S. Yelton.
Dan Graham.

The Presbytery took recess until 7:30 p. m., after prayer by the Rev. H. H. Thompson.

NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 p. m., with prayer by the Moderator.

Foreign Missions

A popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions was held, with the Rev. W. C. Young, Presbytery's Chairman of Foreign Missions, presiding. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read, received, and, pending its adoption, an address on Foreign Missions was made by the Rev. D. Lee Williamson, of Brazil, South America. The report, with its recommendations, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Missions submits the following report:

As we study the present condition of the Foreign Mission work of our Church we are glad to note the following

Grounds of Encouragement:

1) In the last four years the debt of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions has been reduced $83,577, bringing the debt down to $275,700, a reduction of about 23 per cent.

2) There are marked evidences of the blessing of God on the labors of the faithful, self-denying workers. The native workers have increased to 4,338, an increase of 9 per cent. The enrollment of students in the schools has

increased to 59,990, an increase of 35 per cent. The Sunday school membership is 115,743, an increase of 4 per cent. The roll of communicants has 69,956, an increase of 10 per cent. The professions of faith numbered 7,258, an increase of 11 1-2 per cent. There were also tens of thousands of professions of faith in native Presbyteries not included in this report.

3) People are growing more open minded to the Gospel, and showing a great eagerness to hear the Gospel.

We have, though, to note the following

Serious Facts:

1) The total income of our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions last year was only $626,837, which is only 51 per cent of the income of the year 1930.

2) Our missionary force, notwithstanding the white harvests of the missionary fields, has had to be reduced to 395 workers, a reduction of 23 per cent.

3) The curtailment of missionaries has put an overstrain on those remaining, prevented retirements at the age of 70 years, and is rapidly making our workers a middle age and old age group.

4) Open doors of invitation to new fields of work have had to be ignored, notwithstanding great self-denial on the part of the workers and native Christians, many going without food and clothes to keep the work going.

5) The receipts of our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions from April 1 to Sept. 1 are $15,230 less than the same part of last year. This threatens a further curtailment of the work.

We offer the following recommendations:

1) That the Presbytery request its pastors to place before their people, in pulpit and pastoral work, the urgent need of our Foreign Mission work, and to stress the importance of the prayer and self-denial week of November 3-10.

2) That the Presbytery engage in prayer, led by the Rev. D. Lee Williamson, in behalf of our Foreign Missions.

3) That the Presbytery express, by a rising vote, its appreciation of the inspiring and enlightening address of the Rev. D. Lee Williamson.

4) That an offering for Foreign Missions be now taken in the Presbytery to be sent to our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, in the name of the Paint Gap Church.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Young, Chairman.

The Presbytery expressed, by a rising vote, its appreciation of the inspiring and enlightening address of the Rev. D. Lee Williamson.

The Presbytery was led in prayer for Foreign Missions by the Rev. D. Lee Williamson.

The offering for Foreign Missions amounted to $14.55.

A suitable resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned with the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in stated meeting in the Windsor Avenue Church, Bristol, Tenn., April 13, 1936, at 7:30 p. m. (E.S.T.)

G. S. Buchanan, Moderator.
Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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OF THE
Holston Presbytery
SPRING MEETING
WINDSOR AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BRISTOL, TENN.
APRIL 13-14, 1936

CALLED MEETING
First Presbyterian Church
Johnson City, Tenn.
January 21, 1936

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
ROGERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rogersville, Tenn.
October 6, 1936, at 10:00 A. M. (Central Time)

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ORGANIZATION—SPRING 1936

Moderator—Chas. W. Kernan, Holston Valley, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Rhea Anderson, Blountville, Tenn.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Spruce Pine, N. C.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

Representative on Synod's Committee of Stated Supply—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown; Elders: J. D. Faucette, Chairman; Frank Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer; George M. Smith, Rod Armstrong, R. M. Burleson, D. R. Beeson, R. L. Peters.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, Chairman; Rev. Robert King.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Chairman; Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chairman; Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, Rev. M. J. Murray.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. John S. Yelton, Chairman; Rev. Dan Graham.

7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. R. D. Carson, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick, Secretary; Rev. T. P. Johnston.

8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Brown.

9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robt. King, Chairman; Rev. F. S. Jones.

10) *Assembly's Training School*—Rev. F. S. Jones, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Brown.

11) *Evangelism*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chairman; Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

12) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. R. D. Carson, Chairman; Rev. John S. Yelton, Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Rev. R. A. Brown.

13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. C. W. Kernan, Chairman; Rev. John S. Yelton, H. M. Moffitt, Jr.

14) *Program*—Stated Clerk and pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery, (Rev. R. A. Brown, Spring 1936.)

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Y[illegible] and Samuel H. Hay.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, Robert King, and John Martin.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, C. W. Kernan, and M. J. Murray.

5) *Scriptural Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman; Rev. T. P. Johnston; Elders: J. D. Faucette and J. A. Summers.

TRUSTEES

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—E. H. Tufts, 1943; D. C. Amick, 1939; J. A. Summers, 1937; Rev. Robert King, 1938; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1940; F. H. Stinson, 1941; J. L. Gray, 1942.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1936; Rev. E. F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, W. D. McSween, 1937; Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. H. H. Thompson, Charles Hughes, 1938.

CALLED MEETING

The Presbytery of Holston met at the call of the Moderator in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., at 1 p. m., E. S. T., January 21, 1936. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer by the Rev. Robert King.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—D. C. Amick, Sexton Buchanan, R. D. Carson, Dan Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, Robert King, John Martin, W. H. McCorkle, Roy Partridge, H. H. Thompson.

Churches represented—Bristol First, J. D. Faucette; Kingsport First, R. L. Peters; Blountville, Rhea Anderson; Johnson City First, Frank Taylor; Rogersville, P. M. Lyons; Thomas Memorial, W. H. Dettor.

Mr. George M. Smith, a deacon from the Morristown Church, was a visitor.

Call

The following call was read and found in order:

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call Holston Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tenn., at 1 p. m. E. S. T., Tuesday, January 21, 1936, to transact the following business if the way be clear:

1) To receive the Rev. William H. McCorkle, D. D., from the Presbytery of Knoxville.

2) To act upon the call of the First Presbyterian Church of Kingsport, Tenn., for Doctor McCorkle's services and to arrange for his installation as pastor.

3) To fill committee vacancies in the standing committees of the Presbytery.

4) To complete any and all business arising out of the above.

G. Sexton Buchanan, Moderator.

Reception of the Rev. W. H. McCorkle

The Rev. William H. McCorkle presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Knoxville. Pending his reception, he was examined as to his religious experience, theology, church government and the sacraments, all of which examinations were respectively sustained. Upon motion duly passed, the examination as a whole was sustained, and Doctor McCorkle was enrolled and directed to sign the usual obligation.

Kingsport Pastor

A call from the First Presbyterian Church of Kingsport for the pastoral services of the Rev. William H. McCorkle, at a salary of $3,600 and manse, was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

The following commission, nominated by Doctor McCorkle was appointed to install him as pastor of the Kingsport First Church at a time to be agreed upon by the commission: The Rev. Robert King, to preside, preach the sermon, and propound the constitutional questions; the Rev. Thos. P. Johnston to charge the congregation; the Rev. H. H. Thompson to charge the pastor; Elders R. L. Peters and J. Fred Johnson to complete the commission.

The Rev. William H. McCorkle was elected a member of Presbytery's Home Missions Committee to fill the place of Mr. Sam R. Sells, deceased.

The minutes of today's meeting were read and adopted.

The meeting adjourned and was closed with prayer by the Rev. William H. McCorkle.

G. Sexton Buchanan, Moderator.
Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk.

SPRING MEETING

Bristol, Tenn., April 13, 1936.

The one hundred and twenty-seventh session of Holston Presbytery met in the Windsor Avenue Presbyterian Church, beginning April 13, 1936, at 7:30 p. m., with a devotional service led by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. G. S. Buchanan.

Opening Address

At the Moderator's invitation, the Rev. R. H. Stone, of Jefferson, N. C., delivered an address on Presbyterianism in Ashe County, N. C.

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial Communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson and Wm. H. McCorkle, assisted by the following elders: R. L. Crookshank, Leesburg; Robert King, Windsor Avenue; N. P. Earnest, Rheatown; W. C. Delaney, Cold Spring; J. L. Gray, Roan Mountain, and Frank Fulkerson, Rogersville.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, G. S. Buchanan, E. F. Camp, R. D. Carson, T. W. Clapp, D. H. Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, F. S. Jones, C. W. Kernan, Robert King, John Martin, W. H. McCorkle, H. M. Moffitt, Jr., M. J. Murray, R. L. Shortridge, H. H. Thompson, J. S. Yelton, Robert Yost, John Young, and W. C. Young.

Ruling Elders—Joe Newland, Arcadia; F. Von Cannon, Banner Elk; Rhea Anderson, Blountville; E. W. King, Bristol First; W. C. Delaney, Cold Spring; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; J. W. Zirkle, Jefferson City; J. H. Neuman, Johnson City; G. M. Williams, Kingsport; R. L. Crookshank, Leesburg; G. J. Waddell, Meadow Creek; John F. Gross, New Bethel; Fred Gray, New Ebenezer; A. T. Bean, New Providence; R. P. Carmack, Paperville; N. P. Earnest, Rheatown; Troy Young, Roan's Chapel; Frank Fulkerson, Rogersville; R. M. Burleson, Spruce Pine; W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial; E. D. Bowditch, Vians Valley; J. C. Gray, Weavers; Robert King, Windsor Avenue.

The Presbytery was called to order by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. G. S. Buchanan, and opened with prayer.

Organization

The Rev. C. W. Kernan was elected moderator by acclamation.

Program

The Committee on Program offered the following report, which was adopted:

Monday, April 13, 1936

7:30 p. m. Opening service with sermon by the Rev. R. H. Stone (by special request).
Communion.
Organization.
Announcements and adjournment.

Tuesday, April 14

8:45 a. m. Devotional—Rev. John Young.
9:00 a. m. Business session.
11:00 a. m. Public service with sermon by the Rev. H. M. Moffitt, Jr., on "Personal Evangelism."
12:00 Noon Lunch.
1:30 p. m. Business session.
2:30 p. m. Sermon by Mr. John I. Rhea, Jr.
3:00 p. m. Reception of Ministers and Candidates.
3:15 p. m. Presentation of Assembly's Training School by the Rev. Messrs. F. S. Jones and H. H. Thompson and Mrs. Chas. W. Kernan.
4:50 p. m. Presentation of Colleges and Seminaries, Dr. T. P. Johnston and Dr. Chas. Pratt.
Business till adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk.
R. A. Brown, Pastor of Host Church.

Courtesy

The following ministers were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: the Rev. Messrs. T. J. McConnell, D. D., Columbia Presbytery; Edward Murray, Abingdon Presbytery, and R. H. Stone, Winston-Salem Presbytery.

Order of the Day

It was made an order of the day to hear the sermon of Mr. John Rhea, a candidate for licensure, at 2:30 p. m., Tuesday.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. H. H. Thompson, to reconvene Tuesday, April 14, at 8:45 a. m.

TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:45 a. m., and was led in a devotional service by the Rev. John Young, who spoke from Mark 14:8, "She hath done what she could."

The minutes of last night's session of the Presbytery were read and approved.

Courtesy

The following ministers were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: from Abingdon Presbytery, the Rev. Messrs. J. J. Fix, D. D., M. W. Doggett, D. D., J. M. McChesney, D. D., and J. G. Patton; from East Alabama Presbytery, the Rev. Chas. H. Pratt, D. D., and from Pine Bluff Presbytery, the Rev. John Bolick.

The minutes of a called meeting of the Presbytery, held January 21, 1936, were read for information.

Standing Committees

The Moderator read the following list of Standing Committees and elders on the Permanent Committees:

Minutes of Synod—J. S. Yelton, E. D. Bowditch.
Nominations—S. H. Hay, W. H. McCorkle, Rhea Anderson.
Pastors' Salaries—John Martin, M. J. Murray, Rhea Anderson.
Resolutions—H. M. Moffitt, Jr.
Sessional Records—F. Von Cannon, G. J. Waddell, W. C. Delaney.
Permanent Committee C. E. & M. R.—R. P. Carmack.
Religious Education—J. H. Newman.
Evangelism—W. R. Thomas.
Stewardship—Frank Fulkerson.
Women's Work—N. P. Earnest.
Vacancy and Supply—J. L. Gray, J. H. Newman.
Bills and Overtures—G. S. Buchanan, E. W. King, T. P. Johnston.
Auditing—George M. Williams, R. L. Crookshank, Fred Gray.
Minutes of Presbytery—H. M. Moffitt, Jr., Joe Newland.

Communications

An overture to the General Assembly, concerning the placing of the libraries of church colleges on the mailing list of the Assembly's Minutes, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication, concerning a proposed movement by the Trustees of King College, was referred to the Committee on Stewardship and Finance.

A communication, concerning the Diamond Jubilee, was referred to the Committee on Stewardship and Finance.

A communication from the Executive Committee on Religious Education was referred to the Committee on Religious Education.

Installation of Rev. W. H. McCorkle

The report of the commission to install the Rev. W. H. McCorkle as pastor of the Kingsport Church, was read and the commission discharged.

Rev. R. L. Shortridge

Rev. R. L. Shortridge requested a dissolution of the pastorates between Meadow Creek and New Ebenezer Churches and himself, and a certificate of dismission to Bluestone Presbytery.

The New Ebenezer Church concurred reluctantly with the request; the Meadow Creek Church voted against concurrence.

The Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationships and granted the transfer to Bluestone Presbytery, as the pastor believed the new work to be the will of God.

Reception of Rev. John Bolick

The Rev. John Bolick presented a certificate of dismission from Pine Bluff Presbytery to Holston Presbytery, which was received, and, after the customary examinations and the signing of the obligation, he was enrolled as a member of Holston Presbytery.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. H. M. Moffit, Jr., on "Personal Evangelism," who spoke from John 20:20, "He showed them His hands."

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was allowed to continue the same appropriations as in the past.

Presbytery's Home Missions Committee

The following report of the Presbytery's Home Missions Committee was read and adopted:

Report of Chairman of Home Missions Committee

During the year closing we have suffered the loss of an able member of our Home Missions Committee, Hon. Sam R. Sells. This vacancy has been filled by Rev. W. H. McCorkle, D. D., pastor of the Kingsport Church, whom we feel will be a very valuable member.

Our able Superintendent has ever been active on the job.

We are grateful to God for the results accomplished during the past year.

I again want to impress on the Presbytery the importance of our Home Mission work as the most fruitful field for our labors. In the last decade there has been a net gain of membership in our Presbytery of 70 per cent and the Sunday school enrollment has more than doubled. More than 50 per cent of this increase in membership and 60 per cent of the Sunday school enrollment came from Home Mission fields and newly organized churches.

While we have not expanded our work for lack of funds, all our churches and fields are taken care of by our regular workers except one church which has been supplied some time by our Superintendent.

We urge our pastors and workers to keep ever to the front the Jubilee program: Bible reading, prayer, personal soul winning, and tithing.

We need to expand our work in some fields, especially at Boone, N. C., but we have not been able to do so for lack of funds. We are out of debt and intend to stay out of debt.

Statistical

40 churches and 32 preaching points.	3,919
Sunday School enrollment	28
Outpost Sunday Schools	30
Evangelistic meetings held	253
Added on profession	76
Added by letter	

We recommend the following stated supplies, if the way be clear, till the next meeting of Presbytery:

J. W. Young at Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial, Roan's Chapel, and Vians Valley.

T. W. Clapp at Plumtree, Hughes, Cove Creek, and Gray's Chapel.

John Yelton at Leesburg, Salem, Providence, Russellville, New Providence and Mooresburg.

H. M. Moffitt, Jr., at Blaine.

John W. Bullock at Crossnore.

W. C. Young at Newdale, Micaville, Estatoa, and Paint Gap.

Evangelistic powers be granted to the Rev. John Martin. Also to Rev. D. C. Amick, limited to the Cocke County field.

Your Chairman again wishes to express his appreciation for the faithfulness and loyalty of the Home Missions Committee. I am indebted to Revs. D. C. Amick and John Martin for the statistics above.

J. D. Faucette, Chairman.

Mr. J. D. Faucette

The Rev. Dan H. Graham gave a short talk concerning Mr. J. D. Faucette, his life and his work and what he has meant to Holston Presbytery, and the Presbytery responded in a rising vote of thanks to Mr. Faucette for his faithful, earnest and untiring labors as Chairman of the Home Missions Committee.

Home Missions Treasurer's Report

The following report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery's Home Missions Committee was read, and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee:

To the Presbytery of Holston:

I herewith submit my report as Treasurer of the Home Missions Committee of Holston Presbytery for the year April 1, 1935, to March 31, 1936.

1935. *Receipts*

April 1. Balance in treasury, general fund	$48 01	
Balance in treasury, Cocke Co. field	30.00	
Total balance April 1		$ 78 01
Received from General Assembly's H. M. Committee		4.455 29
from Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer		5.770 42
from General Assembly's H. M. Committee for Cocke Co. field		916.54
for worker at Honeycutt and Ewart, N. C.		150 00
from special gifts		88 00
from sale of property at Russ Memorial		75 00
from refund		100.00
Total receipts		$11.633 26

Disbursements

Payroll for Home Mission workers		$ 8.489.61
Payroll Home Mission workers Cocke Co. field		901.54
Rent for manse for Supt.-Evangelist		300.00
Insurance		14.50
Special gifts		88.00
Expense worker at Honeycutt and Ewart, N. C.		135.00
Expenses of Supt.-Evangelist for year		717.68
Blain Church, payment on note		50.00
Payment on loan for Whitesburg Church		34.47
Repairs to church buildings		123.89
Summer work		190.00
Committee expense		207.45
Total disbursements		$11.252.14
April 1, 1936, balance in treasury		381.12
		$11.633.26
Balance general fund	$336.12	
Balance Cocke Co. field	45.00	
Total balance	$381.12	

Frank Taylor, Treasurer.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences

The report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences was read and referred to the Auditing Committee, and is as follows:

Report of D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Benevolences

Receipts from April 2, 1935, to April 1, 1936.

Churches	*Congregation*	*Auxiliary*	*S. S.*	*Y.P.S.*	*Totals*
Arcadia	$ 50 00	.....	.....	.....	$ 50.00
Banner Elk	157.00	104.00	.....	.....	261.00
Blountville	253.00	14.00	.....	.....	267.00
Blowing Rock	18.39	104.92	46.90	6.00	176.21
Bristol First	2.573.15	1.503.29	.....	.....	4.076.44
Buladean	36.26	.....	.....	.....	36.26
Cold Spring	224.24	145.40	20.00	20 86	410.50
Cove Creek	115.00	.....	69.00	.....	184.00
Crossnore	47 00	88.00	.....	.....	135.00
Estatoa	8.85	.....	.....	.....	8.85
Grassy Creek	30.40	.....	.....	.....	30.40
Gray's Chapel	24.40	.....	8.50	.....	32.90
Harris Memorial	54.20	.....	13.00	.....	67.20

Churches	*Congregation*	*Auxiliary*	*S.S.*	*Y.P.S.*	*Total*
Hughes	41.05	.....	.....	.....	41.05
Jefferson City	46.81	284.54	99.46	2.50	433.31
Johnson City First	2,875.14	1.222.75	111.99	31.59	4.241.47
Kingsport First	1,438.66	844.97	353.53	.....	2.637.16
Leesburg	101.45	6.50	.....	.....	107.95
Mary Andrews Chapel	1.44	.....	.....	.....	1.44
Meadow Creek	84.00	.....	.....	.....	84.00
Micaville	51.00	.....	.....	.....	51.00
Mooresburg	50.00	.....	.....	.....	50.00
Morristown	752.88	.....	.....	.....	752.88
New Bethel	153.00	45.10	.....	.....	198.10
New Ebenezer	75.00	.....	.....	.....	75.00
Newdale	5.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Newland	15.00	64.00	.....	.....	79.00
Newport	53.22	85.63	16.58	.....	155.43
New Providence	14.15	17.00	.....	.....	31.15
Paint Gap	92.22	.....	.....	.....	92.22
Paperville	35.01	15.20	.....	.....	50.21
Pineola	47.40	28.42	9.39	9.00	94.21
Plumtree	29.70	46.00	.....	.....	75.70
Providence	74.10	.....	.....	.....	74.10
Rheatown	67.71	.....	.....	.....	67.71
Roan's Chapel	25.00	.....	.....	.....	25.00
Rogersville	2,081.55	844.00	17.34	32.89	2,975.78
Russellville	6.00	27.00	.....	.....	33.00
Russ Memorial	11.25	.....	.....	.....	11.25
Rutledge	32.17	22.51	.....	.....	54.68
Salem	3.62	.....	.....	.....	3.62
Smoky Mountain	16.54	.....	.....	.....	16.54
Spruce Pine	159.88	63.65	37.22	.....	260.75
Strawberry Plains	.....	68.30	47.24	.....	115.54
Thomas Memorial	182.81	.....	5.00	.....	187.81
Vians Valley	40.00	.....	.....	.....	40.00
Weaver	75.00	.....	.....	.....	75.00
White Pine	50.00	24.00	.....	.....	74.00
Windsor Avenue	.....	258.75	72.45	.....	331.20
Miscellaneous	40.00	.....	.....	.....	40.00
Cash bal. April 2, 1935	12.36	.....	.....	.....	12.36
Totals	$12,432.01	$5,927.93	$927.60	$102.84	$19,390.38
Presbyterial tax	21.96				21.96
Gross receipts	$12,453.97	$5,927.93	$927.60	$102.84	$19,412.34

Disbursements from April 2, 1935, to April 1, 1936

Foreign Missions		$ 4.772.40
Assembly's Home Missions		2,948.20
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		1.293.08
Religious Education and Publication		545.30
Assembly's Training School		80.90
Bible Cause		88.90
Educational Institutions		1,674.68
Presbytery's Home Missions—		
Presbytery's Home Missions	$5.500.67	
Synod's Work	291.36	5.792.03
Grandfathers Orphans Home		2.047.39
Lees-McRae College		62.50
Contingent fees		85.00
		$19.390.38
Cash balance, Presbyterial tax		21.96
		$19.412.34

Remittances received after books closed—		
Morristown	$432.15	
Newland	18.00	
Spruce Pine	23.71	
Kingsport	365.35	
Buladean	5.00	
Morristown C. E.	5.00	
	$849.21	
Reported as sent direct—		
Jefferson City	$ 27.00	
Vians Valley	22.20	
Rogersville	325.00	
Bristol First Auxiliary	260.00	
Newport	99.00	
Rutledge Auxiliary	20.68	
	$753.88	

Report of Treasurer of Presbytery

The report of Mr. Rhea Anderson, Treasurer of Holston Presbytery, Oct. 1, 1935, to April 13, 1936, was read and adopted.

Receipts

Balance brought forward	$ 61.48	
Assessments from churches	535.42	$596.90

Disbursements

Salaries—		
D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer Benevolences	$120.00	
Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk and Treasurer	60.00	
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	8.00	$188.00
Central Treasurer's Office—		
Renewal of bond D. C. Amick	12.50	
Printing, supplies, postage, etc.	20.47	32.97
Stated Clerk's Office—		
Report blanks for Presbytery	9.28	
Postage, etc.	4.23	
Supplies	3.93	17.44
Miscellaneous—		
Printing and mailing minutes		46.11
Total disbursements		$284.57
Bank balance April 13, 1936		$312.33

Respectfully submitted,
Rhea Anderson, Treasurer.

The Presbytery took recess until 1:30 p. m., after prayer by the Rev. F. S. Jones

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. E. F. Camp.

Edgar Tufts Memorial Association

The report of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association was read and received as information. The Rev. Robert King addressed the Presbytery on the need of expansion by the association.

The following resolution was read and referred to a joint committee composed of the Committee on the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association and the Committee on Stewardship and Finance:

Presbytery has heard with interest the announcement of a program of expansion for the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, and the beginning of that program in a plan to secure $500,000 as the first unit, beginning within a few months. Because the institutions at Banner Elk are, in a peculiar way, the children of this Presbytery, and, therefore, our responsibility; and because of the great service these institutions render in ministering to the sick, caring

for orphan children and bringing opportunities for an education to boys and girls of the mountains; and, further, because of the need of these institutions for better facilities and endowment—

We, therefore, commend this expansion program to the people of our churches, and ask that they remember this great work in their prayers, and that they give it their active encouragement and support.

Woman's Work

The following report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Woman's Work is pleased to submit the following report:

Contributions

To Denominational Benevolences—		
Foreign Missions	$2,291.00	
a) Birthday Gift—Golden Castle College	537.00	
Assembly's Home Missions	1,019.00	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	532.00	
Religious Education and Publication	97.00	
Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	36.00	
Bible Cause	43.00	
Synod's Home Missions	151.00	
Religious Education in Synod or Presbytery	553.00	
Homes	696.00	
Educational Institutions	373.00	
Presbytery's Home Missions	1,044.00	
Total denominational benevolences	$7,372.00	
Auxiliary special benevolences	815.00	
Total all benevolences	$8,187.00	$ 8,187.00
To Local Church Work—		
Current Expenses—		
a) Local Auxiliary current expenses	$ 844.00	
b) Presbyterial and Synodical contingent fund	323.00	
c) Local church	323.00	
Building expense	1,441.00	
Total to local church work	$2,931.00	$ 2,931.00
Miscellaneous contributions		328.00
Grand total all contributions		$11,774.00
Total increase compared with last year		1,290.00

Respectfully submitted,
E. Frank Camp, Chairman.

Statistical Report

The statistical report was read and ordered printed in the minutes, and is as follows:

Ministers	29	Elders	259
Churches	52	Deacons	255
Candidates	12	Added on confession	471
Licensures	2	Added on certificate	273
Ordinations	1	Whole No. of communicants	7,851
Installations	2	Adult baptisms	339
Pastoral dissolutions	1	Infant baptisms	50
New churches organized	0	Total S. S. enrollment	8,462

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 7,814.00	
Assembly's Home Missions	3,158.00	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	4,703.00	
Religious Education and Publication	697.00	
Assembly's Training School	91.00	
Bible Cause	115.00	
Synod's Home Missions	189.00	
Synod's and Presbytery's Religious Education	748.00	
Orphans' Home	4,311.00	
Educational Institutions	4,350.00	
Presbytery's Home Missions	6,942.00	
Total to regular benevolences		$ 33,118.00
Pastors' salaries actually paid	$30,980.00	
Current expenses	28,398.00	
Congregational missions	2,749.00	
Building expenses	43,166.00	
Miscellaneous contributions	2,237.00	$107,626.00
Grand total of all contributions		$140,744.00

Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk.

Licensure of Mr. John I. Rhea

Mr. John I. Rhea, a candidate for licensure, was introduced to the Presbytery. A sermon was preached by Mr. Rhea, on the "Source of Security," from Psalm 121:2, "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." The sermon was received as a satisfactory part of trial.

His degree of A. B., from King College, was accepted in lieu of examination on academic studies, and his degree of B. D., from Louisville Seminary, was accepted in lieu of examinations on the original languages of the Scriptures and church history.

The examinations on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry, theology, church government and sacraments were sustained as satisfactory.

The written parts for trial, the English thesis, the exegesis, and the popular lecture, were accepted as satisfactory. The examinations were sustained as a whole.

After Mr. Rhea had answered the constitutional questions for licensure, he was duly licensed to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry.

The Moderator led the Presbytery in special prayer in behalf of Mr. Rhea.

Sessional Records

The following report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read and adopted:

Your committee reports as follows: Of the 37 sessional records presented at this meeting of Presbytery, 32 were approved without exception, 5 with exceptions. These exceptions were noted in the session books. We urge all churches to send in session books at each spring meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Yelton, Chairman.

Nominations

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

That Rev. H. M. Moffitt be added to the Committee on Sessional Records and Mr. Kernan advanced to chairman.

That the Committee on Edgar Tufts Memorial Association be replaced by a Committee on Educational Institutions, the personnel to be R. D. Carson, Chairman; John S. Yelton, G. S. Buchanan, R. A. Brown.

That Rev. W. H. McCorkle be chairman of the Committee on Ministers' Annuity Fund, this at the request of Rev. S. H. Hay, former chairman.

That Mr. E. H. Tufts succeed himself on the board of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association; that Rev. D. C. Amick fill the unexpired term of Hon. S. R. Sells, deceased; that Mr. J. L. Gray be on the board for the class of 1942.

That Rev. W. H. McCorkle preach the fall Presbyterial sermon, on "The Supernatural Element in the Redemption of Sinners."

S. H. Hay, Chairman.

Stewardship and Finance

The following report of the Committee on Stewardship and Finance was read and adopted:

1) Your committee, to whom has been referred communication from Rev. E. C. Scott, acting Stated Clerk, in reference to 4 per cent special tax, urge Presbytery to reaffirm its previous action as to collection of past due Presbyterial taxes from churches and would urge the Special Committee on Past Due Taxes to continue their efforts to collect such taxes. The Stated Clerk is directed to inform the Stated Clerk of the Assembly of the Presbytery's action in this matter.

2) In response to the communications from the President of King College, in regard to proposed annual King College Day for creating interest in and raising funds for the college, we would express our appreciation of the movement and commend it to Synod and urge its adoption.

Your Committee on Stewardship and Finance also makes the following report on the promotion of Stewardship and the every-member canvass:

1) An aggressive promotion campaign was made in the bounds of the Presbytery during February. Dr. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., of Asheville Presbytery, was secured for five group conferences within the Presbytery. The goals of the Jubilee were stressed both in correspondence, personal interviews, and in the group conferences.

2) The every-member canvass reports show an increase of $4,742 over last year. 49 have made a canvass, with 6 churches reporting the canvass not completed by the meeting of Presbytery, and 3 churches reporting that no canvass will be made. 25 of the 49 churches making a canvass secured 100 per cent or more of the Presbytery's askings. The total budget for the year was set at $35,000, and $25,868 was secured in the canvass, being 74 per cent of the budget.

Edgar Tufts Memorial Association

The report of the joint committee, composed of the Committee on Edgar Tufts Memorial Association and the Committee on Stewardship and Finance, was read and adopted, and is as follows:

We recommend that action on the request of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association be postponed until the fall meeting of Presbytery, so that action on Synod's institutions may be taken at Synod.

Auditing Committee

The following report of the Auditing Committee was read and approved:

We, your committee appointed to audit the reports submitted to the spring meeting of Presbytery, wish to report that we have examined the records and find them in excellent order.

G. M. Williams.
R. L. Crookshank.
Fred Gray.

Pastors' Salaries

The following report of the Committee on Pastors' Salaries was read and adopted:

Your committee wishes to submit the following report:

We have at hand the reports from 46 churches, 43 of which report pastors' salaries paid in full. The following churches are in arrears for the year 1936: Buladean, $15.19; Newdale, $29; Hughes, $32. Also two churches report salaries in arrears previous to this year, viz: Russ Memorial, $36, and Windsor Avenue $800.

Your committee recommends to the Sessions of these churches that are in arrears that they make an effort to raise as much of these back salaries as possible.

John Martin, Chairman.

Bills and Overtures

The following report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted:

We recommend that Holston Presbytery overture the General Assembly to place the Libraries of the Church Colleges on their mailing list, without cost, for the minutes of the General Assembly.

G. S. Buchanan, Chairman.

Assembly's Home Missions

The report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was read, and the following recommendations adopted:

1) That our entire membership be called to a larger recognition of the primary place of Home Missions in the growth of the Church and the welfare of the Nation.

2) That our entire membership be called to a recognition of the necessity of providing an adequate support for our home missionaries.

3) That the period, October 11 to November 15, be set apart for united Home and Foreign Mission study, and that the week of November 8-15 be designated as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial with a joint offering in all the churches for these two mission causes of the Assembly.

4) That each church secure a copy of the annual report of the Assembly's Home Missions Committee to be used in connection with this joint mission study.

G. S. Buchanan, Chairman.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief reported as follows:

That the committee be authorized to request the same appropriations as last year, and that changes may be made in event of changing needs.

That the name of Chas. M. Stuckey be removed from the roll of candidates for the ministry, with the provision that he may be reinstated without examination, upon request from him. *S. H. Hay, Chairman.*

Minutes of Synod

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod was read and adopted:

Your committee reports as follows:

1) The minutes of Synod were reviewed and found in order.

2) We find nothing in the minutes of Synod which call for action or the attention of this Presbytery. *J. S. Yelton, Chairman.*

Reception of Candidates

Mr. Howard Foran, a senior in King College, was introduced to the Presbytery as desiring to come under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

The necessary preliminary qualifications having been complied with, Mr. Foran was examined on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry, which examination was sustained as satisfactory, and Mr. Foran was enrolled a candidate for the ministry.

Rev. R. A. Brown, pastor of Mr. Foran's church, delivered an appropriate charge to him and led the Presbytery in prayer in behalf of Mr. Foran.

Mr. C. L. Stuckey was dropped from the roll of candidates, with the privilege of reënrollment, at his own request, without examination.

Assembly Training School

The Presbytery listened to addresses concerning the Assembly's Training School by the Rev. Messrs. F. S. Jones, H. H. Thompson, and Mrs. Chas. W. Kernan.

King College

The Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston and Wm. H. McCorkle concerning King College and its aims.

Commissioners to the Assembly

The following were elected commissioners to the General Assembly: Principals—Ministers, Rev. John Martin and Rev. R. A. Brown; Elders, W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial, and Troy Young, Roan's Chapel. Alternates—Ministers, Rev. C. W. Kernan and Rev. C. S. Buchanan; Elders, Thomas Beatty, Kingsport, and J. L. Gray, Cove Creek.

Fall Meeting

The Presbytery accepted, with thanks, the invitation of the Rogersville Church, for the fall meeting of Presbytery, the first Tuesday in October (Oct. 6, 1936), at 10 a. m., Central time.

Resolution of Thanks

A suitable resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

The minutes of today's session were read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned with the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in stated meeting in the Rogersville Church, October 6, 1936, at 10 a. m., Central time.

C. W. Kernan, Moderator.
Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Holston Presbytery

FALL MEETING

ROGERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROGERSVILLE, TENN.
OCTOBER 6, 1936

CALLED MEETING
Y. M. C. A. Building, Bristol, Tenn.
June 22, 1936

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
NEWPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWPORT, TENNESSEE
April 12, 1937, 7:30 P. M. (E.S.T.)

ORGANIZATION—FALL 1936

Moderator—The Rev. S. H. Hay, Morristown, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treas.—Ruling Elder Rhea Anderson, Blountville, Tenn.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Spruce Pine, N. C.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

Representative on Synod's Committee of Stated Supply—The Rev. John Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown, Wm. H. McCorkle; Elders: J. D. Faucette, Chairman; Frank Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer; George M. Smith, Rob Armstrong, R. M. Burleson, D. R. Beeson, R. L. Peters.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, Chairman; Rev. Robert King.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Chairman; Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick.

5) *Religious Education*—H. M. Moffitt, Jr., Chairman; Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, Rev. M. J. Murray.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. John S. Yelton, Chairman; Rev. Dan Graham.

7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. R. D. Carson, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick, Secretary; Rev. T. P. Johnston.

8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Brown.

9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robt. King, Chairman; Rev. F. S. Jones.

10) *Assembly's Training School*—Rev. F. S. Jones, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Brown.

11) *Evangelism*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chairman; Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

12) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. R. D. Carson, Chairman; Rev. John S. Yelton, Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Rev. R. A. Brown.

13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. C. W. Kernan, Chairman; Rev. John S. Yelton, H. M. Moffitt, Jr.

14) *Program*—Stated Clerk and pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. Rev. D. C. Amick, Spring 1937.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. W. C. Young and Samuel H. Hay.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, Robert King, and John Martin.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, C. W. Kernan, and M. J. Murray.

5) *Scriptural Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman; Rev. T. P. Johnston; Elders: J. D. Faucette and J. A. Summers.

TRUSTEES

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—E. H. Tufts, 1943; D. C. Amick, 1939; J. A. Summers, 1937; Rev. Robert King, 1938; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1940; F. H. Stinson, 1941; J. L. Gray, 1942.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1936; Rev. E. F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, W. D. McSween, 1937; Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. H. H. Thompson, Charles Hughes, 1938.

CALLED MEETING

Holston Presbytery met in called meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building, Bristol, Tenn., on Monday, June 22, 1936, at 2 p. m. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Charles W. Kernan, and opened with prayer by Elder J. D. Faucette.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—R. A. Brown, C. W. Kernan, T. P. Johnston, John Martin, G. S. Buchanan, R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay and M. J. Murray. *Elders*—W. R. Dettor, J. D. Faucette and Rhea Anderson.

Call

The call was read and found in order, and is as follows:

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call Holston Presbytery to meet in the Y. M. C. A. building, Bristol, Tenn., at 2 p. m. (E.S.T.), Monday, June 22, 1936, to transact the following business:

1) To receive Rev. J. Alston Boyd from the Presbytery of Wilmington.

2) To arrange for his installation as pastor of the Weavers and Paperville Churches.

3) To appoint a commission to ordain Licentiate John Rhea and install him pastor of the Meadow Creek and New Ebenezer Churches.

4) To transact any business arising out of the above.

Chas. W. Kernan, Moderator.

The Rev. J. Alston Boyd was introduced to the Presbytery, his certificate of dismission from Wilmington Presbytery presented and he was examined and enrolled as a member of Holston Presbytery.

Calls for Rev. Mr. Boyd from Paperville and Weavers Churches were presented, but his relationship to other parts of the field was not completely defined. He was granted permission to labor in the field and to moderate sessions whenever necessary, and in the meantime his call to the work shall be completed and presented to the fall Presbytery.

It was voted that examinations for licensure of Mr. John I. Rhea at spring meeting be accepted in lieu of examination for ordination.

The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Rhea as pastor of the Meadow Creek and Ebenezer Churches on June 28, 1936: The Rev. T. P. Johnston to preside at Meadow Creek in the morning and deliver the charge to the congregation; Rev. R. A. Brown to preach the sermon and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. John Martin to charge the pastor; Elder Nic P. Earnest to complete the commission.

The following commission was also appointed to install Mr. Rhea at New Ebenezer Church the same day at 2:30 o'clock: Rev. S. H. Hay to preside and charge the pastor; Rev. T. P. Johnston to preach the sermon and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. John Martin to charge the congregation; Elder Nic P. Earnest to complete the commission. Rev. D. C. Amick was appointed alternate minister and Fred Gray alternate elder, for both the morning and afternoon sessions.

The minutes of the meeting were read and adopted. The meeting adjourned and was closed with prayer by the Rev. C. W. Kernan.

C. W. Kernan, Moderator.
Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk.

FALL MEETING

Rogersville, Tenn., Oct. 6, 1936.

The one hundred and twenty-eighth session of Holston Presbytery met in the Rogersville Presbyterian Church, beginning Oct. 6, 1936, at 10 a. m., with a devotional service led by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Chas. W. Kernan.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, on "Ezekiel's Declaration of Independence," based on Ezekiel 18:22.

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. J. Alston Boyd and M. J. Murray, assisted by the following elders: B. F. Knight, Leesburg; Warren Dettor, Thomas Memorial; S. A. Newland, Arcadia; F. H. Stinson, Banner Elk; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; Nat Thomas, Cold Sping; R. C. Armstrong, New Providence; and E. W. Crenshaw, Bristol First.

The Presbytery was called to order by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, and opened with prayer by the Rev. T. P. Johnston.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—D. C. Amick, G. S. Buchanan, J. W. Bolick, J. A. Boyd, E. F. Camp, R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, F. S. Jones, C. W. Kernan, John Martin, W. H. McCorkle, M. J. Murray, H. M. Moffitt, Jr., John I. Rhea, H. H. Thompson, J. S. Yelton, John Young, W. C. Young.

Ruling Elders—S. A. Newland, F. H. Stinson, Rhea Anderson, E. W. Crenshaw, Nat Thomas, J. L. Gray, E. H. Sloop, R. M. Peak, F. A. McCorkle, R. T. Beaty, B. F. Knight, I. L. Ward, A. B. Wells, Russell Jones, Fred Gray, R. C. Armstrong, David Troutman, Rod Armstrong, W. H. Dettor, E. D. Bowditch.

Organization

The Rev. S. H. Hay was elected Moderator by acclamation. The minutes of a called meeting were read for information.

Program

The Committee on Program offered the following report, which was adopted:

Tuesday, October 6, 1936

10:00 a. m. Opening service with sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Charles W. Kernan.
Communion.
Organization.
Distribution of Minutes. Reading Minutes of called meeting.
Business—Communications.

12:30 p. m. Lunch.

2:30 p. m. Business. Reception of Candidates. Stewardship report.

4:00 p. m. Presbyterial sermon by the Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle, on "The Supernatural Element in the Redemption of Sinners."

5:15 p. m. Recess.

7:00 p. m. Address on Foreign Missions by the Rev. C. L. Crane, D. D., of Mutoto, Africa.
Business till adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk.
R. D. Carson, Pastor of Host Church.

Communications

A communication from the Assembly's Committee on Stewardship and Finance, concerning an equalization fund, was read and referred to the Committee on Stewardship and Finance.

A recommendation from the Stated Clerk of the Synod, relative to the Synodical tax, was read and referred to the Committee on Stewardship and Finance.

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was read and received as information.

The Presbytery took recess until 1 p. m., after prayer by Elder F. H. Stinson.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened, with song, at 1 p. m.

Standing Committees

The Moderator read the following list of Standing Committees and Elders on Permanent Committees:

Nominations—T. P. Johnston, Fred Gray.
Resolutions—W. H. McCorkle, S. A. Newland.
Evangelism—B. F. Knight.
Stewardship—R. T. Beaty, Nat Thomas, F. A. McCorkle.
Bills and Overtures—C. W. Kernan, W. H. McCorkle, Rhea Anderson.
Minutes of Presbytery—M. J. Murray, E. W. Crenshaw.
Minutes of Assembly—John Martin, W. H. Dettor.
Foreign Missions—Rod Armstrong.
Sabbath and Family Religion—A. B. Wells.
Bible Cause—Dr. E. H. Sloop.

Commissioners to the General Assembly

The Rev. John Martin and Elder Warren Dettor gave reports for the Commissioners to the last General Assembly. The reports were received as information and the diligence of the Commissioners commended.

The following were nominated Commissioners to the next General Assembly:

Rev. Dan. H. Graham; alternate, Rev. G. S. Buchanan.
Rev. E. F. Camp; alternate, Rev. John S. Yelton.
Elder L. Rolf, Rogersville; alternate, Elder E. D. Bowditch, Vians Valley.
Elder A. B. Wells, Morristown; alternate, Elder B. F. Knight, Leesburg.

Assembly's Minutes

The Committee on Assembly's Minutes reported that nothing special had been handed down. The report was received as information.

Diamond Jubilee

The following report of the Committee on the Diamond Jubilee was read and adopted:

Diamond Jubilee Committee's Report

Your Diamond Jubilee Committee has endeavored to give some emphasis to the objectives set forth by the Assembly's Diamond Jubilee Committee. We sent out letters urging all pastors in the Presbytery to distribute the Bible reading calendars early in the church year; we also endeavored in conference and in the spring meeting of the Presbytery to urge the brethren to lay upon the hearts of their people the remaining objectives, especially stewardship of possessions. We have been reminding the brethren of the earnest desire of our General Assembly that every church and every preaching point arrange for special evangelistic services within the Jubilee Year. We hope to hear of favorable responses at this meeting of the Presbytery.

It is our wish to call attention again to the most laudable aims announced for this special year in the life of our Church:

"To foster a more vital sense of fellowship of Christ through prayer and a knowledge of His Word, and a more ardent desire to do His will. To develop in individuals and in the churches a more fervent and constant spirit of evangelism, that our Church may not lag in her supreme mission of winning men to Christ at home and abroad. To lead our people into a better understanding and more faithful practice of Christian stewardship of life and possessions."

Particular details as to how these may yet be stressed can be found in the literature which is being generously sent out by our Assembly's Jubilee Committee. It is our earnest conviction that these aims are most worthy and vital to the highest welfare of our beloved Church, and we urge that where considerable attention has not been called to these that it yet be done.

We recommend that with becoming diligence we arrange for the study of the mission study book for this season, "With Christ Into Tomorrow," by Dr. Hunter Blakely, and that following this study we call upon our people to heartily enter into the effort to secure the sum of $250,000 for Missions—Home and Foreign.

We further recommend that arrangements be made by all our churches to have local celebrations in keeping with our noble past as a Church, and that these be as near the date of organization of our Church as possible—December 4; and that as attention is given to our worthy past that we strive to arouse our people to launch out for future victories for Christ that shall be in keeping with our Christian heritage.

H. H. Thompson, Chairman.

Evangelism

The Presbytery received, as information, reports made by individual ministers and elders of evangelism within their fields.

Nominations

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations would respectfully recommend the following changes:

1) That Rev. H. M. Moffitt be made chairman of the Permanent Committee of Religious Education in place of Rev. H. H. Thompson, resigned.

2) That Rev. William H. McCorkle be made chairman of the Special Committee on the Ministers' Annuity Fund, and that Rev. John Yelton replace Rev. T. P. Johnston on that committee.

3) We recommend that Dr. Robert Yost be appointed as preacher of the Presbyterial sermon at the spring meeting, with the Rev. Sexton Buchanan as alternate, and that the subject be "Christian Freedom."

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. P. Johnston, Chairman.

Stewardship

The following report of the Committee on Stewardship was read, received, the recommendations adopted seriatim, and the report as a whole adopted:

The year ending March 31, 1936, showed for the second year a substantial increase in gifts, this increase being most marked in General Assembly causes, amounting to $3,767 for the same causes over the year 1935.

The Synod of Appalachia led the Assembly in the thoroughness of the every-member canvass. Canvasses were conducted in churches representing 93.7 per cent of the membership. Holston Presbytery led the Synod and came second in the Assembly with a percentage of 99.1. Again your Committee calls the Presbytery's attention to the fact that no funds are provided by the Presbytery for promotion work and that this will have to be remedied if any promotion work is to be carried on.

Your Committee recommends—

1) That the total budget for the year 1937-38 be set at $35,000 and that this amount be apportioned as follows: Assembly's Causes $16,100, to be apportioned by the Central Treasurer of Benevolences as nearly as possible as the General Assembly directs; Synod's Causes, $4,900; Presbytery's Causes, $14,000

2) That the amount apportioned to the causes and the percentages for General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery be as follows:

Assembly's Causes, $16,100.			
Foreign Missions	$ 8,400	24%	
Home Missions	4,500	13	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	2,100	6	
Religious Education and Publication	700	2	
Assembly's Training School	200	0.5	
Bible Cause	200	0.5	46%
Synod's Causes, $4,900.			
Synod's Work	1,400	4	
King College	3,500	10	14
Presbytery's Causes, $14,000.			
Home Missions	10,500	30	
Orphans' Home	3,500	10	40
	$35,000	100%	100%

3) That this budget of $35,000 be apportioned among the churches as fairly as possible on the basis of giving and membership. The following apportionments are made for the year 1936-37:

Arcadia	$ 100	Newdale	$ 40
Banner Elk	500	New Ebenezer	75
Blaine	50	Newland	100
Blountville	700	Newport	600
Blowing Rock	150	New Providence	250
Bristol First	8,000	Paint Gap	50
Baladean	100	Paperville	50
Cold Spring	450	Pineola	100
Cove Creek	150	Plumtree	100
Crossnore	300	Providence	50
Ebenezer	25	Rheatown	100
Estatoa	50	Roan's Chapel	25
Grassy Creek	50	Rogersville	3,500
Gray's Chapel	25	Russellville	50
Harris Memorial	50	Russ Memorial	50
Hughes	25	Rutledge	100
Jefferson City First	600	Salem	50
Johnson City First	8,300	Smoky Mountain	25
Kingsport	4,000	Spruce Pine	300
Leesburg	150	Strawberry Plains	100
Mary Andrews Chapel	25	Thomas Memorial	200
Meadow Creek	150	Vians Valley	50
Micaville	50	Weavers	125
Mooresburg	50	White Pine	50
Morristown	4,000	Windsor Ave.	600
New Bethel	250		

4) That the Presbytery approves the action of Synod in its endeavor to reduce and pay off the debts on King College and Stonewall Jackson College and urges the churches to give Synod's Work the full 4 per cent in their budgets and gifts.

5) That our people be urged to pray both collectively and individually for a further outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the whole Church.

6) That in view of the fact that all attainments of men fall far short of the standard of God, our people be urged to formulate their standard of giving by a study of God's Word under the leadership of the Holy Spirit rather than by any comparison with gifts of others.

7) That March 14, 1937, be designated as Every-Member-Canvass Day and that congregations be urged to accept the full benevolence quota sent down.

8) That a sum not to exceed $75 for promotion expenses for the Stewardship Committee be provided, half to come from the Home Missions Committee and half by Treasurer of Presbytery.

9) That March 21, 1937, be designated as "Loyalty Day," upon which date every local church shall make an earnest attempt to collect in full all pledges for the year.

R. D. Carson, Chairman.
D. C. Amick, Secretary.

Secretary of Stewardship

The following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Presbytery:

The Presbytery of Holston recognizes, with appreciation, the effective and faithful work of our efficient Secretary of Stewardship, the Rev. D. C. Amick, and notes, with gratitude, that 99.1 per cent of our churches are now taking an annual every-member canvass.

Bluff City Church

The Rev. John Martin reported the resignation of the Rev. Dan H. Graham from the pastorate of the Bluff City Church, with the concurrence of the church. The Presbytery accepted the resignation and dissolved the pastoral relation.

Rev. J. Alston Boyd

The calls of the Weavers, Bluff City, and Paperville Churches for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. Alston Boyd were read, received, found in order, placed in the hands of the Rev. J. Alston Boyd, and accepted by him.

The following Commissions to install the Rev. J. Alston Boyd were appointed:

Thomas Memorial Church, Bluff City, Tenn., Nov. 1, 11 a. m. Preside and propound questions, Rev. Dan H. Graham; preach sermon, Rev. S. H. Hay, D. D.; charge pastor, Rev. T. P. Johnston, D. D., charge people, Elder J. D. Faucette; alternates, Rev. John S. Yelton and Elder C. H. Masengill.

Paperville Church, Nov. 22, 2:30 p. m. Preside, Rev. John Martin; preach sermon, Rev. H. H. Thompson, D. D.; charge pastor, Rev. T. P. Johnston, D. D.; charge people, Elder Nat Thomas; alternates, Rev. C. W. Kernan and Elder Joe J. Thomas.

Weavers Church, Nov. 29, 11 a. m. Preside, Rev. Dan H. Graham; preach sermon, Rev. C. W. Kernan; charge pastor, Rev. John S. Yelton; charge people, Elder C. H. Masengill; alternates, Rev. T. P. Johnston and Elder J. D. Faucette.

Presbytery's Minutes

The following report of the Committee on the Presbytery's Minutes was read and adopted:

We commend the Stated Clerk for the neatness and appearance of printed minutes.

M. J. Murray, Chairman.
E. W. Crenshaw.

Bible Cause

The following report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Bible Cause respectfully presents the following report:

Whereas the annual report of the American Bible Society records the continued advance of the translation, publication and distribution of the Word of God, as a whole or in portions, in more than 950 languages and dialects, and that this work is indispensable in the life and missionary enterprise of the Church, be it resolved—

1) That we endorse the activities of the society in its efforts to make the Bible more generally the common possession of humanity.

2) That all our pastors and churches observe Universal Bible Sunday, December 6, 1936.

3) That all the pastors read the report on the work of the American Bible Society printed in the Appendix of the 1936 Assembly Minutes, pages 89, 90.

4) That our Presbytery continue its apportionment of one-half of one per cent to this cause.

J. S. Yelton.
Dan Graham.

Next Meeting

The invitation of the Newport Church, for the spring meeting of the Presbytery, April 12, 1937, at 7:30 p. m. (E.S.T.), was accepted with thanks.

Courtesy

The Rev. C. L. Crane, D. D., of Atlanta Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. McCorkle, on "The Supernatural Element in the Plan of Redemption," based on Romans 8:6 and I Corinthians 2:14.

Ministers' Annuity

The Committee on Ministers' Annuity made a verbal report, which was received as information.

Edgar Tufts Memorial Association

The resolution concerning the expansion program of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association was taken from the docket and referred to a joint committee composed of the Committees on Stewardship and Educational Institutions, to bring in a report.

The Presbytery took recess until 7 p. m., after prayer by Elder Rhea Anderson.

NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 7 p m., with prayer by the Rev. John S. Yelton.

Foreign Missions

A popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions was held, with the Rev. W. C. Young, Presbytery's Chairman of Foreign Missions, presiding. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read, received, and, pending its adoption, an address on Foreign Missions was made by the Rev. C. L. Crane, D. D., of the Mutoto Belgian Congo Mission.

The report, with its recommendations, was adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Foreigh Missions reports as follows:

The Church has great reason to thank God for the gracious ingathering of souls, by profession of faith, during the past year, numbering 8,010, the second largest ingathering in the history of our Foreign Missions and bringing the number of communicants in the Foreign field to 74,732.

In the past five years there has been a net increase of 25,000 communicants in our Foreign Missions; in the Home field, for the same period, there was a net increase of 19,612. The percentage of growth for this period was 50 per cent in the Foreign and 4 per cent in the Home field.

Our missionary force had a net increase of eight during the year, but we only have 395 foreign workers amid a population estimated at 36,000,000, among which we have the only Prostestant work.

New fields of work should be opened, particularly the North Kiangsu field, in China, and Brazil. In North Kiangsu we have 95 foreign workers and 88 native workers for the evangelization of 14,000,000 people. Brazil is rapidly increasing her population by people coming into Brazil from adjoining countries, attracted by trade routes being opened into this healthiest, wealthiest, and largest undeveloped area of the world. In Brazil we have 136 foreign and native workers in a population of 4,200,000.

Due to the inadequate support the financial condition of our Foreign Missions is not good. The receipts for the year were $10,441.48 less than the previous year. An added expense was $34,000 for emergency furloughs, due to breakdowns by overworked missionaries. March 31, 1936, our Executive Committee's debt was $295,855.66, a net increase of $20,155.43 over the previous year. Our Foreign missionaries are asking for a 25 per cent increase in our Foreign Mission contributions for this year owing to the financial stringency.

Recommendations

We recommend—

1) That the Presbytery request its churches to observe Oct. 11-Nov. 15 as a joint mission study period for both Foreign Missions and Home Missions, in accordance with the recommendation of our General Assembly. The approved joint mission study book, for adults and young people, is "With Christ Into Tomorrow," by the Rev. Hunter B. Blakely, D. D.

2) That our churches, with their organizations, be asked to observe Nov. 8-15 as the Week of Prayer and Self Denial for both Foreign and Home Missions, and that the church sessions be urged to arrange for supplemental offerings at this time, such offerings to be divided between Home and Foreign Missions on a basis of $3 to Foreign Missions for each $4 to Home Missions, according to the ratio prescribed by the Committee on Stewardship.

3) That the Presbytery be led in prayer by the Rev. C. L. Crane, D. D., in behalf of Foreign Missions.

4) That the Presbytery express by a rising vote its appreciation of the inspiring and interesting address by the Rev. C. L. Crane, D. D.

5) That an offering for Foreign Missions be now taken in the Presbytery, to be sent in the name of the Rogersville Church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Young, Chairman.

The following report of the Joint Committee was read and adopted:

The Joint Committee in the matter of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association reports as follows: The Presbytery of Holston learns with sympathy and good wishes of the plans of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association for the expansion of their institutions. We trust this financial support will be at this time sought in the widespread circle of the friends of the association over the nation rather than in the Synod of Appalachia and Holston Presbytery, as the Synod is now initiating a campaign to relieve the more pressing needs and indebtedness of the institutions to which we are already committed.

R. D. Carson, Chairman.

The Presbytery expressed, by a rising vote, its appreciation of the inspiring and enlightening address of the Rev. C. L Crane, D. D.

The offering for Foreign Missions amounted to $27.90.

The Presbytery was led in prayer in behalf of Foreign Missions by the Rev. C. L. Crane, D. D.

Delinquent Taxes

The Stated Clerk was instructed to write to the churches that are delinquent on Presbyterial taxes, of the inability of the Presbytery to pay the Synodical tax and other obligations of the Presbytery until the Presbyterial taxes are paid.

A suitable resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned with the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in stated meeting in the Newport Presbyterian Church, April 12, 1937, 7:30 p. m. (E.S.T.).

S. H. Hay, Moderator.
Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Holston Presbytery

Spring Meeting

NEWPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWPORT, TENN.
APRIL 12-13, 1937

CALLED MEETING
First Presbyterian Church
Spruce Pine, N. C.
December 10, 1936

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
BLOWING ROCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Blowing Rock, N. C.
October 4, at 3:30 P. M. (E. S. T.)

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ORGANIZATION—SPRING 1937

Moderator—The Rev. J. A. Boyd, Bluff City, Tenn.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Ruling Elder Rhea Anderson, Blountville, Tenn.
Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Spruce Pine, N. C.
Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.
Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.
Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Bristol, Tenn.
Representative on Synod's Committee of Stated Supply—The Rev. John Martin, Bristol, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, R. D. Carson, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown, Wm. H. McCorkle; Elders: J. D. Faucette, Chairman; Frank Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer; George M. Smith, Rod Armstrong, R. M. Burleson, D. R. Beeson, R. L. Peters.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, Chairman; Rev. Robert King.
3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Chairman; Rev. John W. Young.
4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick.
5) *Religious Education*—H. M. Moffett, Jr., Chairman; Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, Rev. M. J. Murray.
6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. J. A. Boyd, Chairman; Rev. Dan Graham.
7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. R. D. Carson, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick, Secretary; Rev. T. P. Johnston.
8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Brown.
9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robt. King, Chairman; Rev. J. W. Bolick.
10) *Assembly's Training School*—Rev. R. A. Brown, Chairman; Rev. Jno. I. Rhea.
11) *Evangelism*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chairman; Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.
12) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. John S. Yelton, Chairman; Rev. M. J. Murray, Rev. R. A. Brown.
13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. C. W. Kernan, Chairman; Rev. John S. Yelton, H. M. Moffett, Jr.
14) *Program*—Stated Clerk and pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. (Rhea Anderson and the Rev. D. C. Amick, Spring 1937.)

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Samuel H. Hay and Rev. W. C. Young.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. D. Carson, S. H. Hay, and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, Robert King, and John Martin.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, C. W. Kernan, and M. J. Murray.

5) *Scriptural Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle, Chairman; Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. John Yeiser; Elders: J. D. Faucette and J. A. Summers.

TRUSTEES

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. Robert King, 1938; Rev. D. C. Amick, 1939; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1940; F. H. Stinson, 1941; J. L. Gray, 1942; E. H. Tufts, 1943; J. A. Summers, 1944.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. H. H. Thompson, Charles Hughes, 1938; Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1939; Rev. E. F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, W. D. McSween, 1940.

CALLED MEETING

Spruce Pine, N. C., Dec. 10, 1936.

A called meeting of Holston Presbytery was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Spruce Pine, N. C., Dec. 10, 1936, at 2 p. m. (E. S. T.) The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the Rev. W. C. Young, the oldest minister in attendance. The Rev E. F. Camp was elected clerk pro tem.

The following were present:

Ministers—John Martin, John W. Young, E. F. Camp, J. W. Roseborough, M. J. Murray, and W. C. Young; also Elder J. E. Rice, Spruce Pine.

The Moderator pro tem read the following call for the meeting:

Morristown, Tenn., Nov. 27, 1936.

The constitutional requirements having been met, a meeting of Holston Presbytery is hereby called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Spruce Pine, N. C., Dec. 10, 1936, at 2 p. m. (E.S.T.), to act upon—

1) A request from the Rev. Frank S. Jones for a dissolution of the pastoral relationship existing between the First Presbyterian Church, Spruce Pine, and himself.

2) To grant the Rev. Frank S. Jones a certificate of dismission to King's Mountain Presbytery.

3) To transact any other business arising out of the above.

The Rev. Frank S. Jones presented his request for a dissolution of the pastoral relationship. Elder J. E. Rice announced that the church had concurred, with regret, with the pastor, in a regularly called congregational meeting.

A letter of regret, on the part of the Presbytery, concerning the removal of the Rev. Frank S. Jones, was read by the Moderator, the Rev. S. H. Hay.

The pastoral relationship was regretfully dissolved by the Presbytery, effective Dec. 13, 1936, and the certificate of dismission to King's Mountain Presbytery granted to the Rev. Frank S. Jones.

The minutes of this session of the Presbytery were read and approved. The Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. John Martin.

W. C. Young, Moderator pro tem.
E. F. Camp, Clerk pro tem.

SPRING MEETING

Newport, Tenn., April 12, 1937.

The one hundred and twenty-ninth session of Holston Presbytery met in the Newport Presbyterian Church, beginning April 12, 1937, at 7:30 p. m., with a devotional service led by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. S. H. Hay.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. S. H. Hay, on "The Christian's Testimony Through Bearing the Cross."

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. Dan Graham and John Martin, assisted by the following elders: Gordon Woodward, Newport; Arden King, New Bethel; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; F. M. Fulkerson, Rogersville; S. A. Newland, Arcadia; R. P. Carmack, Paperville; J. C. Gray, Weavers; Dr. W. C. Tate, Banner Elk.

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. S. H. Hay.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, G. S. Buchanan, J. W. Bolick, J. A. Boyd, E. F. Camp, R. D. Carson, A. K. Dudley, Dan H. Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, C. W. Kernan, John Martin, W. H. McCorkle, J. M. McNair, M. J. Murray, H. M. Moffett, Jr., John I. Rhea, H. H. Thompson, John S. Yelton, John Young, W. C. Young.

Ruling Elders—Arcadia, S. A. Newland; Banner Elk, W. C. Tate; Blountville, Rhea Anderson; Bristol First, J. D. Faucette; Cold Spring, H. D. Smith; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Crossnore, E. H. Sloop; Ebenezer, A. J. Corn; Jefferson City, J. E. Wardrop; Johnson City, D. R. Beeson; Kingsport, R. L. Peters; Meadow Creek, Clay Nease; Morristown, A. B. Wells; New Ebenezer, A. J. Rennick; Newport, Gordon Woodward; New Providence, De Wolfe Miller; Paperville, R. P. Carmack; Roans Chapel, Troy Young; Rogersville, F. M. Fulkerson; Russellville, W. H. Millar; Salem, S. B. Day; Spruce Pine, F. W. Biddix; Thomas Memorial, W. H. Dettor; Viana Valley, E. D. Bowditch; Weavers, J. C. Gray.

Organization

The Rev. J. Alston Boyd was elected moderator.

Courtesy

The following ministers were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: C. W. Taylor, Newport M. E. Church, South; J. L. Chaney, Newport M. E. Church; J. M. McNair, Montgomery Presbytery; A. K. Dudley, Kanawha Presbytery.

Program

The Committee on Program offered the following report, which was adopted:

Monday, April 12, 1937

7:30 p. m. Opening service, with sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. S. H. Hay.
Communion.
Organization.
Announcements and adjournment.

Tuesday, April 13

8:45 a. m. Devotional service, led by the Rev. M. J. Murray.
9:00 a. m. Business session.
10:30 a. m. Ministers' Annuity—Rev. W. H. McCorkle.
11:00 a. m. Presbyterial Sermon—Rev. G. S. Buchanan.
11:50 a. m. Lunch.
1:30 p. m. Business session.
2:00 p. m. Report of the Home Mission Committee.
Business until adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk.
D. C. Amick, Pastor of Host Church.

The Presbytery adjourned until 8:45 a. m. Tuesday, after the doxology, and prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:45 a. m., with prayer by the Rev. John S. Yelton.

A devotional service was conducted by the Rev. M. J. Murray, who spoke on the "Humanity of Jesus," based on Heb. 2:10.

The minutes of last night's session were read and adopted.

The printed minutes of the fall meeting were distributed.

Courtesy

The Rev. J. J. Fix, D.D., Abingdon Presbytery, and the Rev. M. W. Doggett, D.D., Abingdon Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The minutes of a called meeting of Presbytery, held in the Spruce Pine Church, Dec. 10, 1936, were read for information.

The Stated Clerk called for the sessional records and reports.

Order of the Day

It was made the first order of the day, after lunch, to receive ministers desirous of joining the Presbytery.

Standing Committees

The Moderator read the following list of Standing Committees and Elders on Permanent Committees:

Bills and Overtures—S. H. Hay, R. A. Brown, W. H. Dettor.
Auditing—F. M. Fulkerson, W. H. Millar, R. L. Peters.
Minutes of Presbytery—J. W. Bolick, E. D. Bowditch.
Minutes of Synod—J. W. Young, Troy Young.
Nominations—T. P. Johnston, Dan Graham, A. L. King.
Pastors' Salaries—John Martin, C. W. Kernan, Rhea Anderson.
Resolutions—M. J. Murray, J. L. Gray.
Judicial—H. H. Thompson, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, Dan Graham, J. D. Faucette.

Rev. J. Alston Boyd

The following reports of the commissions to install the Rev. J. Alston Boyd pastor of Weavers, Paperville, and Thomas Memorial Churches were read, and the commissions discharged:

Report of Commission Appointed to Install Rev. J. A. Boyd at the Weavers Church

Your commission met at the Weavers Church October 29, 1936, at 11:00 a. m., and was constituted with prayer. Present: Rev. Dan H. Graham, Chairman; Rev. Charles Kernan, Rev. J. S. Yelton, and Elder Charlie Massingill. Rev. J. S. Yelton was selected secretary of the commission.

The Rev. Charles Kernan preached from the text: Matt. 26:39, "O, my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me."

The Rev. Dan H. Graham presided and asked the regular constitutional questions, which were answered in the affirmative. The Rev. J. S. Yelton charged the pastor and Mr. Charlie Massingill charged the congregation.

The commission was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. J. A. Boyd.

Dan H. Graham, Chairman.
J. S. Yelton, Clerk.

Report of Commission to Install Rev. J. A. Boyd as Pastor at Thomas Memorial Church

The commission appointed by Holston Presbytery to install the Rev. J. A. Boyd as pastor at Thomas Memorial Church, Bluff City, Tenn., met at the church on the morning of November 1, at 11 o'clock. There were present the Rev. Dan H. Graham, the Rev. T. P. Johnston, and Elder J. D. Faucette. Ruling Elder J. D. Faucette was appointed to act as clerk, and in the absence of the Rev. S. H. Hay, the Rev. T. P. Johnston was appointed to preach the sermon.

After the opening devotional, the sermon was preached by the Rev. T. T. Johnston. The constitutional questions were propounded by the Rev. Dan H. Graham, who presided, and were answered in the affirmative by both the pastor and congregation. Rev. J. A. Boyd was then declared duly elected and installed as pastor of the Thomas Memorial Church.

A charge to the pastor was delivered by the Rev. T. P. Johnston; a charge to the congregation was delivered by Ruling Elder J. D. Faucette. The service was closed with a hymn and pronouncing of the benediction by the new pastor. The minutes of the commission were read and adopted, and the commission closed with prayer.

J. D. Faucette, Clerk.

Minutes of Commission to Install Rev. J. A. Boyd Pastor at Paperville Church

The commission appointed by Holston Presbytery to install the Rev. J. A. Boyd as pastor at Paperville Church, met at the church on Sunday afternoon November 22, 1936, at 3:00 o'clock. There were present the Rev. H. H. Thompson, the Rev. T. P. Johnston, and Ruling Elder Nat Thomas. In the absence of the chairman, the Rev. John Martin, the Rev. T. P. Johnston was appointed to preside and propound the constitutional questions. He was also asked to act as clerk.

After a devotional service, a sermon was preached by the Rev. H. H. Thompson, after which the constitutional questions were answered by the pastor and congregation, and Mr. Boyd was duly declared elected and installed as pastor of the Paperville Church.

A charge to the pastor was delivered by the Rev. T. P. Johnston. A charge to the congregation was delivered by Ruling Elder Nat Thomas of the Cold Spring Church.

The service was completed by the observance of the Lord's Supper. The elements were distributed by Rev. J. A. Boyd and Rev. T. P. Johnston, assisted by the elders of the Paperville Church, and Elders Warren Dettor of Thomas Memorial Church and Nat Thomas of Cold Spring Church. The service was completed with the singing of a hymn and the benediction pronounced by the new pastor.

The minutes were read and approved, and the commission adjourned with prayer. *Thos. P. Johnston, Clerk.*

Rev. John I. Rhea

The following reports of the commissions to install the Rev. John I. Rhea pastor of Meadow Creek and New Ebenezer Churches were read, and the commissions discharged:

Installation of the Rev. John I. Rhea at Meadow Creek Church

The commission appointed to install the Rev. John I. Rhea at Meadow Creek Church met at the church on June 28, 1936, at 11 a. m. There were present, the Rev. T. P. Johnston, the Rev. R. A. Brown, the Rev. John Martin, and Elder Nic P. Earnest. The Rev. R. A. Brown was appointed clerk. After a devotional service conducted by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, who was appointed to preside, a sermon was delivered by the Rev. R. A. Brown.

Following the sermon, the constitutional questions were propounded by the presiding officer and were answered in the affirmative by the pastor and the congregation. The Rev. John I. Rhea was then declared duly elected and installed as pastor of Meadow Creek Church according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order.

The Rev. John Martin delivered a charge to the pastor, and the Rev. T. P. Johnston delivered a charge to the congregation.

The benediction was pronounced by the newly installed pastor. The minutes of the commission were read and adopted and the meeting closed with prayer. *R. A. Brown, Clerk.*

Installation of Rev. John I. Rhea at New Ebenezer Church

The commission appointed to install the Rev. John I Rhea at New Ebenezer Church met at the church on June 28, 1936, at 2:30 p. m. Present: the Rev. D. C. Amick, the Rev. T. P. Johnston, the Rev. John Martin, Elder Nic P. Earnest and Elder Fred Gray. The Rev. T. P. Johnston was

appointed clerk. A devotional service was conducted by the Rev. D. C. Amick, following which a sermon was preached by the Rev. T. P. Johnston.

The constitutional questions were propounded by Mr. Amick and answered in the affirmative by both the pastor and congregation. The Rev. John I. Rhea was then declared duly elected and installed as pastor of New Ebenezer Church according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order.

A charge was delivered to the pastor by the Rev. John Martin and a charge to the congregation was made by the Rev. D. C. Amick. The benediction was pronounced by the new pastor.

The minutes of the commission were read and adopted and the meeting closed with prayer. *Thos. P. Johnston, Clerk.*

Presbyterial Taxes

A special committee to bring in a report on the Presbyterial taxes was appointed, consisting of the Rev. W. H. McCorkle, the Rev. D. C. Amick, and Elders W. C. Tate and D. R. Beeson.

The report of the committee was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Presbyterial Tax, having studied the entire question of delinquent taxes and the present tax rate in Presbytery, beg to submit the following recommendations:

1) That no change be made in the present tax rate.

2) That the churches in arrears be urged to pay back taxes, especially those of the past church year.

3) That the Presbytery approve the appointment of Rev. D. C. Amick as its special agent to contact the delinquent churches, urging upon them the importance of meeting this responsibility, with any expenses incurred to be met by Presbytery's Treasurer.

4) That statements of Presbyterial assessments be hereafter sent in duplicate to pastor and chairman of board of deacons.

5) That the Clerk be instructed to pay first the Assembly's assessment, and to use any balance available for current expenses and Synod's assessment in the order named.

6) That the amount incurred in the error reported by First Presbyterian Church of Bristol be deducted from its total assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. Amick, Chairman.

Central Treasurer

The report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences was read. The Presbytery reaffirmed its policy of authorizing the Central Treasurer to have his accounts audited by a certified public accountant, and requested that this be done and the audit printed in the minutes. The report is as follows:

Report of D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Benevolences

Receipts from April 1, 1936, to April 1, 1937

Churches	*Congregation*	*Auxiliary*	*S. S.*	*Y.P.S.*	*Totals*
Arcadia	$ 100.00	.....	.....	.....	$ 100.00
Banner Elk	120.67	$ 282.05	.....	.....	402.67
Blountville	352.23	20.00	.....	.....	372.23
Blowing Rock	22.24	141.00	$ 77.90	$ 5.35	246.49
Bristol First	2,355.90	1,200.00	62.68	.....	3,618.58
Buladean	49.65	.....	.....	.....	49.65
Cold Spring	252.54	135.20	39.63	.....	427.37
Cove Creek	150.00	.....	73.95	.....	223.95
Crossnore	21.96	115.00	.....	.....	136.96
Estatoa	2.55	.....	.....	.....	2.55
Grassy Creek	17.00	.....	.....	.....	17.00
Gray's Chapel	28.00	18.00	18.00	.....	46.00
Harris Memorial	58.45	14.50	14.00	.....	86.95
Hughes	29.60	.....	.....	.....	29.60
Jefferson City	124.19	364.95	69.74	.....	558.88
Johnson City First	1,847.09	1,227.69	122.17	19.16	3,216.11
Kingsport First	2,738.04	1,159.45	546.73	7.06	4,451.28
Leesburg	107.20	12.50	.....	.....	119.70
Mary Andrews Chapel	124.41	.....	.....	.....	124.41
Micaville	30.79	.....	4.06	.....	34.85
Meadow Creek	68.08	13.30	.....	.....	81.38
Mooresburg	17.78	.....	.....	.....	17.78
Morristown	1,030.23	.....	.....	.....	1,030.23
New Bethel	134.00	40.00	.....	.....	174.00
Newdale	1.25	.....	.....	.....	1.25
New Ebenezer	75.00	.....	.....	.....	75.00
Newland	84.15	63.50	.....	2.00	149.65
Newport	89.00	88.79	36.69	.....	214.48
New Providence	72.63	55.20	.....	.....	127.83
Paint Gap	81.13	.....	.....	.....	81.13
Paperville	25.04	.....	.....	.....	25.04
Pineola	115.00	34.00	.....	6.00	155.00
Plumtree	6.00	44.25	.....	.....	50.25
Providence	49.10	.....	.....	.....	49.10
Rheatown	54.46	.....	.....	.....	54.46

Churches	*Congregation*	*Auxiliary*	*S. S.*	*Y.P.S.*	*Totals*
Ross's Chapel	25.00	.....	.....	.....	25.00
Rogersville	1,760.72	664.60	72.18	15.26	2,512.76
Russellville	25.00	36.00	.....	.....	61.00
Ross Memorial	25.31	.....	.....	.....	25.31
Rutledge	23.98	51.02	.....	.....	75.00
Spruce Pine	113.91	45.00	27.32	.....	186.23
Strawberry Plains	.....	78.00	44.60	.....	122.60
Thomas Memorial	129.00	4.00	.....	.....	133.00
Vians Valley	35.50	.....	.....	.....	35.50
Weaver	75.00	.....	.....	.....	75.00
White Pine	15.00	40.40	.....	.....	55.40
Windsor Avenue	.....	253.31	37.85	8.05	299.21
Gross receipts	$12,663.78	$6,183.66	$1,247.50	$62.88	$20,157.82

Disbursements from April 1, 1936, to April 1, 1937

Foreign Missions		$ 5,198.52
Regular Budget gifts	$4,188.43	
Jubilee Self-Denial and Specials	1,011.09	
Assembly's Home Missions		2,625.76
Regular Budget gifts	2,021.19	
Jubilee Self-Denial and Specials	604.57	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief		1,512.17
Regular Budget gifts	929.88	
Joy Gifts and Specials	582.29	
Religious Education and Publication		701.75
Regular Budget gifts	392.12	
Rally Day and Specials	309.63	
Assembly's Training School		152.06
Bible Cause		104.26
Educational Institutions		1,992.07
Presbytery's Home Missions		5,766.55
To Frank Taylor, Treasurer	5,392.49	
Synod's Work, J. D. Faucette, Treasurer	206.00	
Specials, Building Fund, etc.	168.06	
Grandfather's Orphans' Home		2,011.43
Orphanage	1,961.43	
Lees-McRea College	50.00	
Religious Education in Synod and Presbytery		39.25
Presbyterial Tax		36.00
Contingent Fees		3.00
Total disbursements		$20,142.82
Cash balance Building Fund and Special		15.00
Total		$20,157.82

Remittances received after books closed, but disbursed:

Banner Elk	$ 100.00
Morristown	1,098.11
Paperville	28.00
Plumtree	15.00
	$1,241.11

To Whom It May Concern:

I do hereby certify that I have completed an audit of the books, records and accounts of Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Benevolences of Holston Presbytery, for the 1936-37 period, and found them to be correct with the exception of some few minor items consisting largely of transposition in entries. Entries in the cask book for the various churches were not verified since letters of transmittal were not furnished, but these entries were checked against the reports furnished the churches.

Included in this audit are the following: Church accounts, paid vouchers, receipts, deposits and bank account. Remittances sent in by the various churches were not traced and no verifications were made; since each church is furnished with an itemized statement by the Central Treasurer, of the various amounts sent to him during the year.

I have not verified the addition in every instance. Adding machine tapes were furnished me covering all of the work, and enough of these were checked to satisfy my mind that they were substantially correct.

Bank blance at close of year or cash on hand			$15.00
Bank balance April 16, 1937		$ 781.44	
They debit; we do not credit—			
No. 819	$ 421.59		
No. 820	138.48		
No. 821	15.75	575.82	
		$1,357.26	
They credit; we do not debit—			
Deposit April 3, 1937	$1,226.11		
Deposit April 14, 1937	116.15	1,342.26	
Balance on hand at close of the year		$ 15.00	$15.00

May 5, 1937. *W. B. Harkins.*

Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Missions was read. The Treasurer was authorized to have his account audited by a certified public accountant and the audit printed in the minutes. The report is as follows:

To the Presbytery of Holston:

I herewith submit my report as Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee of Holston Presbytery for the year April 1, 1936, to March 31, 1937.

Receipts

1936.		
April 1. Balance in Treasury General Fund	$336.12	
Balance in Treasury Cocke County field	45.00	$ 381.12
Total balance April 1, 1936		4,380.58
Received from General Assembly's H. M. Committee		5,384.11
from Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer		
from General Assembly's H. M. Committee for Cocke County field		900.00
from Special Gifts		475.00
for Worker at Ewart, N. C.		60.00
from Women's Synodical		11.65
Total receipts		$11,592.46

Disbursements

Payroll for Home Mission Workers	$ 8,471.14
Payroll for Home Mission workers Cocke County field	930.00
Expenses for Supt.-Evangelist for year	603.31
Rent for manse for Supt.-Evangelist	300.00
Payment on loan and donations to Whitesburg Church	145.96
Funds advanced for addition to Mary Andrews Chapel	250.00
Insurance	23.85
Payments Cocke County field "Special Gifts"	65.00
Blaine Church, payment on note	50.00
Payment for worker at Ewart, N. C.	68.00
Payment to Miss Julia Walker half of proceeds from sale of school house at Russ Memorial Church	37.50
Committee expense	213.00
Total disbursements	$11,157.76
April 1, 1937, balance in treasury	434.70
	$11,592.47

Balance general fund	$419.70
Balance Cocke County field	15.00
	$434.70

April 1, 1937. *Frank Taylor, Treasurer.*

To the Presbytery of Holston:

Your Presbytery's Committee on Home Missions by special committee respectfully calls the Presbytery's attention to a difficulty in financing our work. The observance of Assembly's causes seems to have led to the omission of Presbytery's Home Missions. Also, in many cases all funds from some churches and organizations were designated to the neglect of our widespread Home Missions. We believe that such oversight was unintentional and that when our people understand they will promptly correct the situation. Therefore, we offer the following recommendations:

1) That churches and their organizations be requested to present our own Home Mission work to the people and that the secretaries of S. and P. Home Missions coöperate in this.

2) That whereas individuals, organizations and churches have the right to designate benevolence gifts to specific causes, we request that general benevolence funds be sent in to the Central Treasurer as General Benevolence so that all causes will be supported according to Presbytery's percentage and no causes be omitted to the preference of a few.

3) That this matter be brought to the attention of the Presbyterial in meeting at Rogersville this month with a request for their coöperation in this matter so vital to our work.

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. Brown.
John Martin.
D. C. Amick.

A communication from the Rev. B. K. Tenney, D.D., in reference to the Diamond Jubilee, was referred to the Rev. H. H. Thompson.

King College

The Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, in reference to the aims and the accomplishments of King College.

Elder R. L. Peters addressed the Presbytery concerning the need of a definite financial plan, in the churches, for King College.

Ministers' Annuity Fund

The Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. Messrs. W. H. McCorkle, John S. Yelton, S. H. Hay, and Dan H. Graham, and Elder James Summers, in the interest of the Ministers' Annuity Fund. The following report was read and adopted:

Your committee begs to commend the Ministers' Annuity Fund to Holston Presbytery, feeling that this is truly the great unfinished task of the Church.

We respectfully recommend—

1) That each church be urged to organize local committees immediately to further this worthy cause.

2) That the month of June, 1937, be set as M. A. F. month in the Presbytery and that, in so far as possible, every church seek to put on a campaign during this month or as soon thereafter as practicable to raise its respective quota.

3) That this cause so long in waiting for a central place in our thoughts be laid upon the heart of every member of our church in Holston Presbytery in requesting serious and earnest prayer that God may guide and bless this important task to its completion.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. H. McCorkle, Chairman.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Sexton Buchanan, from John 8:36, on "Christian Liberty."

The Presbytery took recess until 1:30 p. m., after prayer by the Rev. John I. Rhea.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 p. m., with prayer by the Rev. C. W. Kernan.

Reception of Ministers

Rev. A. K. Dudley presented a certificate of dismission from Kanawha Presbytery, and Rev. J. M. McNair a certificate of dismission from Montgomery Presbytery. These certificates were received, and, pending their reception, the customary examinations were held. The examinations were sustained and the brethren enrolled after signing the obligation.

Rev. A. K. Dudley

A call for the pastoral services of the Rev. A. K. Dudley, as co-pastor of the Johnson City Church, was read, received, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

A commission to install the Rev. A. K. Dudley co-pastor of the Johnson City Church was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. C. W. Kernan, Robert King, and W. H. McCorkle, and Elder J. A. Summers, Johnson City, and as alternate elder, Nat Thomas, Cold Spring. The time and the parts are to be settled by the commission.

Rev. J. M. McNair

A call for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. M. McNair from the Spruce Pine Church was read, received, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

The following commission was appointed to install the Rev. J. M. McNair pastor of the Spruce Pine Church, at 7:45 p. m., May 19, 1937: Rev. R. D. Carson to preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. S. H. Hay to preach the sermon; Rev. John Martin to charge the pastor and the people. Elder George Stewart, Morristown; alternate elder, Fred Biddix, Spruce Pine.

Presbytery's Home Missions

The report of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was read, received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery heard talks on Home Missions from Elder J. D. Faucette, chairman of the committee, the Rev. John Martin, Supt. of Home Missions, and the Rev. J. Alston Boyd. The report, with the recommendations, was adopted and is as follows:

Your Superintendent-Evangelist submits the following report of the work of the past year, with grateful acknowledgment of the goodness and mercy of God and prayers for His continued favor.

As business and material prosperity are seemingly now on the upward trend we look forward to a time of greater expansion and growth in the Kingdom of God throughout our Presbytery. The past year has had its full share of encouragements and discouragements.

The Assembly's goal, an evangelistic meeting in each church, has not been fully reached. However, approximately 35 such meetings have been held which resulted in over 300 additions.

Our staff of faithful pastors and workers remains about the same as last year. That number is not as large as it should be. We feel that each one is overworked, and with the increased cost of living salaries, too, should be increased. Some fields ought to be divided.

Many Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held throughout the Presbytery and are a very helpful means of sowing the seed of truth in the hearts of the children and youth which we pray may yield an abundant harvest in the years to come.

We have always new opportunities before us and new fields for service if we had the funds with which to employ workers and provide the necessary equipment, but since we have deemed it a wise policy not to incur debt we are unable to enter these fields.

Our building activity has been very limited during the past year. Due to the generosity of Mrs. Cannon, of North Carolina, Sunday school rooms and a fine auditorium which will comfortably seat the congregation in the winter time, have been added to the Blowing Rock Church. This has been a great help to this church in doing a more effectual work in the winter. Rev. John Yelton is to be commended for the work accomplished on the New Providence field. Sunday school rooms have been added to the Leesburg church and the Whitesburg church is now finished and fully equipped for use except pews. They are now using temporary seats made by Mr. Yelton.

The committee has felt the need of establishing a work at Boone, N. C., for some time, and recently borrowed money to purchase a building site there on which they hope to erect a place of worship to accommodate the Presbyterian families residing in the town and care for the ever increasing number of Presbyterian students attending the Teachers' College there. These students have been asking us for a worker again. In former years the worker we had employed was handicapped in her work by the school authorities limiting her sphere of usefulness, therefore we feel that a building there is of first importance.

A program of expansion requires more liberal giving to our Presbytery's Home Missions, so we urge all pastors and workers to lay emphasis on systematic and proportionate giving as a spiritual grace, and to see that all churches contribute the full percentage asked by Presbytery for this cause.

A program of expansion also calls for a greater consecration to the task, much prayer for the members of the committee that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in all their planning, also much prayer for the individual workers and their work, that Jesus Christ may be glorified and presented to the sinner as God's only remedy for sin.

J. D. Faucette, Chairman.
John Martin.

Nominations

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations would respectfully recommend the following changes:

1) That Rev. J. A. Boyd be made chairman of the Committee on Bible Cause in place of Rev. Jno. S. Yelton.

2) That Rev. John W. Bolick be on the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion in place of Rev. F. S. Jones.

3) That Rev. R. A. Brown be made chairman of the Committee on Assembly's Training School in place of Rev. F. S. Jones; and that Rev. John I. Rhea be added to this committee.

4) That the Committee on Educational Institutions be revised as follows: Rev. John S. Yelton, Chairman; Rev. M. J. Murray, Rev. R. A. Brown.

5) That Mr. J. A. Summers be elected a trustee of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association to succeed himself, for a period of seven years.

6) That Messrs. E. F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, and W. D. McSween be reelected trustees of the Plumtree School for Boys, for a period of three years.

7) That the Rev. H. H. Thompson, with Rev. John I. Rhea alternate, be appointed to preach the Presbyterial sermon at the fall meeting, on the subject, "The Witness of the Holy Spirit in the Christian's Heart."

Thos. P. Johnston, Chairman.

Evangelism

The following report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and adopted:

The committee is glad to report that special Evangelistic services have been held during the year in practically all of the churches and preaching points of the Presbytery. It is gratifying to see that splendid results are recorded in so many of these meetings.

We desire to remind the Presbytery that the first business of the Church is witnessing for Christ, and if we are not presenting Christ publicly and in private we are falling short of the high and holy mission of the Church.

We are asking that every minister study with renewed zeal how to be more effective in soul winning, that he keep this in mind in sermonizing and in personal efforts. Your committee calls upon every pastor of the Presbytery to seek to enlist and train a group of his people in winning people to Christ and the Church. We suggest that this be done in prayer meeting or in small group meetings or in individual contacts. An aid to this end is the distribution of helpful books and tracts on the subject of soul winning.

We further urge every pastor to keep a written list of prospects for Christ and the Church, that this be used as a prayer list for himself and for workers who may be enlisted, and also as those to be definitely interviewed for Christ.

H. H. Thompson.

Religious Education

The following report of the Committee on Religious Education was read and adopted:

The Presbytery Committee on Religious Education presents the following recommendations:

1) That the churches of this Presbytery emphasize Daily Vacation Bible Schools, if they are not already doing so.

2) That the "Pioneers of the Church" material now published by the Executive Committee be put in to use for the formation of intermediate groups.

3) That pastors avail themselves of those studies of spiritual enrichment on the Bible and its doctrines obtainable in the Leadership Training Course to be used in connection in the midweek prayer services.

4) That pastors make every effort to get young people of the Church to attend the Synodical Young People's Conference in Bristol, June 8-15.

5) That the committee's statistical report be incorporated in the Presbytery's minutes.

H. M. Moffett, Chairman.

Assembly's Home Missions

The following report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was read and adopted:

The Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions reports substantial progress for the year ending March 31, 1937, and looks to the future with increasing hopefulness. There is much encouragement in the fact that there was a gain of $24,636 in budget income over 1936. Due to certain unexpected legacies and other special gifts, the total Home Mission receipts for the year were $351,363, a gain of $46,690.

The committee reports that the bank debt, which in 1931, when the cash policy of the Executive Committee was adopted, was $128,200, has been paid. Attention is directed to the fact that this has been accomplished not by radical reductions in appropriations to the missionaries on the fields, but largely by savings in administration and supervision and by certain designated gifts for this purpose.

Something of the magnitude of the Assembly's Home Mission enterprise can be discerned from the fact that the committee's annual report shows that aid is given to 517 workers, who serve no less than 728 churches, schools and missions, with 399 outpost Sunday schools and unorganized preaching points. The variety of the work is seen in the types of institutions maintained and in the number of languages employed.

In addition to the usual church and Sunday school work in the 55 aid-receiving Presbyteries, there are mission schools for mountaineers, Indians, Mexicans and Negroes, and well organized Christian welfare centers for Negroes,

Mexicans and Italians. There are two hospitals, one at Stillman Institute, Tuscaloosa, Ala., for Negroes, and one at Highland Institution, Guerrant, Ky., for mountain people.

After seven years of depression, notwithstanding the persistent pressure of poverty, the reports from the various fields show that the Home Mission lines have been held. With the reduction of the hindering debt and the prospect of increased income, the Church should be ready for the Home Mission advance, so greatly needed not only for the growth of our denomination but for the welfare of our country.

It is the committee's judgment that the two pressing things in Home Missions are: (1) a renewal of evangelistic effort in all the Presbyteries, looking to a revival of the evangelistic spirit in every church and mission in the Assembly; (2) larger financial provision for new church organizations in the communities that offer such challenging opportunities for growth. Without these two things the Church cannot go forward.

The following recommendations are offered:

1) That the period, October 10-November 14, 1937, be set apart as the annual season of Home Mission study, using the official text book, "Other Men Labored," and that the week of November 7-14 be designated as the annual Home Mission week, with a special thank offering for Assembly's Home Missions in all the churches.

2) That June be observed as the Assembly's Home Mission month with the use of educational programs in the various departments of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. Buchanan, Chairman.
John W. Young.

Stewardship

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read. The Secretary of Stewardship was authorized to prepare a summary of the 1937-38 every-member canvass to be printed in the minutes.

The report is as follows:

That the Secretary of Stewardship be allowed to prepare a summary of the every-member canvass for 1937-38 and that it be printed in the spring minutes.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was authorized to make application for relief on the same basis as the past year.

Mr. W. E. Wilson

Mr. W. E. Wilson, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., presented a testimonial from his Session, and requested being received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. After the customary examination on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry, Mr. Wilson was received under the care of the Presbytery.

The charge to Mr. Wilson was delivered by the Moderator, and the Presbytery was led in prayer in behalf of Mr. Wilson by the Rev. E. F. Camp.

Educational Institutions

The Committee on Educational Institutions reported that nothing had come into its hands. Elder J. A. Summers made a report on the work of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, which was received as information.

Stated Supply

The following report of the Committee on Stated Supply was read and adopted:

We recommend the following stated supplies, if the way be clear, until the next meeting of Presbytery:

The Rev. John Young at Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial, Roane's Chapel.

The Rev. T. W. Clapp at Plumtree, Hughes, Coal Creek, Gray's Chapel.

The Rev. John Yelton, Leesburg, Salem, Providence, Russellville, New Providence, Mooresburg.

The Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr., at Blaine.

John W. Bullock at Crossnore.

The Rev. W. C. Young at Newdale, Micaville, Estatoa, Paint Gap.

The Rev. James M. McNair, Vian's Valley, Grassy Creek.

The Rev. John Rhea, White Pine.

That evangelistic powers be granted to the Rev. John Martin and also the Rev. D. C. Amick, limited to the Cocke County field.

John Martin.

Sessional Records

The following report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read and adopted:

The Committee on Sessional Records has examined the records and recommends their approval with the corrections and comments noted on the records. The following churches submitted no records to the Presbytery: Ebenezer, Hughes, Plumtree, Leesburg, Rheatown, White Pine.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Kernan, Chairman.

Women's Work

The following report of the Committee on Women's Work was read and adopted:

Your committee has examined the report submitted by the Woman's Auxiliary, and has found their year's work to have been a very gratifying contribution to the Church.

Contributions

To Denominational Benevolences—		
Foreign Missions	$2.630.00	
Assembly's Home Missions	1.274 00	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	667.00	
Religious Education and Publication	129.00	
Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	133.00	
Bible Cause	42.00	
Synod's Home Missions	440.00	
Religious Education in Synod or Presbytery	431.00	
Homes	1.000 00	
Educational Institutions	526.00	
Presbytery's Home Missions	843.00	
Total Denominational Benevolences	$8.115.00	
Auxiliary Special Benevolences	1.518 00	
a) Birthday Gift—Montreat	372.00	
Total all Benevolences		$10.005.00
To Local Church Work—		
a) Local Auxiliary Current Expenses	$ 771.00	
b) Presbyterial and Synodical Contingent Fund	364.00	
c) Local Church	292.00	
Building Expense	2,779.00	
Total, Local Church Work		4.206.00
Miscellaneous Contributions		315.00
Grand total all Contributions		$14.526.00

Total increase compared with last year $3,080.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Frank Camp, Chairman.

Pastors' Salaries

The following report of the Committee on Pastors' Salaries was read and adopted:

Your committee wishes to submit the following report:

We have at hand reports from 46 churches, 45 of which report salaries paid in full. The following church is in arrears: Windsor Avenue, $750 of back salary.

Your committee recommends to the Session of this church that it make an effort to raise as much of the back salary as possible.

John Martin, Chairman.

Auditing Committee

The following report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted:

The books of the Treasurer of the Presbytery have been audited and found correct.

Robt. L. Peters.
Wm. H. Millar.
Frank M. Fulkerson.

Presbytery's Minutes

The following report of the Committee on the Presbytery's Minutes was read and adopted:

We commend the Stated Clerk for neatness, completeness, and appearance of the printed minutes.

We recommend that the trustees of the Plumtree School for Boys be revised to date.

John W. Bolick, Chairman.
E. D. Bowditch.

Minutes of Synod

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Synod was read and adopted:

We find nothing to call to the attention of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Young.
Troy Young.

Statistical Report

The statistical report of the Presbytery was adopted, ordered sent to the General Assembly, and the summaries printed in the minutes.

Ministers	32	Elders	254
Churches	52	Deacons	262
Candidates	12	Added on confession	516
Licensures	0	Added on certificate	267
Ordinations	0	Whole No. of communicants	7,993
Installations	5	Adult baptisms	368
Pastoral dissolutions	2	Infant baptisms	65
New churches organized	0	Total S. S. enrollment	8,296

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 6,765	
Assembly's Home Missions	2,942	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	1,624	
Religious Education and Publication	895	
Assembly's Training School	260	
Bible Cause	132	
Synod's Home Missions	702	
Synod's and Presbytery's Religious Education	261	
Orphans' Home	3,713	
Educational Institutions	3,659	
Presbytery's Home Missions	6,035	
Total to regular benevolences		$ 29,328.00
Pastors' salaries actually paid	$33,070	
Current expenses	35,272	
Congregational Missions	4,646	
Building expense	55,267	
Miscellaneous contributions	3,744	
		131,999.00
Grand total of all contributions		$161,327.00

Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk.

Treasurer of Presbytery

The following report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was read, received, and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee:

Report of Rhea Anderson, Treasurer

April 13 to October 5, 1936

Balance brought forward	$312.33	
Assessment from churches	449.48	
		$761.81

Disbursements

Salaries—		
D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer Benevolences	$120.00	
Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk and Treasurer	60.00	
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	8.00	188.00
Central Treasurer's Office—		
W. B. Harkins, auditing Central Treasurer	$ 10.00	
H. G. Anderson, printing for D. C. A.	3.50	
Supplies	5.37	18.87
Stated Clerk's Office—		
W. D. Delaney, P. M., postage	$ 2.61	2.61
Miscellaneous—		
Assembly Assessment	$452.64	
Printing and mailing Minutes	52.32	504.96
Total disbursements		$714.44
Balance in bank October 5, 1936		47.37
		$761.81

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Anderson, Treasurer.

Report of Rhea Anderson, Treasurer

October 5 to April 12, 1937

Balance brought forward	$ 47.37	
Assessment from churches	503.84	$551.21

Disbursements

Salaries—		
D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer Benevolences	$120.00	
Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk and Treasurer	60.00	
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk	8.00	$188.00

Central Treasurer's Office—		
J. E. Lutz & Co., bond D. C. Amick	$ 12.50	
D. C. A., postage, ink, ribbon, etc.	12.26	24 76
Stated Clerk's Office—		
B. D. Smith & Bros., printing and mailing Minutes	$ 38.71	
Presbytery's Committee of Publication, supplies	8.50	
Rhea Anderson, postage, box rent, etc.	2.10	
Rhea Anderson, postage, envelopes, etc.	4.18	
W. D. Delaney, P. M., postage	2.00	55 49
Total disbursements		$268 25
Balance in bank April 12, 1937		282 96
		$551 21

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Anderson, Treasurer.

Time and Place Next Stated Meeting

The Presbytery ordered the next fall meeting to convene on Monday, October 4, at 3:30 p. m. The invitation of the Blowing Rock Church, for the fall meeting of the Presbytery, was accepted with thanks.

Commissioners to the General Assembly

The following were elected Commissioners to the next General Assembly:

Rev. Dan H. Graham; alternate, Rev. G. S. Buchanan.
Rev. E. F. Camp; alternate, Rev. John S. Yelton.
Rev. S. H. Hay; alternate, Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr.
Elder L. Rolf, Rogersville; alternate, E. D. Bowditch, Vian's Valley.
Elder A. B. Wells, Morristown; alternate, Elder B. F. Knight, Leesburg.
Elder John M. Fain, Bristol First; alternate, Elder Rhea Anderson, Blountville.

Bills and Overtures

The following report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted:

An overture from the Session of the Blountville Church was received, asking that a deacon from each church be invited to Presbytery. Owing to lateness of the hour this overture reached the committee, it will be held over for action at the fall meeting. *Samuel H. Hay, Chairman.*

A suitable resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote. The minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator, to meet in stated meeting in the Blowing Rock Church, October 4, 1937, at 3:30 p. m. (E. S. T.)

J. Alston Boyd, Moderator.
Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Holston Presbytery

FALL MEETING

BLOWING ROCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, N. C.

OCTOBER 4, 1937

CALLED MEETINGS

Newland, N. C., July 26, 1937

Glade Spring, Va., Sept. 15, 1937

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

BLOUNTVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Blountville, Tenn.

April 11, 1938, at 8 P. M. (E. S. T.)

ORGANIZATION—FALL 1937

Moderator—The Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle, Kingsport, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Ruling Elder Rhea Anderson, Blountville, Tenn.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Spruce Pine, N. C.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Bristol, Tenn.

Representative on Synod's Committee of Stated Supply—The Rev. John Martin, Bristol, Tenn.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown, Wm. H. McCorkle; Elders: J. D. Faucette, Chairman; Frank Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer; George M. Smith, Rod Armstrong, R. M. Burleson, D. R. Beeson, R. L. Peters.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the Committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, Chairman; Rev. Robert King, R. L. Crookshank.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Chairman; Rev. John W. Young, Troy Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman, Rev. D. C. Amick, A. K. Combs.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr., Chairman; Rev. Chas. W. Kernan, Rev. M. J. Murray, G. A. Testerman.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. J. A. Boyd, Chairman; Rev. Dan Graham.

7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick, Secretary; Rev. H. H. Thompson, W. G. Holshouser, Frank Fulkerson.

8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Brown, Lesley Newland.

9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robt. King, Chairman; J. L. Gray.

10) *Assembly's Training School*—Rev. R. A. Brown, Chairman; Rev. Jno. I. Rhea, J. K. Brewer.

11) *Evangelism*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chairman; Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young, G. H. Wall.

12) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. John S. Yelton, Chairman; Rev. M. J. Murray, Rev. R. A. Brown, Frank Wright.

13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. John S. Yelton, Chairman; Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr., Rev. J. M. McNair.

14) *Program*—Stated Clerk and Pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. (Rhea Anderson and the Rev. Dan H. Graham, Spring 1938.)

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Samuel H. Hay and Rev. W. C. Young.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, Robert King, and John Martin.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, C. W. Kernan, and M. J. Murray.

5) *Scriptural Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. Wm H. McCorkle, Chairman; Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. John Yelton; Elders: J. D. Faucette and J. A. Summers

TRUSTEES

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. Robert King, 1938; Rev. D. C. Amick, 1939; Rev. H. H. Thompson. 1940; F. H. Stinson, 1941; J. L. Gray, 1942; E. H. Tufts, 1943; J. A. Summers, 1944.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Rev. C. W. Kernan, Rev. H. H. Thompson, Charles Hughes, 1938; Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1939; Rev. E. F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, W. D. McSween, 1940.

CALLED MEETING

Newland, N. C., July 26, 1937.

A called meeting of Holston Presbytery met at the Newland Presbyterian Church, Newland, N. C., July 26, 1937, at 2 p. m. (E. S. T.). The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the Rev. W. C. Young, the oldest minister present. The Rev. E. F. Camp was elected clerk pro tem.

The following were present:

Ministers—W. C. Young, M. J. Murray, J. M. McNair, E. F. Camp. *Elder*—A. W. Ray, Newland, N. C.

The Moderator pro tem read the following call for the meeting:

The constitutional requirements having been met, a meeting of Holston Presbytery is hereby called to meet in the Newland Presbyterian Church, Newland, N. C., July 26, 1937, at 2 p. m., to act, if the way be clear, upon the following:

1) To dismiss Rev. Jno. W. Bolick to Lexington Presbytery.

2) To attend to any other business arising out of the above.

The Rev. Jno. W. Bolick presented his request for a certificate of dismission to Lexington Presbytery.

A certificate of dismission to Lexington Presbytery was granted, with regrets, effective immediately.

The minutes of this session of the Presbytery were read and approved. The Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. M. J. Murray.

W. C. Young, Moderator pro tem.
E. F. Camp, Clerk pro tem.

CALLED MEETING

By direction of the Synod, Holston Presbytery met in Glade Spring Church Sept. 15, 1937. The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by Dr. S. H. Hay, Moderator pro tem. Rev. M. J. Murray was elected clerk pro tem.

The following were present:

Ministers—Chas. Kernan, John Martin, W. H. McCorkle, H. H. Thompson, Alfred K. Dudley, M. J. Murray, S. H. Hay, John Rhea. *Elders*—J. D. Faucette, L. Rolfe, L. A. Wardrep.

Mr. Wm. Ted Fix, having been recommended by the Session of the Blountville Church, presented himself to be taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. After the customary examination on experimental religion and motives for entering the ministry, Mr. Fix was received under the care of Presbytery.

The charge to Mr. Fix was delivered by Dr. W. H. McCorkle. The minutes were read and approved, and the Presbytery adjourned, with prayer on behalf of the candidate by Rev. A. K. Dudley.

S. H. Hay, Moderator pro tem.
M. J. Murray, Clerk pro tem.

FALL MEETING

Blowing Rock, N. C., Oct. 4, 1937.

The one hundred and thirtieth session of Holston Presbytery met in the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church, beginning Oct. 4, 1937, at 3:30 p. m. The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. J. Alston Boyd.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, G. S. Buchanan, J. A. Boyd, E. F. Camp, A. K. Dudley, Dan H. Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, C. W. Kernan, Robert King, John Martin, H. M. Moffett, Jr., J. M. McNair, W. H. McCorkle, M. J. Murray, John I. Rhea, H. H. Thompson, John S. Yelton, John Young, and W. C. Young.—21.

Ruling Elders—Arcadia, Lessley Newland; Banner Elk, E. L. Lafferty; Blountville, Rhea Anderson; Blowing Rock, W. L. Holshouser; Bristol First, J. K. Brewer; Cold Spring, A. K. Combs; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Harris Memorial, J. A. Letterman; Jefferson City, H. H. Tittsworth; Johnson City, Phil McAfee; Kingsport, Frank Wright; Leesburg, R. L. Crookshank; Morristown, A. B. Wells; New Bethel, Creed Hodge; New Ebenezer, Fred Gray; Pineola, E. C. Robbins; Roan's Chapel, Troy Young; Rogersville, F. M. Fulkerson; Thomas Memorial, G. H. Wall.—19.

Organization

The Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Program

The Committee on Program offered the following report, which was adopted:

Prayer by Moderator
Roll call of ministers and elders.
Organization.
Election of Moderator.
Report of Program Committee.
Distribution of minutes; reading of minutes of called meetings.
Communications.
Business.
Reception of Candidate Clyde Carter, of Jefferson City.

5:30 p. m. Recess.
7:30 p. m. Sermon by retiring Moderator, Rev. J. Alston Boyd.
Presbyterial communion and memorials.
Business till recess.

Tuesday

8:30 a. m. Devotional by Dr. Robt. King.
Business.
11:00 a. m. Presbyterial sermon, Dr. H. H. Thompson.
12:15 p. m. Recess—Lunch.
1:30 p. m. Business.
3:00 p. m. Foreign Mission Address by Rev. R. P. Richardson, of Abingdon Presbytery, stationed in China.
Business till adjournment.

Courtesy

The Rev. R. H. Taylor, Carlyle Presbytery U. S. A., and the Rev. R. P. Richardson, Abingdon Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Mr. Joseph Morton, Spruce Pine, N. C., was introduced to the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

Order of the Day

A special order of the day was set for 5 p. m., to receive candidates for the ministry.

The printed minutes of the spring meeting of the Presbytery were distributed.

The minutes of a called meeting of the Presbytery, held in Newland Presbyterian Church, July 26, 1937, were read for information.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly was read, concerning the three items sent the Presbytery for consideration. The consideration of the items was deferred until the spring meeting of the Presbytery.

Sabbath and Family Religion

The Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion was requested to arrange for an hour of discussion in the docket of the next fall meeting of the Presbytery.

Installation of the Rev. A. K. Dudley

The following report of the Commission to install the Rev. A. K. Dudley as co-pastor of the Johnson City Church was read and approved and the Commission discharged:

Pursuant to order of Presbytery the Commission met in the study of the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., at 7:45 p. m. (E. S. T.). Meeting was called to order by Rev. W. H. McCorkle and constituted with prayer. Present, Rev. W. H. McCorkle, Rev. Robert King, Rev. Charles Kernan, and Elder J. A. Summers. Rev. A. K. Dudley and Elder Frank Taylor sat with the Commission. After a short worship service Dr. McCorkle preached the installation sermon on the subject, "The Hand of Jesus," from the text John 10:28. Mr. Kernan gave the charge to the congregation and Dr. King the charge to the pastor.

After the asking and answering the constitutional questions Rev. A. K. Dudley was declared installed as co-pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn.

At the request of the Moderator the congregation was requested to extend to Mr. Dudley the right hand of fellowship in token of their appreciation of his position among them. They responded to this request in a very gracious manner.

Immediately after the service the Commission adjourned with prayer.

W. H. McCorkle, Moderator.
Charles Kernan, Clerk.

Evangelism

The Committee on Evangelism read a report, which was received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery heard from the Rev. Messrs. Chas. Kernan, D. C. Amick, John Martin, Robert King, T. P. Johnston, H. H. Thompson, R. P. Richardson, and W. C. Young, concerning evangelism in their fields of labor. The report was adopted and is as follows:

In most of the churches of the Presbytery special services have been held during the year which laid emphasis on soul winning. Very good results are recorded from those churches making a tabulated report. On account of a number of the brethren not having time to answer letters addressed to them for definite information, a statistical report cannot be given of the numbers received on profession of faith.

Your Committee on Evangelism desires to keep before all our churches the advisability of having special preaching and praying and concerted effort in winning people to Jesus Christ. However, we are not forgetful that the most effective efforts are those that are continuous. To that end may we

again urge every pastor to keep a list of prospects on file for his own prayer list, and for distribution among those who are willing also to pray and to make definite contacts to win the lost to the Savior.

It is our conviction that at every preaching service, as a rule, it is advisable to give an opportunity to confess Christ. This will enable the pastor to keep the seeking note, will remind the congregation of the primary work of the church, and will show the lost our interest in seeing them come to Christ.

Books that may be found helpful in stimulating interest in evangelism are, *The Soul-Winner and Soul-Winning*, by Joseph W. Kemp; *Won by One*, by M. T. Lamb; *Recruiting for Christ*, by John T. Stone; *New Testament Evangelism*, by Wade C. Smith; *Twice-Born Men*, by Hy Pickering.

H. H. Thompson.

Standing Committees

The Moderator read the following list of Standing Committees and elders on Permanent Committees:

Bills and Overtures—J. A. Boyd, R. A. Brown, H. H. Thompson, G. H. Wall.
Nominations—Robt. King, H. M. Moffett, C. W. Kernan, Phil McAfee.
Minutes of Presbytery—A. K. Dudley, John Young, Frank Wright.
Minutes of Synod—M. J. Murray, J. S. Yelton.
Resolutions—D. C. Amick, R. L. Crookshank.
Minutes of General Assembly—J. M. McNair, Troy Young.

Mr. Clyde Carter

Mr. Clyde Carter, a member of the Jefferson City Church, was introduced to the Presbytery. After the presentation of the required testimonials and the customary examination on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry, Mr. Carter was received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

The Rev. H. H. Thompson delivered the charge to Mr. Carter and led the Presbytery in prayer for Mr. Carter.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was, by formal vote, assured of the full support of the Presbytery in such steps as he might take in urging upon all of our candidates for the ministry a walk and conversation obviously separate from the worldliness of our times.

The Presbytery took recess till 7:30 p. m. after prayer by the Rev. Robert King.

NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 p. m. with prayer by the Rev. T. P. Johnston.

The Moderator's sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Alston Boyd, from Philippians 1:21, "For me to live is Christ."

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown and John S. Yelton, assisted by the following elders: W. L. Holshouser, Blowing Rock; Lessley Newland, Arcadia; John Letterman, Harris Memorial; Troy Young, Roan's Chapel; George H. Wall, Thomas Memorial; A. K. Combs, Holston Valley; Frank Wright, Kingsport; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek.

The Presbytery voted to have the Presbyterial sermon at 8:30 a. m., during the devotional hour, instead of 11 a. m.

The Presbytery voted to have the Foreign Mission report and the address of the Rev. R. P. Richardson at 11 a. m. instead of 3 p. m.

Rev. Robert Dabney Carson, D. D.

A memorial of the Rev. Robert Dabney Carson, D. D., was read by the Rev. S. H. Hay, and adopted by a standing vote. The Presbytery was led in prayer in behalf of the bereaved family by the Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr. The memorial is as follows:

Rev. Robert Dabney Carson, D. D.

In the *Christian Observer* of August 4, 1937, a fine summary was given of the facts and events of the life of this beloved minister. This summary is being brought into this memorial, with additional remarks of appreciation.

"Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D., pastor of the Rogersville, Tenn., Presbyterian Church, died on Saturday afternoon, July 3, 1937. For almost a year he had been suffering from some heart disease, but after spending the winter in Florida had returned to his home much improved in health and had resumed his work. On Saturday morning he had been in his study preparing for communion service on the following day, and for the reception of members into the church. A sudden heart attack took him away soon after lunch.

"Dr. Carson was a son of the manse. His father, Rev. Jas. Campbell Carson, lived near Abingdon and preached all over Southwest Virginia. Robert Dabney Carson was born on July 15, 1876. He graduated at King College, June 2, 1895. That fall he entered Union Seminary, Hampden-Sydney, Va., where he studied for two years. He then appeared before Lexington Presbytery, October 12, 1897, and was licensed. For two years he preached in Bath County, and then returned to Union Seminary, where he completed his course and graduated May 5, 1900. He was ordained by Lexington Presbytery and returned to Bath County, where he preached till January 1903, when he accepted the call to Rocky Spring Church, Deerfield, Va. After two years in this work he was elected evangelist of the Synod of Virginia, and assigned to Abingdon Presbytery. On June 1, 1911, he became president of Stonewall Jackson College, Abingdon, Va., resigning from that work two years later in order to preach in two important country churches near Abingdon, Green Springs and Cold Springs.

"He was pastor of the Rich Valley Churches, Abingdon Presbytery, and of the Mossy Creek Church, Jefferson City, Tenn. From January 1, 1922, till November 1, 1925, he served as secretary of Synod's work in the Synod of Appalachia, and then accepted the call to the Rogersville Church, where he spent the last twelve years of his life.

"On April 15, 1903, he married Julia Lee Kyle, of Falling Springs, Va. Of this union five children survive, Edward, J. C., and R. D. Carson, and Misses Kyle and Lelia Carson.

"Dr. Carson was recognized in the Synod of Appalachia as one of its greatest preachers. He preached the Gospel in such a way as to make it most winsome and attractive. He was loved devotedly by a great multitude whom he had served as pastor in Virginia and Eastern Tennessee. 'Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?'"

In addition to being so fine a preacher, Dr. Carson was at the same time a most acceptable pastor. He entered into the life of his people and his friends with deep sympathy and understanding. In times of sorrow in the homes of his churches he was peculiarly gifted in bringing comfort and renewed courage.

As a presbyter he was faithful and competent and always influential. Many have been the committees on which he has sat, to the profit of the church and the work. Always his eye was alert for any weak spot in a program, and he was ready to suggest that which would give strength. Into all phases of the work of the church he could be counted upon to inject, so far as he was able, the spirit of evangelism.

He will be missed by a very wide circle of friends and fellow Christians. Few men have been more gifted in forming acquaintance and friendship over wide areas of the church, in both rural and urban regions. His passing is mourned among us, and our deep sympathy is extended to his family.

Samuel H. Hay

The Presbytery adjourned until 8:30 a. m. after prayer by the Rev. D. C. Amick.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:30 a. m., and was led in a devotional service, of scripture and prayer, by the Rev. Robert King.

The Presbyterial sermon, from Rev. 22:17, "And let him that heareth say come," was preached by the Rev. H. H. Thompson.

The minutes of the last night's session were read and adopted.

Montreat College

The Committee on Educational Institutions made a report on Montreat College which was received as information.

The following resolution concerning placing Montreat College in the budget was adopted:

That the request of the Synod of Appalachia for the Presbytery to put Montreat College on the Presbyterial budget for a reasonable percentage be answered in the negative for the present, as the Presbytery is giving 4 per cent to Synod's Work, which contributes to the Montreat College, and that Montreat College be commended for the fine work it is doing.

Intermediate Camp

The Committee on Religious Education was given authority to arrange for an Intermediate Camp for Young People, and to work out a plan of finance, with the understanding that swimming was to be eliminated as a means of recreation. The camp project was heartily endorsed by the Presbytery.

Foreign Missions

A popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions was held. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read, and, pending its adoption, Presbytery heard an address on China by the Rev. R. P. Richardson. An offering for Foreign Missions was taken by Presbytery, amounting to $33.29. The report, with its recommendations, was adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions reports as follows:

Our Foreign Mission work was greatly blessed in the year ending March 31, 1937. There were 8,050 persons added to the churches upon profession of faith last year, one of the three years reporting over 8,000 converts. This is the more remarkable because the income was cut almost in half.

Our Executive Committee on Foreign Missions reported the cost of the year's work paid in full, and the standing debt reduced by $32,579.09. The standing debt was thus reduced to $262,718.17.

The losses in personnel abroad have been greater than the replacements. Our list of workers is smaller than it has been in 18 years, being 123 less than 11 years ago.

Our responsibility is increasing, for the population for which our Church is responsible has increased to 36,000,000 people. Twelve of our missionaries are past the age of retirement and 24 more are due retirement in the next four years. Our six mission stations are calling for 108 new missionaries, to be sent to them in the next five years.

There are 360 names on the list of candidates for Foreign Mission work, but these cannot be sent as replacements, or to new fields, unless funds become available. There is strong probability of extra emergency expense owing to the crisis in China which may require our missionaries there to leave China.

The receipts of our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions were $2,712.38 less for the period April 1, 1937, to August 31, 1937, than for the same months of the previous year. There is therefore urgent need of increased contributions to our Foreign Mission work.

We offer the following recommendations:

1) That all our Church organizations be urged to use the Foreign Mission season, Jan. 1. to Feb. 6, 1938, for studying world missions, using the text books recommended by the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions; and that the special Foreign Mission Week of Prayer and Self-Denial—Jan. 30 to Feb. 6—be observed by our Church organizations.

2) That our Sunday schools and Young People's organizations be asked to coöperate this year in the special missionary educational program on Africa, and to make contributions to our African work.

3) That the Presbytery approve the recommendation of the General Assembly for a missionary convention of young people, aged 17 to 24 years, to be held during the Christmas holidays of 1937.

4) That the Presbytery be now led in prayer by the Rev. R. P. Richardson for the safety of our missionaries, especially in the warring countries, and that the Lord will provide funds to adequately equip our fields abroad.

5) That the Presbytery, by a rising vote, express its appreciation of the instructive and interesting address of the Rev. R. P. Richardson.

6) That an offering for Foreign Missions be now taken, in the Presbytery, to be sent in the name of the Blowing Rock Church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Young, Chairman.

Rev. J. M. McNair

The following report of the Commission to install the Rev. J. M. McNair pastor of the Spruce Pine Church was read and approved and the Commission discharged:

The Commission appointed by Holston Presbytery to install the Rev. J. M. McNair as pastor of the Spruce Pine Presbyterian Church, Spruce Pine, N. C., met at the church on the evening of May 11. There were present the Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. John Martin, and Elder C. T. Vance. Rev. John Martin was appointed to preside and propound the constitutional questions, and also act as clerk. Rev. S. H. Hay preached the sermon. Elder C. T. Vance charged the congregation, and Rev. Mr. Martin charged the pastor.

The service was completed with singing of hymn and the benediction pronounced by the new pastor.

The minutes were read and approved and the Commission discharged. Adjourned with prayer. *John Martin, Clerk.*

Stewardship

The following report of the Committee on Stewardship was read, received, the recommendations considered seriatim and adopted, and the report adopted as a whole:

Holston Presbytery led the Synod again in the thoroughness of the every-member canvass for the year 1937-38. Canvasses were conducted in churches representing 98.11 per cent of the membership of the Presbytery. The total amount subscribed for the benevolence causes exceeded that of any year since 1930 by more than $3,000. 27 churches (an increase of 8 over last year) pledged 100 per cent or more of the benevolence askings sent down by the Presbytery. Blowing Rock and Cove Creek pledged 175 per cent of the askings.

Your Committee recommends—

1) That the total budget for the year 1938-39 be set at $35,000 and that this amount be apportioned as follows: Assembly's Causes $16,100, to be apportioned by the Central Treasurer of Benevolences as nearly as possible as the General Assembly directs; Synod's Causes, $4,900; Presbytery's Causes, $14,000.

2) That the amount apportioned to the causes and the percentages for General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery be as follows:

Assembly's Causes, $16,100.			
Foreign Missions	$ 8,400	24%	
Home Missions	4,500	13	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	2,100	6	
Religious Education and Publication	700	2	
Assembly's Training School	200	0.5	
Bible Cause	200	0.5	46%

Synod's Causes, $4,900.			
Synod's Work	1,400	4%	
King College	3,500	10	14%
Presbytery's Causes, $14,000.			
Home Missions	10,500	30	
Orphans' Home	3,500	10	40%
	$35,000	100%	100%

3) That this budget of $35,000 be apportioned among the churches as fairly as possible on the basis of giving and membership. The following apportionments are made for the year 1937-38:

Arcadia	$ 100	Newdale	$ 40
Banner Elk	500	New Ebenezer	75
Blaine	50	Newland	100
Blountville	700	Newport	600
Blowing Rock	150	New Providence	250
Bristol First	8,000	Paint Gap	50
Buladean	100	Paperville	50
Cold Spring	450	Pineola	100
Cove Creek	150	Plumtree	100
Crossnore	300	Providence	50
Ebenezer	25	Rheatown	100
Estatoe	50	Roan's Chapel	25
Grassy Creek	50	Rogersville	3,500
Gray's Chapel	25	Russellville	50
Harris Memorial	50	Russ Memorial	50
Hughes	25	Rutledge	100
Jefferson City First	600	Salem	50
Johnson City First	8,300	Smoky Mountain	25
Kingsport	4,000	Spruce Pine	300
Leesburg	150	Strawberry Plains	100
Mary Andrews Chapel	25	Thomas Memorial	200
Meadow Creek	150	Viana Valley	50
Micaville	50	Weavers	125
Mooresburg	50	White Pine	50
Morristown	4,000	Windsor Ave.	600
New Bethel	250		

4) That $400 of the amount assigned to Bristol First be apportioned to Fairmount.

5) That Presbytery reaffirm "its deep conviction that, in view of the urgency of our world task, and God's gracious provision for our spiritual and material needs, each of our members should express his love for Christ and his devotion to the Kingdom of God by a sacred consecration of at least one-tenth of his income to the Christian enterprise."

6) That Presbytery call upon our people, both as congregations and as individuals, to make a careful study of God's Word with a view to discovering therein the standards which God would have them adopt for themselves as a guide in their giving.

7) That March 13, 1938, be designated as Every-Member Canvass Day, and that on this day each church endeavor to lead every member to make a statement as to his plans for giving during the year.

8) That pastors and leaders in preparing for the every-member canvass try to develop in their people a real sense of God's merciful salvation in Christ, an appreciation of his challenge in placing man in control of the resources of His world, and a sympathetic understanding of the need of the world for the Gospel.

9) That March 20, 1938, be designated as Presbyterian Loyalty Day, when the members shall be urged to pay their pledges in full, thus giving ample time for the treasurers to get their final remittances to the agencies of the Church before the books of the agencies are closed on April 1, 1938.

10) That a sum not to exceed $75, for promotion expenses of the Stewardship Committee, be provided, half to come from the Committee on Home Missions and half from the Treasurer of Presbytery.

11) That Rev. D. C. Amick be continued as special agent in collecting delinquent Presbyterial taxes until the spring meeting.

D. C. Amick, Secretary.

Presbytery took recess until 1:30 p. m., after prayer by the Rev. Dan H. Graham.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 p. m., with a hymn, and with prayer by the Rev. A. K. Dudley.

King College

Presbytery heard an address on the aims and progress of King College by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, President of King College, which was received as information.

Time and Place of Spring Meeting

Presbytery accepted unanimously the invitation of the Blountville Church for the spring meeting, April 11, 1938, at 8 p. m. (E. S. T.).

Ministers' Annuity

A report from the Committee on the Ministers' Annuity was read and received as information.

Nominations

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

1) Stewardship Committee—W. H. McCorkle, Chairman; D. C. Amick, Secretary; H. H. Thompson.

2) Examining Committee on Theology—S. H. Hay, Chairman; H. H. Thompson, R. A. Brown.

3) Devotional Sermon, "The Unity of the Church," T. P. Johnston; M. J. Murray, alternate.

Robt. King. H. M. Moffett.
C. W. Kernan. Phil McAfee

League of Intercession

At the request of the Rev. P. Frank Price, ex-Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. H. H. Thompson read the following paper, which was ordered printed in the minutes of the Presbytery:

The Ministry of Intercession

Our retiring Moderator of the Assembly, Dr. P. Frank Price, has, in conjunction with other brethren of like mind, undertaken to lay upon the hearts of our beloved Southern Presbyterian Church the great ministry of intercession. The very mention of such an endeavor brings to us the conviction that it is timely and that we should all with genuine earnestness respond to such a call. Then, when we hear stated the definite objectives of this appeal for concerted prayer, we are all the more persuaded that it is of the Lord, and we with unanimity and zeal should covenant thus with our brethren of the general church to seek His blessings upon the glorious work He has called upon us to do.

I have been requested to present this matter to the brethren of Holston Presbytery, and I do so, earnestly beseeching that we all accept this, not as a summons from our beloved Moderator but from the great Head of the Church, Jesus Christ Himself, and that we, in ways in which He shall lead us, undertake to enlist the people of our churches also in this spiritual movement.

The suggested topics are given below, the first six of these coming from Dr. Price, the other two pertaining to the particular interests of our Presbytery.

1) For the 108 missionary recruits needed in our wide Foreign Mission field during the next five years.

2) For the raising up and training of a small army of native workers to aid in reaching the 41,000,000 population for which our Church is responsible.

3) For Home Mission work and workers, who are faithfully trying to keep our country Christian.

4) For the completion of the Annuity Fund in 1937—a most important obligation.

5) For a new spirit of united prayer and supplication in all our churches—less talking at our prayer meetings and more prayer. (Acts 1:12-14.)

6) A new baptism of the Holy Spirit throughout our bounds, kindling new fires in the hearts of praying people, and calling back to their first love those who have grown cold and worldly.

7) That the hampering debts on our Synodical institutions—King College and the closed Stonewall Jackson College—may be speedily lifted.

8) That a true revival may spring up in every church in Holston Presbytery.

Minutes of Presbytery

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery was read and adopted:

We find the minutes of Presbytery both accurate and neat, for which we heartily commend the Stated Clerk. There are no recommendations to be made by this Committee.

A. K. Dudley.
John Young.
Frank Wright.

Minutes of Assembly

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was read and adopted:

We, your Committee, find nothing to report in regard to the Assembly minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. M. McNair.
Troy L. Young.

Minutes of Synod

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Synod was read and adopted:

The minutes of Synod were read and found in order, and their approval is hereby recommended.

M. J. Murray, Chairman.

Bills and Overtures

The following report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted:

The Session of the Blountville Presbyterian Church, in session Friday evening, April 9, 1937, overtures Holston Presbytery to invite one deacon from each church in the Presbytery to attend the meetings of our Presbytery.

Realizing that our deacons must do a good part of church work and that they are some of our very finest men, we believe that they should be extended this courtesy and at the same time give them the training which they so greatly need, even though they do not have a vote in the Presbytery.

Dan H. Graham, Moderator.
Rhea Anderson, Clerk.

Commissioners to General Assembly

Rev. Dan H. Graham, Rev. E. F. Camp, and Elder John M. Fain gave reports of their attendance at the last General Assembly. The reports were received and the diligence of the Commissioners commended.

The following were nominated Commissioners to the next General Assembly:

Ministers—G. S. Buchanan; alternate, John S. Yelton. Robert King; alternate, W. H. McCorkle. H. H. Thompson; alternate, T. P. Johnston.

Elders—George H. Wall, Thomas Memorial; alternate, Frank Fulkerson, Rogersville.

Creed Hodge, New Bethel; alternate, Lessley Newland, Arcadia.

Frank Wright, Kingsport; alternate, R. M. Burleson, Spruce Pine.

A suitable resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator, to meet in stated meeting in the Blountville Church, April 11, 1938, at 8 p. m. (E. S. T.).

W. H. McCorkle, Moderator.
Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk.
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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Spring Meeting

BLOUNTVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BLOUNTVILLE, TENN.

APRIL 18-20, 1938

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

HARRIS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Toledo, N. C.

Oct. 3, 1938, at 7:30 P. M. (E. S. T.)

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ORGANIZATION—SPRING 1938

Moderator—The Rev. John L. Rhea, Greeneville, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Ruling Elder Rhea Anderson, Blountville, Tenn.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Spruce Pine, N. C.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John Martin, Bristol, Tenn.

Representative on Synod's Committee of Stated Supply—The Rev. John Martin, Bristol, Tenn.

Permanent Committees

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown, Wm. H. McCorkle; Elders: J. D. Faucette, Chairman; Frank Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer; George M. Smith, Rod Armstrong, R. M. Burleson, D. R. Beeson, R. L. Peters.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, Chairman; Rev. Robert King.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. G. S. Buchanan, Chairman; Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr., Chairman; Rev. W. H. McCorkle, Rev. M. J. Murray.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. J. A. Boyd, Chairman; Rev. Dan Graham.

7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. John S. Yelton, Chairman; Rev. D. C. Amick, Secretary; Rev. T. P. Johnston.

8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Brown.

9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robt. King, Chairman.

10) *Assembly's Training School*—Rev. R. A. Brown, Chairman; Rev. Jno. I. Rhea.

11) *Evangelism*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, Chairman; Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

12) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. John S. Yelton, Chairman; Rev. M. J. Murray, Rev. R. A. Brown.

13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. John I. Rhea, Chairman; Rev. John S. Yelton, Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr.

14) *Program*—Stated Clerk and pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. (Rhea Anderson and the Rev. Dan H. Graham, Spring, 1938.)

Examining Committees

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Samuel H. Hay and Rev. W. C. Young.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs S. H. Hay and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, Robert King, and John Martin.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs D. C. Amick and M. J. Murray.

5) *Scriptural Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

Special Committee

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle, Chairman; Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. John Yelton; Elders: J. D. Faucette and J. A. Summers.

Trustees

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. Robert King, 1938; Rev. D. C. Amick, 1939; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1940; F. H. Stinson, 1941; J. L. Gray, 1942; E. H. Tufts, 1943; J. A. Summers, 1944.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, Charles Hughes, 1938, Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1939; Rev. E. F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, W. D. McSween, 1940.

SPRING MEETING

Blountville, Tenn., April 18, 1938.

The one hundred and thirty-first session of Holston Presbytery met in the Blountville Presbyterian Church, beginning April 18, 1938, at 7:30 P. M. The Presbytery was called to order by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle, and opened with prayer by the Rev. Dan H. Graham.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers—D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, J. A. Boyd, E. F. Camp, T. W. Clapp, A. K. Dudley, Dan H. Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, C. W. Kernan, W. K. Keys, Robert King, John Martin, H. M. Moffett, Jr., J. M. McNair, W. H. McCorkle, M. J. Murray, John I. Rhea, H. H. Thompson, J. S. Yelton, John Young, W. C. Young.

Ruling Elders—Arcadia, Joe Newland; Banner Elk, F. W. Von Cannon; Blountville, W. J. Smith; Bristol First, John M. Fain; Cold Spring, Nat Thomas; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Crossnore, E. H. Sloop; Gray's Chapel, Arthur Perry; Harris Memorial, R. A. Peake; Jefferson City, B. F. Layman; Johnson City, Frank Taylor; Kingsport, R. N. Robinson; Leesburg, B. F. Knight; Meadow Creek, C. J. Waddell; Mooresburg, J. L. Rogers; Morristown, A. B. Wells; New Bethel, T. D. Shipley; New Ebeneze, Fred Gray; Newport, H. C. Alexander; New Providence, S. B. Miller; Paperville, B. W. Rutherford; Pincola, J. W. Wilson; Plumtree, F. L. Burleson; Providence, Hugh Carson; Roan's Chapel, Dave Troutman; Rogersville, L. Rolfe; Thomas Memorial, George H. Wall; Weavers, Paul Gray; White Pine, J. J. Humbird; Windsor Avenue, J. R. Allen.

Ruling Deacons—Arcadia, Nat Newland; Blountville, Irby Ramsey; Cold Spring, Joe K. Thomas; Cove Creek, Dave Harrell and Claude Harrell; Crossnore, R. Q. Bault; Jefferson City, James Zirkle; Kingsport, J. Kusick; Mooresburg, Thomas A. Rogers; Newport, W. H. Masters; New Providence, James Hoffman, Roan's Chapel, J. B. Young; Thomas Memorial, J. R. Boy; White Pine, C. H. Phipps.

Organization

The Rev. John I. Rhea was unanimously elected Moderator.

Program

The Committee on Program submitted the following report, which was adopted:

HOLSTON PRESBYTERY
BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE
April 18, 19th and 20th

MONDAY

8:00 P. M.—

Prayer

Roll Call

Election of Moderator

Report of Program Committee

Sermon by the retiring Moderator—Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle

Communion and Memorials

Distribution of Minutes, etc.

Announcements

Adjournment

TUESDAY

8:45 A. M.

Devotional—Rev. G. S. Buchanan

Enrollment, Order of Day

Business

11:00 A. M.—Presbyterial Sermon—Rev. T. P. Johnston
Lunch

1:30 P. M.—Business

8:00 P. M.—King College Night

WEDNESDAY

8:45 A. M.

Devotional—Rev. Robert King

Business until Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk.

Dan H. Graham, Pastor of Host Church.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle, from Psalm 106:15—"He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul."

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterian Communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. H. H. Thompson and John W. Young, assisted by the following Edlers: J. A. Brown, Windsor Avenue; J. C. Gray, Weavers; J. R. Allen, Windsor Avenue; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; Frank Taylor, Johnson City; W. J. Smith, Blountville; W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial; Lessley Newland, Arcadia.

Rev. George F. Robertson

A Memorial of the Rev. George F. Robertson was read by the Rev. S. H. Hay, and adopted by a rising vote. The Presbytery was led in prayer, in behalf of the bereaved family, by the Rev. John I. Rhea. The Memorial is as follows:

Rev. George F. Robertson, D. D.

An outline of the larger facts and events of the life of this loved and honored minister was published in the *Christian Observer* of May 4, 1938. This outline is being brought into this memorial, with additional remarks of appreciation.

"Rev. George F. Robertson, D. D., honorably retired, and a resident of Clover, S. C., passed to his heavenly reward, from the Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, N. C., Thursday, April 7, 1938. Dr. Robertson was born in Greeneville, Tenn., June 11, 1853. He graduated from Davidson College in 1878, and took his theological training at Princeton. King College, Bristol, Tenn., awarded him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Licensed by Holston Presbytery, and ordained by Ouachita Presbytery, he began his ministry in Washington and Columbus, Ark. He served pastorates at Taylorsville, Ky.; Elizabethtown, Ky.; Rogersville, Tenn.; Morristown, Tenn.; Dalton, Ga.; Uniontown, Ala.; Marion, Ala.; Paris, Texas; Forney, Texas; Steele Creek, N. C., and Pineville, N. C. He also served as evangelist for the Synod of Georgia, and for the General Assembly. "The Only Nancy," "King John" and "A Small Boy's Recollection of the Civil War," gave him reputation as an author. Surviving Dr. Robertson are the following children: Mr. H. E. Robertson, Dallas, Texas: Mrs. W. J. Watt, Steele Creek, N. C.; Mr. L. C. Robertson and Mrs. J. L. Hager, Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. L. T. Lindsay, Greenville, S. C., and Miss Mary Robertson, Clover, S. C. Dr. Robertson's body lay in state in Steele Creek Church Saturday, April 9, from 2 until 3:30 P. M. Services were held at 3:30, when a large number of former parishioners and sorrowing friends gathered. His body was laid beside that of his wife. Funeral services were in charge of Rev. W. S. Patterson, assisted by Rev. J. M. Walker, D. D.; Rev. W. W. Akers; Rev. E. L. Flannagan; Rev. R. A. Young, D. D.; Rev. H. D. Corbett, and Rev. C. H. Rowan."

Dr. Robertson was a notable man. He served the church many and varied capacities. Few among us were more widely known than he. He held pastorates in six states, and his writings and his work as evangelist for the General Assembly made his name familiar throughout the church.

As a scholar he was painstaking, thorough, and reliable. Time gave him an advantage in this. His own experience and remarkable memory held tenaciously to the truth of events and doctrines. So often waves of thought and vogues of opinion sweep aside many that would wish to cling to the facts. Dr. Robertson always brought his brethren stubbornly back to the actual.

His presence in a group always radiated geniality, freedom from constraint, breadth of opinion, and generosity of sentiment. The writer of this memorial recalls seeing him the center of a picnicking crowd of young people long after he had passed the landmark of seventy years, enjoying himself among high-hearted youth and adding to their pleasure and their sound thinking. After his retirement from regular service, he traveled among the churches upon invitation, preaching with amazing freshness and vigor even into his eighty-fifth year.

With his death there passes from among us a loved and honored pastor, Presbyter, scholar, author, preacher, personal Christian, and friend. The fruitage of his long and good life will accumulate with the coming years. May God multiply his sort among us.

SAMUEL H. HAY.

The Presbytery adjourned, until 8:45 A. M., after prayer by The Rev. John Martin.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:45 A. M., and was led in a devotional service by the Rev. W. C. Young, who spoke from Acts 5:15, on "Our Influence."

The minutes of the last night's session were read and adopted.

Standing Committees

The Moderator read the following list of Standing Committees and Elders on the Permanent Committees:

Bills and Overtures—W. H. McCorkle, S. H. Hay, J. S. Yelton, J. M. Fain.

Nominations—H. H. Thompson, M. J. Murray, R. A. Brown, Rhea Anderson.

Minutes of Presbytery—John Young, D. C. Amick, L. Rolfe.

Minutes of Synod—John Martin, A. K. Dudley, G. H. Wall.

Auditing—J. J. Humbird, J. L. Gray, W. J. Smith.

Pastors' Salaries—Dan H. Graham, F. W. Von Cannon, Frank Knight.

Resolutions—Robt. King, J. R. Allen, Fred Gray.

Communications

A Communication, concerning the Ministers' Annuity Fund, was referred to the Presbytery's Committee on the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

A Communication, concerning Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, was referred to the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

Two Communications, from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A Communication, from the Rev. S. H. Tenney, D. D., concerning the Assembly's Training School, was referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions.

A Communication, from the Stated Clerk of Abingdon Presbytery, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A Communication, from the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, was referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions.

Rev. C. W. Kernan

The Rev. C. W. Kernan requested a dissolution of the pastoral relationship, between the Cold Spring Church and himself, and a Certificate of Dismission to the Presbytery of East Hanover. The Cold Spring Church reluctantly concurring, the Pastorate was dissolved and the Certificate granted.

Courtesy

The following Ministers were introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as visiting brothers:

Rev. M. W. Doggett, D. D., Abingdon Presbytery,
Rev. T. J. McConnell, D. D., Columbia Presbytery,
Rev. L. M. Burris, M. E. Church S., Blountville.

Orders of the Day

It was made the First Order of the Day, in the afternoon session, to hear from the Rev. Walter Keys. It was made the Second Order of the Day, in the afternoon session, to receive Candidates for the Ministry and to examine Candidate for Licensure.

Rev. G. S. Buchanan

The Presbytery, having received word that the Rev. G. S. Buchanan was seriously ill, was led in prayer, in behalf of him, by the Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial Sermon was preached by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, on "The Unity of the Church."

Report of the Treasurer of Home Missions

The report of the Treasurer of Home Missions was read, and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee. The report is, as follows:

To the Presbytery of Holston

I herewith submit my report as Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee of Holston Presbytery for the year April 1st, 1937, to March 31st, 1938.

RECEIPTS

1937.		
April 1—Balance in Treasury, general fund	$419.70	
1—Balance in treasury, Cocke Co. Field	15.00	
1—Total Balance		434.70
Received from General Assembly's H. M. Committee		4,567.59
Received from Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer		4,845.17
Received Loan from Dr. Geo. Graham, Legacy Fund		2,000.00
Received from General Assembly's H. M. Committee for Cocke Co. Field		1,020.00
Received from Special Gifts		564.17
Received from Loan		400.00
Received from Refund advanced to Boone, N. C.		38.38
Total Receipts		13,870.01
Overdraft April 1st, 1938, general fund		44.18
		$ 13,914.19

DISBURSEMENTS

Payroll for Home Mission Workers	$ 9,153.96
Payroll Home Mission Workers, Cocke Co. Field	1,020.00
Paid for lot, Boone, N. C.	1,000.00
Paid Loan to Church	1,000.00
Expenses Supt.-Evangelist for 10 months	495.29
Rent for manse for Supt.-Evang. for 10 months	250.00
Repairs to Churches and Building Funds	123.67
Summer Workers	122.50
Paid Loan	400.00
Insurance	12.00
Payment on Note Blaine Church	50.00
Payment on Loan on Whitesburg Church	45.96
Committee Expense	225.81
Total Disbursements	13,899.19
April 1, 1938, by Balance, Cocke Co. Field	15.00
	$ 13,914.19

April 1, 1938 *Frank Taylor, Treasurer.*

Report of Central Treasurer of Benevolences

The report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences was read, and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee. The report is, as follows:

REPORT OF D. C. AMICK, CENTRAL TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES

Receipts from April 1, 1937, to April 1, 1938

Church	Cong.	Auxil.	S. S.	Y. P.	Total	Increase Over 1937
Arcadia	$ 75.00	$	$	$	$ 75.00	$
Banner Elk	363.50	431.00	17.50		812.00	409.31
Blountville	373.00	12.00			385.00	12.77
Blowing Rock	53.95	142.00	75.17	8.60	279.72	33.23
Bristol First	1,815.32	1,605.12	38.70	34.00	3,493.14	
Buladean	41.89				41.89	
Cold Spring	350.16	141.56	63.21		554.93	177.56
Cove Creek	187.00		81.70		268.70	44.85
Crossnore		123.00			123.00	
Estatoa	6.75				6.75	4.20
Gray's Chapel	31.00		19.89		50.89	4.89
Harris Memorial	57.20	9.00	13.00		79.20	
Hughes	25.00				25.00	
Jefferson City	86.07	316.34	106.28	4.55	513.24	
Johnson City First	987.09	1,646.12	457.50	26.26	3,116.97	
Kingsport First	2,671.35	937.07	558.87	48.37	4,215.66	
Leesburg	76.12	21.30	2.00		99.42	
Mary Andrew's Chapel	32.98				32.98	
Meadow Creek	131.00	10.00			141.00	59.62
Micaville	37.64				37.64	2.79
Mooresburg	50.28				50.28	32.30
Morristown	1,771.49		33.65		1,805.12	774.91
New Bethel	144.85	47.00			191.85	17.85
Newdale	5.00				5.00	3.75
New Ebenezer	59.97				59.97	
Newland	61.86	79.00			140.86	
Newport	363.11	91.00	20.86		474.97	260.49
New Providence	105.63	125.20			230.83	103.00
Paint Gap	143.54				143.54	62.41
Paperville	46.00	29.00			75.00	49.96
Pineola	111.00	84.32			195.32	49.32
Plumtree	12.30	53.75			66.05	15.80
Providence	50.00				50.00	.50
Rheatown	52.30				52.30	
Roan's Chapel	27.12				27.12	2.12
Rogersville	1,496.83	951.37	42.54	15.65	2,506.39	
Russellville		59.00			59.00	
Russ Memorial	18.35				18.35	
Rutledge	20.00	56.25			76.25	1.25
Spruce Pine	20.65	69.60	28.05		118.30	
Strawberry Plains		111.80	20.99		132.79	10.19
Thomas Memorial	144.59	28.95			173.54	40.54
Vians Valley	12.00				12.00	
Weavers	75.00				75.00	
White Pine		71.90			71.90	16.50
Windsor Ave.	17.00	316.26	30.53		363.79	64.58
Miscellaneous	49.67				49.67	
Cash Balance	15.00				15.00	
Gross Receipts	$12,275.54		$1,610.44		$21,592.32	
		$7,568.91		$137.43		

Received after Books closed April 1, 1938:

Morristown	$1,038.53	Bristol First	160.97
Jefferson City	62.42	Pineola	10.00
New Ebenezer	29.65	Kingsport	100.00

Disbursements from April 1, 1937, to April 1, 1938

Foreign Missions		$ 6,133.68	
Regular Budget Gifts	$ 4,066.66		
Specials	566.28		
Self Denial & China Em.	1,510.74		
Assembly's Home Missions		2,843.71	
Regular Budget Gifts	1,792.16		
Thank Offering	1,051.55		
Christian Education & Ministerial Relief		1,727.49	
Regular Budget Gifts	903.07		
Joy Gifts	515.61		
Ministers Annuity	308.81		
Religious Education & Publication		652.28	
Regular Budget Gifts	287.06		
Rally Day & Specials	365.22		
Assembly's Training School		95.66	
Bible Cause		98.41	
Total for Assembly Causes			$ 11,551.23
Synod's Work		608.76	
Religious Education in Synod & Presbytery		74.17	
Educational Insitutions		1,750.01	
King College	1,560.01		
Montreat College	190.00		
Total for Synod's Causes		4,929.08	2,432.94
Presbytery's Home Missions		2,456.39	
Edgar Tufts Memorial Institutions			
Orphanage	2,358.39		
Lees-McRae College	60.00		
Grade Hospital	38.00		
Total for Presbytery's Causes			7,385.47
Total for Church Causes			21,369.64
Miscellaneous			118.48
Refund to Blowing Rock	5.00		
Presbyterial Tax	110.48		
Contingent Fee	3.00		
			21,488.12
Overdraft to Assembly's Home Missions			80.93
Total Disbursements for All Purposes			21,569.05
Cash, 20 Cents. Bank Balance, $19.33. Money Order, $3.74			23.27
Total			$ 21,592.32
Balances carried over to year 1938-39:			
Due Stonewall Jackson College Debt			$ 4.00
Due Building Fund, Bone Church			100.00
Due Presbytery's Home Missions			.20
			$104.20

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct statement as shown by the records on file, this the 12th day of April, 1938.

W. B. Haskins, Newport, Tenn.

Report of Treasurer of Presbytery

The report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery was read, and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee. The report is, as follows:

REPORT OF RHEA ANDERSON, TREASURER
April 12, 1937, to April 18, 1939

Balance Brought Forward	$ 279.96	
Assessment from Churches	1,573.52	
		$ 1,853.48

Disbursements

Salaries:		
D. C. Amick, August, '37		120.00
W. C. Young, October, '37		8.00
Rhea Anderson, October, '37		60.00
D. C. Amick, April, '38		120.00
W. C. Young, April, '38		8.00
Rhea Anderson, April, '38		60.00
		376.00
Central Treasurer's Office:		
D. C. Amick, Expense Tax	10.00	
W. B. Harkins, Auditing	10.00	
Kemble-Cochran Co., Supplies	8.70	
D. C. Amick, Expense Tax	5.17	
D. C. Amick, Expense Account	5.27	
J. E. Lutz & Co., premium on bond (D. C. Amick)	12.50	
D. C. Amick, Expense Account	3.86	
D. C. Amick, Supplies and Postage	12.52	
		68.02
Stated Clerk's Office:		
W. D. Dulaney, P. M., Postage	3.12	
Farmers Bank, Box Rent	1.65	
Rhea Anderson, Expense (Supplies)	.80	
W. D. Dulaney, P. M., Postage	3.00	
Presbyterian Committee of Publication, Supplies	8.60	
		17.17
Miscellaneous:		
Assembly's Tax	471.06	
Assembly's Tax, Extra Assessment	39.25	
J. G. Patton, Synod's Tax	98.14	
J. G. Patton, Synod's Tax	99.91	
S. H. Hay, Expense, Spruce Pine	5.00	
B. D. Smith & Bros., Printing Minutes	67.03	
B. D. Smith & Bros., Printing Minutes	47.35	
		827.74
Total Disbursements		1,288.93
Balance in Bank, April 16, 1938		564.55
		$1,853.48

Respectfully submitted,
Rhea Anderson, Treasurer.

The Presbytery took recess, until 1:30 P. M., after prayer by the Rev. R. A. Brown.

Second Day—Afternoon Session

The Presbytery reconvened, at 1:30 P. M., with prayer by the Rev. T. J. McConnell.

The Rev. Walter K. Keys, and Elder J. L. Grey, addressed the Presbytery on The Progress and the Outlook of our Mountain Mission Work.

Reception of Candidates

Mr. Joseph Morton, of the Spruce Pine Church, presented satisfactory testimonials, and, after the customary examination on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry, was received under the care of the Presbytery as a Candidate for the Ministry. The Presbytery was led in prayer, in his behalf, by the Moderator, and the Charge to Mr. Morton was delivered by the Rev. John Martin.

Mr. Ira H. Rawls presented a Certificate of Candidacy for the Ministry, from St. Johns Presbytery, and was enrolled, as a Candidate for the Ministry, by the Presbytery.

Licensure of Mr. Ira H. Rawls

Mr. Ira H. Rawls presented himself before the Presbytery, for licensure to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry.

His examinations on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry, Theology, and Church Government and the Sacraments, were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

The following parts, assigned by Mr. Rawls, were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial:

A Sermon, from Matt. 1:21,

A Popular Lecture, based on John 1:39-51—"The Winning of Souls to Christ,"

A Thesis on "The Inspiration of the Scriptures,"

A Greek Exegesis of Romans 3:20-26.

The examinations were then sustained as a whole. After prayer by the Moderator, Mr. Rawls was duly licensed to preach the Gospel, as a probationer for the holy ministry.

Licensure of Thomas C. Rhea

Mr. Thomas C. Rhea presented himself, before the Presbytery, for licensure to preach the Gospel, as a probationer for the holy ministry.

His examinations on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry, Theology, and Church Government and the Sacraments, were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

The following parts, assigned to Mr. Rhea, were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial:

A Sermon, from Romans 14-12,

A Popular Lecture, based on Romans 12:3-8—"Many Members and Many Officers, but One Body."

A Thesis on "What Does Paul Mean by Justification,"

A Greek Exegesis of Romans 8:37-39.

The examinations were then sustained as a whole. After prayer by the Moderator, Mr. Rhea was duly licensed to preach the Gospel, as a probationer for the holy ministry.

Mr. Lewis Smith

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"The Presbytery of Holston has enjoyed happy business relations, for many years, with Mr. Lewis Smith, of Pulaski, Virginia, who has printed our Minutes accurately and reasonably. We have heard of the recent illness of Mr. Smith, which necessitates the giving up of this relationship, at least temporarily. We wish to express our appreciation of the years of pleasant association, and our sincere hope that Mr. Smith may be brought speedily and fully to health and strength. We hope, also, that our pleasant relations may be resumed."

The Presbytery took recess, until 8 P. M., after prayer by the Rev. E. F. Camp.

Second Day—Night Session

The Presbytery reconvened at 8 P. M., with the Rev. T. P. Johnston, President of King College, presiding, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. John Yelton.

King College

The Presbytery enjoyed a fine musical program, rendered by King College Male Chorus and Miss Jane Wood, soloist, under the direction of Prof. C. C. Loomis.

The Rev. T. P. Johnston addressed the Presbytery, concerning the attainments and advance made by King College.

The Rev. S. H. Hay spoke of the responsibility of the Synod of Appalachia, as owners of King College, for the debt of the College.

The Rev. H. H. Thompson spoke of the need of active cooperation, in the Synod, toward the payment of the debt of King College.

The Presbytery adjourned, until 8:45 A. M., tomorrow, after prayer by the Rev. Dan H. Graham.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:45 A. M. The Rev. John S. Yelton led the Presbytery in a season of prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

Edgar Tufts Memorial Association

An oral report, for the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, was made by the Rev. D. C. Amick, and received as information. The following recommendation was adopted, concerning the Grandfather Orphans' Home:

Of the 80 children now enrolled at Grandfather's Orphan Home, 63 are from within the bounds of Holston Presbytery. This is 79 per cent of the total and are from the following counties:

Watauga County, North Carolina	13
Avery County, North Carolina	10
Yancey County, North Carolina	2
Washington County, Tennessee	13
Hawkins County, Tennessee	2
Carter County, Tennessee	8
Sullivan County, Tennessee	6
Cocke County, Tennessee	9

The support of these 63 children from Holston Presbytery costs more than $1000.00 than is received from all sources for their support. Therefore, it is recommended that each Church which is not at present taking a special offering through the Sunday School, Church, or other departments, provide for a special monthly or 5th Sunday offering for the Orphanage either through the Sunday School or some Church Department as Auxiliary, Bible Classes. The Orphanage Management is authorized to present this recommendation to the Churches. It is suggested that each Church give the offering of the last Sunday of each month from the Sunday School to the Orphanage.

Presbytery's Home Missions

The following report of the Presbytery's Committee on Home Missions was read and adopted:

Report of Chairman of Home Missions for 1937-38

Much of this report is taken from the Superintendent's report to the Home Mission Committee.

There has not been much advance in our Presbytery during the past year. Contributions to Presbytery's Home Missions have not been as great as hoped, and holding fast to our policy not to incur debt, not much progress could be made.

The Assembly's requirement that an evangelistic meeting be held in every church has not been fully met, about 30 meetings were held with 142 additions reported to January 1st.

The number of pastors and community workers remains about the same as last year. The worker on Beans Creek gave up the work Dec. 1st. No worker is now located on that field. We feel that there is an urgent need for more workers and an increase of salaries for those new employed. The fields served by some of our pastors are too large for one man.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held on many fields throughout the Presbytery, and are proving a most helpful means of interesting the young in the study of God's word.

In at least 26 outpost Sunday Schools the word is being faithfully taught.

There has not been much building activity during the past year. A new mission church is being built on Rev. John Young's field. Repairs have been made on a number of churches. There is urgent need to go forward with a building project at Boone, N. C. There are a few Presbyterian families in Boone, and quite a number of students of Presbyterian families in the Training College there.

I think probably the time is ripe to establish work at Mountain City.

No new churches have been organized during the past year but the Home Mission pastors report at least five prospects for new church organizations. There are many other places in our Presbytery where profitable work should be done.

A fairly good Every Member Canvass has been made in all of our Home Missions fields, tho some of them were not completed. It is evident from these reports that there are very few tithers, and a great many have not recognized their financial responsibility and opportunity for carrying forward the Lord's work. In response to a recent inquiry sent out, I find that the Catechisms of our church are not being taught by all of our Home Mission workers and pastors in their Sunday Schools. Some of them have promised to see that this is done right away. Some to whom this inquiry was sent did not reply. I think this is a matter that should be kept after closely.

I feel that we have neglected keeping our congregations advised and aroused to the great opportunities and needs of the Home Mission work in our Presbytery. Some of the churches are not even giving the percentage adopted for Presbyterial Home Missions, and we believe our people would support and be much more interested in our Home Mission work if they knew more about it.

There are always open doors for service and much land to be possessed within the bounds of our Presbytery. There should be much prayer for a reviving of the work, that Jesus Christ may be exalted and His name glorified. To this end the Superintendent recommends that the covenant of prayer on Saturday mornings for all members of Presbytery and Home Mission workers be renewed.

J. D. Fawcett.

Stated Supply

We recommend the following stated supplies, if the way be clear, until the next meeting of Presbytery:

The Rev. John Young at Buladean, Russ Memorial, Harris Memorial, Roane's Chapel.

The Rev. T. W. Clapp at Plumtree, Hughes, Cove Creek, Gray's Chapel.

The Rev. John Yelton at Leesburg, Salem, Providence, Russellville, New Providence, Mooresburg.

The Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr., at Blaine.

The Rev. W. C. Young at Newdale, Micaville, Estatoa, Paint Gap.

The Rev. James M. McNair, Vian's Valley, Grassy Creek.

The Rev. John Rhea at White Pine, Rheatown.

That evangelistic powers be granted to the Rev. D. C. Amick limited to the Cocke County field.

Assembly's Home Missions

The following report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was read, received, and the recommendations adopted:

Report on Assembly's Home Missions

Recommendations:

1. That every pastor, session and organization in the church be urged to study the Committee's Annual Report, that the magnitude of the Assembly's Home Missions and its primary place in the life and growth of the church may be better understood.

2. That every pastor be urged to present from the pulpit the facts of the Assembly's Home Missions, that our people may know of the opportunities that challenge our church in all parts of our Assembly.

3. That the period, October 1-November 6, be set apart as a special season for home mission study, and that the week of October 30-November 6, be designated as a week of prayer and self-denial for Assembly's Home Missions with a generous offering in all the churches and organizations for this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Sexton Buchanan, Chairman.

The Committee on Women's Work read a report, which was received as information.

Religious Education

The following report on Religious Education was read and adopted:

The Committee on Religious Education submits the following report:

In regard to the proposed joint Intermediate Camp in conjunction with Abingdon Presbytery, the committee was forced to give up the plans for this camp for this year since Abingdon Presbytery withdrew their invitation because of the recreational restraint entered in the approval of the camp project by this Presbytery at the Fall meeting.

In regard to the Synod's Young Peoples Conference to be held at Bristol, Va., June 14-21, the Committee wishes to call the attention of the Presbytery to the following changes in the program of the conference:

First, a Program has been arranged designed for older young people and presidents of church organizations which will be centered around the Church's Young Peoples Program and will prepare the leaders of the Young People for more effective service in the local church.

Second, there will also be a program for Young People of the Senior age, consisting in courses in Bible, Presbyterianism, experimental religion, and the Christian approach to Young Peoples problems which is open to the Young People of this Presbytery who are of Senior young people age. The age limit set for this conference is from 15 years (or the young person must be a rising Sophomore) in High School through 25 years.

In regard to the Presbytery's statistical report on the Sunday School; 11 churches failed to report a Sunday School this year in comparison to 7 last year. Of those reporting Sunday Schools the following submitted faulty reports: Newland, Spruce Pine, White Pine, Windsor Ave., and Crossnore failed to give any financial report on Sunday Schools.

Blountville, Cold Springs, Cove Creek, Leesburg all gave incomplete financial reports. Many other churches turned in carelessly prepared reports causing your committee much added work and uncertainty about the correctness of the report submitted to the General Assembly.

Your Committee offers the following recommendations:

First, that the Presbytery endorse and support the Synod's Young Peoples Conference.

Second, that the churches take greater care in preparing their statistical reports on Religious Education.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr. (Chairman),

Jefferson City, Tenn.

Bills and Overtures

The following report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read, received, the recommendations adopted seriatim, and the report adopted as a whole:

Report of Committee on Bills and Overtures

To the Presbytery of Abingdon:

1. Owing to a very heavy docket and other considerations, we ask our Brethren of Abingdon Presbytery to permit us to defer deliberation upon their overture until some date not later than the next regular meeting of our Presbytery.

To the General Assembly:

1. That the proposed amendments concerning the Minister and His Work and the Changes of Pastorates be answered in the negative.

2. In the Matter of Proposed Changes in the Confession of Faith and Catechisms sent down to the Presbytery for study, we refer the matter back to the Assembly without comment or commitment as to opinion.

3. That the answer to the matter concerning our church's re-entrance into the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America be in the negative.

Respectfully submitted,

Bills and Overtures Committee,

W. H. McCorkle, Chairman.

Stewardship

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and received as information. The following recommendations were read and adopted:

Your Committee on Stewardship begs to submit the following report:

Due to lack of funds and time, the Secretary of Stewardship did not make a general visitation of the Churches. A series of three letters were sent to each of the pastors and Churches. The report shows that pastor and officers were faithful in presenting Stewardship to their respective churches.

The final report shows that only two churches, Crossnore and Grassy Creek failed to make an Every Member Canvass in some form. 26 Churches out of 52 have secured 100% or more of the Benevolent Askings. The number of tithers reported was an increase of 98 over last year. Two Churches Report that they are working under the Belmont Tithing plan with fine results. $22,733.00 was subscribed in the Every Member Canvass for the Benevolent Causes.

The following recommendation about expense, for clerical work of the Secretary of Stewardship, was adopted:

We respectfully recommend that an appropriation of $25.00 be allowed the Central Treasurer for the purchase of a typewriter for the work of his office and recommend that hereafter an appropriation of $5.00 a year be allowed for expenses in connection with the clerical work of this office.

Respectfully submitted,

Stewardship Committee,

W. H. McCorkle, Chairman.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The following report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was read and adopted:

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief recommends that Presbytery's committee apply for relief for beneficiaries on the same scale as in the past years.

Samuel H. Hay, Chairman.

Ministers' Annuity

The report of the Special Committee on the Ministers' Annuity Fund was read, received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay, John S. Yelton, and Wm. H. McCorkle, concerning the Fund. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on the Ministers' Annuity Fund begs to submit the following report:

In the great unfinished task of the Church the putting into operation of this helpful and sustaining factor of church-wide influence, Holston Presbytery has ranked 51st out of the list of 88 Presbyteries of the General Assembly.

Thirty-two of our fifty-three churches within the bounds of the Presbytery have made contributions to this cause, but comparatively few have completed their campaigns and reached their respective quotas. Our Assembly's Committee tells us that encouraging reports came from over the entire church, with the receipts over $1,700,000 now in hand toward the $3,000,000 fund necessary to put the plan with all its benefits into full operation. In the light of the success of the task so far and in view of the goal in sight, we respectfully offer the following recommendations:

1. That all the churches make this cause a matter of earnest, prayerful consideration.

2. That all of our churches be urged to reconsider their quotas and the possibility of raising them.

3. That every church be urged either to have a separate campaign for this cause in the near future, or have quotas included in their budget for the next three years, taking advantage of the offer to make within this time payments agreeable to their own convenience.

4. That our churches call upon the helpful resources of the Central Committee in Louisville and the willingness of your Presbytery's Committee to arrange pastoral exchanges, to furnish literature, or to do anything necessary to the accomplishment of this stupendous task.

Respectfully submitted,

Ministers' Annuity Fund Committee,

W. H. McCorkle, Chairman.

Sessional Records

The following report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read and adopted:

Sessional Record Report

Of the forty-four session books brought in to Presbytery, thirty-three were approved without corrections and eleven with corrections.

Your Committee recommends that the clerks of sessions be more accurate and neat in writing their records.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Yelton, Chairman.

Pastors' Salaries

The following report of the Committee on Pastors' Salaries was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Pastors' Salaries has examined those reports coming to it. The reports showed the churches have been prompt in paying their pastors and with four exceptions, have been paid in full or satisfied, and the four exceptions were for small amounts.

The stated clerk is asked to communicate with these and urge them to attend to this at once.

Dan H. Graham
B. F. Knight
F. W. Voncannon

Synod's Minutes

The following report of the Committee on The Minutes of Synod was read and adopted:

The Committee on Minutes of the Synod presents the following report:
Your Committee on Synod's Minutes reports that we find nothing in the minutes which calls for the attention of the Presbytery.

John Martin
A. K. Dudley

Nominations

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations recommends that Rev. John S. Yelton be the chairman of the Committee on Stewardship, taking the place of Rev. W. H. McCorkle who has resigned; that Rev. John Rhea be named as chairman of the Committee on Sessional Records; that Rev. W. H. McCorkle be placed on the Committee of Religious Education; that the Rev. A. K. Dudley be appointed to preach the Presbyterial sermon at the fall meeting, on the subject, "The Inspiration of the Scriptures."

The Presbytery took recess, until after lunch, after prayer by the Rev. John Martin.

Third Day—Afternoon Session

The Presbytery reconvened, at 1:30 P. M., with prayer by Elder J. L. Gray.

A communication, from the Assembly's Training School, was received as information.

The Presbytery approved the election, by the Board of Trustees of Plumtree School for Boys, of the Rev. D. C. Amick, President, and W. D. McSwain, Secretary.

The White Pine Church was authorized to change the name of the Church to First Presbyterian Church, White Pine.

The Trustees of the Presbytery were requested to appoint custodians for Churches in union use, to serve at the will of the Trustees.

Next Meeting

The invitation of the Harris Memorial Church, for the Fall Meeting of the Presbytery, Oct. 3, 1938, at 7:30 P. M., E. S. T., was accepted with thanks.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery was read and received as information.

Statistical Report

The Statistical Report was read, ordered printed in the Minutes, and forwarded to the General Assembly. The report is as follows:

STATISTICAL REPORT

Ministers	29	Elders	255
Churches	52	Deacons	269
Candidates	15	Added on Confession	302
Licensures	—	Added on Certificate	184
Ordinations	—	Whole No. of Communicants	7684
Installations	—	Adult Baptisms	228
Pastoral Dissolutions	1	Infant Baptisms	31
New Churches Organized	0	Total S. S. Enrollment	8582

CONTRIBUTIONS

Foreign Missions	$ 8,003.00	
Assembly's Home Missions	2,972.00	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	2,473.00	
Religious Education and Publication	673.00	
Assembly's Training School	96.00	
Bible Cause	101.00	
Synod's Home Missions	639.00	
Synod's and Presbytery's Religious Education	580.00	
Orphans' Home	3,232.00	
Educational Institutions	3,238.00	
Presbytery's Home Missions	4,449.00	
		$ 26,456.00

TOTAL TO REGULAR BENEVOLENCE

Pastors' Salaries Actually Paid	$ 32,439.00	
Current Expenses	35,341.00	
Congregational Missions	7,606.00	
Building Expense	38,295.00	
Miscellaneous Contributions	2,843.00	
		$116,524.00
Grand Total of All Contributions		$142,980.00

Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk.

Commissioners—General Assembly

The following were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly:

Ministers—

Rev. G. S. Buchanan; alternate, Rev. J. S. Yelton
Rev. Robert King; alternate, Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle
Rev. J. A. Boyd; alternate, Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr.

Elders—

Creed Hodge, New Bethel; alternate, Lessley Newland, Arcadia
F. Wright, Kingsport; alternate, R. M. Burleson, Spruce Pine
F. Fulkerson, Rogersville; alternate, B. F. Knight, Leesburg

We, the Auditing Committee, have made a complete audit of the books, bank book and vouchers of Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk and Treasurer and of Frank Taylor, Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee, and have found them to be correct and in good order.

We also examined the reports and records of Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Benevolence, together with the auditor's report, and found them to be approved and signed by W. B. Harkins, Auditor.

F. D. Humbird, Chairman Committee.

A suitable Resolution of Thanks was adopted as follows:

To Holston Presbytery:

Report of Your Committee on Resolutions:

Holston Presbytery in session would lift their hearts in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, Giver of every good and perfect gift. First, for His marked work of grace toward the Blountville Church in furnishing through them to us this beautiful, commodious, worshipful place of meeting. It has been so easy in these surroundings to believe that our God's first, best name is Love. Second, for the thoughtful arrangement He has made through this congregation for all our comforts; and for our gracious fellowship with them and with one another in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Robt. King
J. R. Allen

The Minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned with the Benediction by the Moderator, to meet, in stated meeting, in the Harris Memorial Church, Oct. 3, 1938, at 7:30 P. M., E. S. T.

John I. Rhea, Moderator,
Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk,
W. C. Young, Permanent Clerk.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Holston Presbytery

Fall Meeting

HARRIS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TOLEDO, N. C.

OCT. 3, 1938

ADJOURNED MEETING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

KINGSPORT, TENN.

NOV. 15, 1938

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

ROGERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rogersville, Tenn.

Apr. 10, 1939, at 7:30 P. M. (E. S. T.)

The King Printing Co.
Bristol, Tenn.-Va.
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ORGANIZATION—FALL, 1938

Moderator—ELDER J. L. GRAY, Roan Mountain, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—RULING ELDER RHEA ANDERSON, Blountville, Tenn.

Permanent Clerk—THE REV. W. C. YOUNG, Spruce Pine, N. C.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—THE REV. D. C. AMICK, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—THE REV. D. C. AMICK, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—THE REV. JOHN MARTIN, Bristol, Tenn.

Representative on Synod's Committee of Stated Supply—THE REV. JOHN MARTIN, Bristol, Tenn.

Permanent Committees

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. HAY, T. P. JOHNSTON, D. C. AMICK, H. H. THOMPSON, ROBERT KING, R. A. BROWN, WM. H. MCCORKLE. Elders: J. D. FAUCETTE, *Chairman;* FRANK TAYLOR, *Secretary and Treasurer;* GEORGE M. SMITH, ROD ARMSTRONG, R. M. BURLESON, D. R. BEESON, R. L. PETERS.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—REV. W. C. YOUNG, *Chairman;* REV. ROBERT KING.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—REV. G. S. BUCHANAN, *Chairman;* REV. JOHN W. YOUNG.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—REV. S. H. HAY, *Chairman;* REV. D. C. AMICK.

5) *Religious Education*—REV. H. M. MOFFETT, JR., *Chairman;* REV. W. H. MCCORKLE, REV. M. J. MURRAY.

6) *Bible Cause*—REV. J. A. BOYD, *Chairman;* REV. DAN GRAHAM.

7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. John S. Yelton, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary;* Rev. H. H. Thompson, Rev. Dan H. Graham.

8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* Rev. R. A. Brown.

9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robt. King, *Chairman.*

10) *Assembly's Training School*—Rev. R. A. Brown, *Chairman;* Rev. Jno. I. Rhea.

11) *Evangelism*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman;* Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

12) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. John S. Yelton, *Chairman;* Rev. M. J. Murray, Rev. R. A. Brown.

13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. John I. Rhea, *Chairman;* Rev. John S. Yelton, Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr.

14) *Program*—Stated Clerk and pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. (Rhea Anderson and the Rev. Thos. M. Johnston, Spring, 1939.)

Examining Committees

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Samuel H. Hay and Rev. W. C. Young.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, Robert King, and John Martin.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick and M. J. Murray.

5) *Scriptural Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

Special Committee

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle, *Chairman;* Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. John Yelton; Elders: J. D. Faucette and J. A. Summers.

Trustees

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. Robert King, 1938; Rev. D. C. Amick, 1939; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1940; F. H. Stinson, 1941; J. L. Gray, 1942; E. H. Tufts, 1943; J. A. Summers, 1944.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, Charles Hughes, 1938; Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1939; Rev. E. F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, W. D. McSween, 1940.

FALL MEETING

TOLEDO, N. C., Oct. 3, 1938.

The one hundred and thirty-second session of Holston Presbytery met in the Harris Memorial Church, beginning Oct. 3, 1938, at 7:30 P. M. The Presbytery was called to order by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. John I. Rhea, and opened with prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers: D. C. Amick, G. S. Buchanan, J. A. Boyd, E. F. Camp, A. K. Dudley, Dan H. Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, W. K. Keys, Robert King, H. M. Moffett, Jr., J. M. McNair, W. H. McCorkle, M. J. Murray, John I. Rhea, H. H. Thompson, J. S. Yelton, John Young, W. C. Young.

Ruling Elders: Blountville, Rhea Anderson; Bristol First, J. D. Faucette; Cold Spring, J. F. Thomas; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Harris Memorial, John Letterman; Jefferson City, Hugh Moser; Johnson City, L. W. McCowan; Kingsport, S. H. Anderson; Leesburg, F. R. DeVault; Meadow Creek, J. A. Waddell; New Bethel, Creed Hodge; Newdale, R. L. Young; Newland, R. E. Piercy; Paint Gap, Walser Penland; Roan's Chapel, David Troutman; Rogersville, Frank M. Fulkerson; Spruce Pine, J. E. Rice; Thomas Memorial, Warren H. Dettor; Vian's Valley, E. D. Bowditch.

Organization

Ruling Elder J. L. Gray was elected Moderator.

Program

The Committee on Program submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Program

MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 3, 1938

7:30 P. M.—Opening sermon.
Communion.
Organization.
Report of Program Committee.
Adjournment.

TUESDAY

8:45 A. M.—Devotional—REV. ROBT. KING.
9:00 A. M.—Business.
Home Miss. Add.—REV. R. D. BEDINGER.
11:00 A. M.—Presbyterial Sermon—REV. A. K. DUDLEY.
Business.
Recess—Lunch.
1:00 P. M.—Business.
Foreign Mission Add.—DR. G. R. WOLEMDORF.
Business till adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
RHEA ANDERSON, *Stated Clerk*
JNO. W. YOUNG, *Host Pastor*

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. John I. Rhea, from Matt. 28:19, on The Churches' Greatest Opportunity.

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial Communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. H. M. Moffett, Jr., and A. K. Dudley, assisted by the following Elders: S. H. Anderson, Kingsport; J. F. Thomas, Cold Spring; John Letterman, Harris Memorial; Frank Fulkerson, Rogersville; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; Creed Hodge, New Bethel; Warren Dettor, Thomas Memorial; J. A. Waddell, Meadow Creek.

Courtesy

The Rev. G. Raymond Wolemdorf, Lexington Presbytery, and the Rev. Norman Cook, Knoxville Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Orders of the Day

It was made the first order of business, of the afternoon session, to hear an address from the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., on Home Missions.

It was made the second order of business, of the afternoon session, to hear an address from the Rev. Norman Cook.

An addiess of welcome to the Presbytery was made by the Pastor of the Harris Memorial Church, the Rev. John W. Young.

The Presbytery adjourned, until 8:30 A. M., Tuesday, after prayer by the Rev. T. P. Johnston.

Second Day, Morning Session

The Presbytery reconvened, at 8:30 A. M., and was led in a devotional service by the Rev. Robert King, who spoke from Romans I:11-4, on the "Surrender of Paul to Christ."

The minutes of last night's session were read and adopted.

Standing Committees

The Moderator read the following list of Standing Committees and Elders on Permanent Committees:

Bills and Overtures—John I. Rhea, H. H. Thompson, Sam H. Anderson.

Minutes of Presbytery—J. M. McNair, J. A. Boyd, J. F. Thomas.

Minutes of Gen. Assembly—Robt. King, Sexton Buchanan, Frank Fulkerson, Creed Hodge.

Nominations—S. H. Hay, Rhea Anderson, John S. Yelton.

Resolutions—A. K. Dudley, R. L. Young.

Evangelism—Warren Dettor.

Stewardship—J. D. Faucette, L. W. McCowan.

Foreign Missions—J. A. Waddell.

Sabbath & Family Religion—J. A. Letterman, Hugh Moser.

Bible Cause—Walser Penland.

Educational Inst.—J. D. Faucette.

Communications

A Communication, from the Rev. S. B. M. Ghiselin, was referred to the Committee on Evangelism.

A communication, from the *Christian Observer*, was read and received as information.

A communication, from Licentiate Ira M. Rawls, concerning his Ordination, was read and referred to the Committee of Home Missions.

A communication, from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication, from Abingdon Presbytery, was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from Elder Troy Young, concerning his Ordination, was referred to the Committee of Home Missions.

Sabbath and Family Religion

The Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion requested a place on the Docket of the Fall Meeting of the Persbytery, for discussion of the subject. The request was granted.

Assembly's Minutes

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly recommended that the report be made, a definite time in the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, and that the Commission on the Minister and His Work be appointed at the Spring Meeting. The request was granted.

Ministers' Annuity

The report of the Committee on Ministers' Annuity was read and received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery heard from the Rev. Messrs. John S. Yelton, H. H. Thompson, S. H. Hay, and Wm. H. McCorkle concerning the Ministers' Annuity. The report, with its recommendations, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Ministers' Annuity Fund begs leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee is encouraged over the outlook for finishing this foremost task of the Church within the next few months if every Church will do immediately all that it can. The total gifts in the Fund have reached $3100 over the two million mark and since April, 1937, the remarkable figure for contributions has reached $1,354,000.

In Holston Presbytery we held the position of 51st out of the 88 Presbyteries last February but on September 22nd past, we had dropped to 70th place. We have neglected this call in the Churches where a campaign was not begun early and prosecuted most diligently from the beginning.

We believe, to get this business out of the way should be one of the major objectives of our churches now and until completion of the task. Encouraging reports are coming daily from the Louisville office. Being loyal members of our church and realizing the worthiness of this cause we should want our people to have their share in establishing what has long had the approval of our General Assemblies and what we believe will release resources untold for other phases of the Kingdom's work.

We earnestly recommend:

(1) That every church in the Presbytery make every effort to raise its accepted quota by the end of the Church year, March, 31, 1939, and if possible, complete their campaigns by January 1, 1939.

(2) That every Pastor and his official boards confer immediately upon the Quota assigned their Church and ask this Committee of the Presbytery to reassign a quota within the reach of the Church if their present quota is thought to be too large. Any suggestions should be sent to Presbytery's Committee from any pastor of Board of officers.

(3) That our churches be urged to solicit the aid of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Young People's organizations in completing this work within their bounds.

(4) That the Churches be reminded that the Louisville office and their Presbytery Committee stands ready to furnish literature and any assistance possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McCorkle, *Chmn.*

Stewardship

The following report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted:

Report of Committee on Stewardship:

The Committee calls the attention of the Presbytery and Churches to certain facts which should be presented in all the churches of Presbytery. Holston Presbytery again led the Synod in the thoroughness of the Every-Member Canvass for the year 1938-39, but suffered a decrease from the preceding year. This was probably due to the fact that no visitations were made in the Presbytery in the interest of Stewardship and the Every-Member Canvass.

We are very glad to be able to report that there was an increase of more than $10,000 to the Lord's Work in the Synod. The per capita gifts to all causes in the Synod were $22.62, while the per capita gifts of the whole Assembly were $22.83. While there was an increase in the Synod, Holston Presbytery showed a decrease of $2,872 for the benevolent causes and a decrease of $18,347 in the total gifts, but $16,972 of this was in Building Expense. The per capita giving for the Presbytery was $18.60, as compared with $22.62 for the Synod and $22.83 for the Assembly.

Your Committee recommends:

1) That the total budget for the year 1939-40 be set at $35,000 and that this amount be apportioned as follows: Assembly's Causes, $16,100, to be apportioned by the Central Treasurer of Benevolences as nearly as possible as the General Assembly directs; Synod's Causes, $4,900; Presbytery's Causes, $14,000.

2) That the amount apportioned to the causes and the percentages for General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery be as follows:

Assembly's Causes, $16,100.			
Foreign Missions	$8,400	24%	
Home Missions	4,500	13	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	2,100	6	
Religious Education and Publication	700	2	
Assembly's Training School	200	0.5	
Bible Cause	200	0.5	46%
Synod's Causes, $4,900.			
Synod's Work	$ 500	1½%	
Religious Education in Synod and Presbytery	900	2½%	
King College	3,500	10	14%
Presbytery's Causes, $14,000.			
Home Missions	10,500	30	
Orphans' Home	3,500	10	40%
	$35,000	100%	100%

3) That this budget of $35,000 be apportioned among the churches as fairly as possible on the basis of giving and membership. The following apportionments are made for the year 1939-40:

Arcadia	$ 100	Newdale	$ 40
Banner Elk	500	New Ebenezer	75
Blaine	50	Newland	100
Blountville	700	Newport	600
Blowing Rock	175	New Providence	250
Bristol First	8,000	Paint Gap	50
Buladean	100	Paperville	50
Cold Spring	450	Pineola	100
Cove Creek	150	Plumtree	100
Crossnore	300	Providence	50
Ebenezer	25	Rheatown	100
Estatoa	50	Roan's Chapel	25
Grassy Creek	50	Rogersville	3,500
Gray's Chapel	25	Russellville	50
Harris Memorial	50	Russ Memorial	50
Hughes	25	Rutledge	100
Jefferson City First	600	Salem	25
Johnson City First	8,300	Smoky Mountain	25
Kingsport	4,000	Spruce Pine	300
Leesburg	150	Strawberry Plains	100
Mary Andrews Chapel	25	Thomas Memorial	200
Meadow Creek	150	Vians Valley	50
Micaville	50	Weavers	125
Mooresburg	50	White Pine	50
Morristown	4,000	Windsor Ave	600
New Bethel	250		

4) That $400 of the amount assigned to Bristol First be apportioned to Fairmount.

5) That ½% of 2½% assigned to Cause of Religious Education in Synod and Presbytery be assigned for the use of the Committee of Religious Education in the Presbytery.

6) That the Presbytery approve a statement of the General Assembly concerning finances in the local churches as follows:

a) Each Church is a unit and its organizations are part of the Church at work. The total budget of the church should, therefore, be projected as a budget of the Church and every subsidiary organizations having a budget. The budgets of the subsidiary organizations should be regarded as a part of the total budget of the Church to be approved by the Session before presentation to the Church.

b) When the Presbytery assigns to a particular church a benevolent budget, the Presbytery has in mind that this budget is to be raised by the combined efforts of the Auxiliary Sunday School, Young People and other organizations in this particular church, as well as through the Every Member Canvass pledges.

c) That the Presbytery disprove all plans to set up a budget for the Young Peoples' Groups which in any way shall be separate and distinct from the Church's budget, but the Presbytery commends the Young People of the Synod and Presbytery for their awakened interest in having a part in the work of the church and urges each church which have not already done so, to invite their Young People to share in this work and to allow them a place in the financial affairs of the Church which will cause them to feel a sense of responsibility and of obligation.

7) That March 12, 1939, be designated as Every-Member Canvass Day, and that on this day each church endeavor to lead every member to make a statement as to his plans for giving during the year.

8) That churches be urged to continue the effort to enlist members to set apart in sacred consecration a tenth of all income as an acknowledgement of their obligation to God and the Church.

9) That March 26, 1939, be designated as "Pay-Up Day" when all members shall be urged to complete full payment of their pledges, thus giving ample time for the treasurers to get their final remittances to the agencies before the books are closed.

10) That a sum not to exceed $75.00 for promotion expenses of the Stewardship Committee, be provided, half to come from the Committee on Home Missions and half from the treasurer of Presbytery.

JOHN S. YELTON, *Chairman*

D. C. AMICK, *Secretary*

Evangelism

The following report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and adopted:

Report of Committee on Evangelism

Your Committee on Evangelism calls your attention to the fact that Holston Presbytery received into the different churches on profession of faith for the year ending March 31, 1938, 302.

Out of our 52 churches there were 22 that had no accessions by profession of faith. In our Presbytery it required 25.4 members to win one soul; the average for the entire Assembly was 30.5. Both of these figures are distressingly disappointing to us. We hardly dare think how the Lord must view this lack of consecrated effort to win people to Him.

Your Committee feels that it can not do a wiser thing than to call the attention of the Presbytery to some facts presented by the Assembly's Committee to the 1938 General Assembly. This committee feels that the cause of evangelism may be "more effectively promoted by unwavering devotion to two requisites to all spiritual progress," namely:

1. The first requisite is a more clearly defined program of instruction in all churches and their organizations, frequently presented throughout the year, concerning (1) the nature, guilt and consequences of sin; (2) the grace, sacrificial power and faithfulness of Christ; (3) that salvation is to be free from sin in all its forms; (4) the divine plan for "working out salvation" to its best results in all subsequent life.

In consideration of the indifference to soul winning in our beloved church the Assembly's Committee suggests that we ministers should examine ourselves concerning the nature of the messages we are presenting, and as to whether we are neglecting the fundamental work of spiritual instruction.

The second requisite mentioned by the Assembly's Committee is concerning unused power in our churches. They call upon us to develop more personal workers and enlist them in this fundamental service.

Your Committee submits to the Presbytery the following recommendations:

1. That each pastor present to his people the status of the work of evangelism in our denomination and in our Presbytery.

2. That each pastor select a group for definite instruction, prayer and effort in personal work.

3. That we hold within the bounds of our Presbytery an all-day conference devoted to prayer and the study of evangelism, the time and place of such meeting to be decided by the Committee on Evangelism.

4. That each church hold special evangelistic services within the year.

H. H. Thompson, *Chairman.*

Bills and Overtures

The following overture was read to the Presbytery and following that is the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures which was read and adopted:

Overture

The Presbytery of Abingdon respectfully overtures the Presbytery of Holston, meeting at Blountville, Tenn., April, 19, 1938, as follows:

That whereas we believe it to be a fundamental principle of Presbyterian law and procedure for the Session of a church to control the services within its boundaries;

And whereas we believe that a violation of this principle is a serious breach of Christian courtesy that can only breed discord and strife, injurious to the growth and peace of the Church;

Therefore, the Presbytery of Abingdon respectfully overtures the Presbytery of Holston to cause its ministers to refrain from conducting services, except funeral services, within the bounds of this Presbytery, unless invited by a local church or the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery. It shall be understood that Abingdon Presbytery shall so act in reference to its own ministers.

By order of Presbytery.

J. G. Patton, Jr.
Stated Clerk, Abingdon Presbytery.

Answer

The Presbytery of Holston has received and given prayerful consideration to the overture from the Presbytery of Abingdon. We make the following answer: In the light of the spirit of Christ as voiced in Gen. 13:8, "For we be brethren," and in John 15:12, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you." We in the spirit of humility, call upon all our brethren to exercise brotherly love, Christian consideration, courtesy, forebearance, and service in the light of the well-known and obvious governmental principles and practices of our beloved Church as one unit comprising all our Presbyteries.

John I. Rhea, *Chairman.*

Salem Church

Rev. John S. Yelton, Stated Supply of Salem Church, stated that it was the desire of the Church, and the Session, that the name of the Church be changed to Whitesburg Church. The Presbytery changed the name to Whitesburg Church.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial Sermon was preached by the Rev. A. K. Dudley, from John 5:39, on The Inspiration of the Scriptures.

Courtesy

The Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., Asheville Presbytery, and the Rev. F. E. Clark, D. D., Abingdon Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brothers.

The Presbytery took recess, until 1:30 P. M.

Second Day, Afternoon Session

The Presbytery reconvened, at 1:30 P. M., with prayer by the Rev. M. J. Murray.

Home Missions

The Presbytery heard an Address, on Home Missions, from the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D. The Presbytery expressed its appreciation of the fine Address, by a rising vote.

The Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay, John S. Yelton, and Robert King spoke of the great work done, in Home Missions, by the late Rev. J. A. Harris. The Presbytery took an offering, amounting to $29, to purchase an electric generator for the property of the Harris Memorial Church.

The Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was requested to set up a Committee of Presbytery to promote a fund for the extension of church building.

Rev. Dan H. Graham

A number of short talks were made concerning the Rev. Dan H. Graham and his splendid work as Evangelist and Pastor and the Presbytery was unanimous in a rising vote of confidence and appreciation.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

The Presbytery of Holston wishes to give expression to its confidence in Rev. Dan Graham and his work and recommend him to the Churches.

JOHN YELTON }
ROBT. KING } *Committee.*

Edgar Tufts Memorial Association

The Rev. F. E. Clark, D. D., addressed the Presbytery, concerning the need of supporting the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.

Religious Education

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was read, received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery heard an address from the Rev. Norman Cook, Director of Religious Education for the Synod of Appalachia. The Presbytery expressed its appreciation of the address, by a rising vote. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Education begs leave to submit the following report:

The Synod of Appalachia at its recent meeting in Chattanooga approved the following changes in the set-up of conferences in the Synod and Presbyteries:

First, the Synod approved the change of Synod's Conference to a Young People's Leadership School, to be attended by members of Synod's and Presbytery's Council and by one representative from the local churches of the Synod, usually the President of local society or an older young person. The curriculum of this Leadership School is to be designed to train those attending for leadership in the Synod and Presbyteries and in the local church.

To meet the need hitherto answered by Synod's Conference in Bristol the Synod recommends that each Presbytery set up within its bounds a Presbytery's Conference to be open to all the young people of the Presbytery of senior age.

At this same meeting of Synod the Rev. Norman Cook formally accepted the call of the Synod to become Director of Religious Education in the Synod, and Mr. Cook briefly outlined his hopes and plans for the extension and expansion of the work of Religious Education in the Presbyteries. In view of these important recommendations from the Synod and the expected increase in activity in Religious Education through the new phase entered under the leadership of Rev. Cook, your Committee feels the need for a larger representation from the Presbytery that it may better fulfill its responsibility and also the need for some financial support.

Therefore we offer the following recommendations:

1. That Holston Presbytery approve and support the proposed Leadership Training School as recommended by the Synod.

2. That, if the way be clear, we combine with Abingdon Presbytery and hold a dual Presbytery's Conference with the Abingdon Presbytery at Bristol, and that this be a temporary arrangement subject to dissolution at such time as either Presbytery feels it wise to set up its own Conference.

3. That the following be appointed as permanent members of this Committee: Dr. H. H. Thompson as a voting member, and also the President of Presbytery's Young People's Council, the Secretary of Religious Education in Holston Presbyterial and Miss Myrtle Williamson of First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, as advisory members of the committee.

4. That the 1-2 of one percent assigned to the use of Presbytery's Committee of Religious Education be deducted beginning Nov. 1 until end of this church year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. MOFFETT, *Chairman.*

Foreign Missions

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read, received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery heard an Address on China, from the Rev. G. Raymond Wolemdorf. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

We are thankful to God that the receipts for Foreign Missions, in Holston Presbytery, April 1 to Sept. 15, of this year, were $373.84 more than for the corresponding period of last year, and that the receipts for Foreign Missions, by our Executive Committee, April 1 to Aug. 31, of this year, were $19,413.39 more than for the corresponding period of last year. We are, also, thankful to God for the religious freedom of the United States, while conditions of oppression surround our Christian brethren of the Far East.

In Korea, freedom of speech and worship are hampered by the Government. The Moderator of a Korean Presbytery is given specific instruction, as to the handling of certain matters, and police and detectives are present to enforce the handling. The Minutes of the Presbytery are subject to police censure. Resolutions of subordination of the Presbytery to the Government must be passed, without question. Compulsory attendance of the Presbytery, at shrines, is required, where the Emperor and ancestors are worshipped. Some of the Koreans have yielded, rather than suffer torture, others show Christian fortitude.

In China, the conditions are more favorable to our mission work. Since May, the battle lines have moved from our mission territory into the interior, leaving the coastal provinces of Kiangsu and Chekiang, where are our missions, freer from hostilities of a major character. Our mission stations have been reoccupied, with the exception of Kiangyin, where our property was almost destroyed. Twenty-six of the fifty-two missionaries, in the United States, are being sent back, this Fall, to China, which will bring the number, in China, up to eighty-one. The conflict has developed the Chinese Church in steadfastness, opened up new territory, increased attendances at services, and strengthened the ties of fellowship between the Chinese and our workers. Many of the Chinese nationalistic leaders are Christians.

Our Japanese mission work is hampered by an intense censorship of newspapers, radios, mails, and literature. An active propaganda is being waged, to convey the idea that the war in China is one of principle to combat Communism. Emperor

worship is being pushed. These things make Christian work difficult, but there seems to be no bitterness, on the part of Japanese Christians, toward the Chinese, and prayers are made continually for peace.

Again, we are challenged by waiting opportunities in wide open fields, especially in Brazil and Africa. There is a dearth of suitable Foreign Mission Candidates. This year, twenty-three new missionaries were authorized, but only six suitable persons were secured.

Recommendations

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That the Foreign Mission Period, Jan. 1-Feb. 5, 1939, be observed in all our Churches, and that the various church organizations be urged to study the approved mission study book, "Star in the East," by the Rev. C. Darby Fulton, D. D.

2. That our Churches be asked to observe Jan. 29-Feb. 5 as a Week of Prayer and Self Denial for Foreign Missions, to secure supplemental offerings for Foreign Missions.

3. That an offering for Foreign Missions be now taken, in the Presbytery, to be forwarded in the name of the Harris Memorial Church.

4. That we express our thanks to the Rev. G. Raymond Wolemdorf, by a rising vote, for his interesting, and inspiring, address, and that the Moderator now lead the Presbytery in a special prayer for Foreign Missions.

The offering for Foreign Missions amounted to $20.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Young, *Chairman.*

King College

The Presbytery was addressed, by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, President of King College, concerning the Challenge for Religious Education Confronting the Church.

The Rev. H. H. Thompson spoke of the King College debt, urging each Church to accept its share of the debt.

Gen. Assembly Commissioners

The reports of the Commissioners to the last General Assembly were made by Elder Creed Hodge, New Bethel, and the diligence of the Commissioners commended.

The following were nominated as Commissioners to the new General Assembly:

Ministers:
Rev. John S. Yelton; alternate, Rev. J. A. Boyd.
Rev. S. H. Hay; alternate, Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle.

Elders:
L. W. Morrow, Newport; alternate, Joe Gray, Weavers.
Frank Knight, Leesburg; alternate, J. E. Rice, Spruce Pine.

Nominations

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

The Committee on Nominations recommends the re-election of all Committees as they now stand, and the addition of Rev. D. H. Graham to the Committee on Stewardship. A successor to Rev. Robert King on Board of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association was not named last spring. We recommend his re-appointment as of date of the last spring meeting of Presbytery. Additions to the Committee of Religious Education will be recommended by that Committee. The Commission on Pastorates and Supplies will be named at the coming spring meeting after due thought and prayer. The Presbyterial sermon will be preached by Rev. J. A. Boyd on some proper phase "Progress in Christian Doctrine."

Samuel H. Hay
Rhea Anderson
John Yelton

Committee on Presbytery's Minutes wish to report Presbytery's Minutes correct and in order, as printed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. McNair, *Chm.*

Spring Meeting

The invitation of the Rogersville Church, for the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, on Monday night, April 10th, 1939, at 7:30 P. M., was accepted with thanks.

Resolution of Thanks

A rising vote of thanks to members of the Harris Memorial Church, her pastor, and friends of that community, for the splendid way in which they have entertained and cared for us was adopted by the Presbytery.

The Minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. J. A. Boyd, to meet, in adjourned session, in the Kingsport Presbyterian Church, Nov. 15, 1938, at 10:15 A. M., E. S. T.

J. L. Gray, *Moderator*

Rhea Anderson, *Stated Clerk*

W. C. Young, *Permanent Clerk*

ADJOURNED MEETING

Kingsport, Tenn., Nov. 15, 1938.

Holston Presbytery met, in adjourned session, in the First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tenn., beginning at 10:15 A. M. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. L. Gray, and opened with prayer by the Rev. H. H. Thompson.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers: D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, J. A. Boyd, S. H. Hay, T. M. Johnston, T. P. Johnston, John Martin, W. H. McCorkle, M. J. Murray, H. H. Thompson, D. F. Waddell, J. S. Yelton, John Young, W. C. Young.

Elders: Rhea Anderson, Blountville; W. R. Cowan, Windsor Avenue; W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; Frank Fulkerson, Rogersville; W. W. Hufford, Kingsport; J. F. Thomas, Cold Spring.

Reception of Ministers

Rev. Messrs. T. M. Johnston, Enoree Presbytery, and D. F. Waddell, Albemarle Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brothers. They presented their Certificates of Dismission to Holston Presbytery, and, after the customary examinations and their signing the obligation, were received as members of the Presbytery.

Rogersville Church

The Call of the Rogersville Church, for the Pastoral Services of the Rev. T. M. Johnston, was read, received, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. The following Commission was appointed to install the Rev. T. M. Johnston, Pastor of the Rogersville Church, Nov. 20, 1938, at 11 A. M., C. T.:

Rev. T. P. Johnston—to Preside;

Rev. W. H. McCorkle—to Preach;

Rev. J. S. Yelton—to Charge the Pastor;

Elder J. D. Hasson, Morristown—to Charge the People.

Alt. Minister—Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr.

Alt. Elder—J. D. Faucette, Bristol First.

Cold Spring Church

The Call of the Cold Spring Church, for the Pastoral Services of the Rev. D. F. Waddell, was read, received, found in order and placed in his hands, and accepted by him. The following Commission was appointed to install the Rev. D. F. Waddell, Pastor of the Cold Spring Church, Nov. 27, 1938, at 11 A. M., E. T.:

Rev. John Martin—to Preside;

Rev. T. P. Johnston—to Preach;

Rev. J. A. Boyd—to Charge the Pastor;

Elder J. D. Faucette, Bristol First—to Charge the People

Alt. Minister—Rev. R. A. Brown.

Alt. Elder—Fred Smith, Bristol First.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences

The General Assembly having requested Central Treasurers of Benevolences to send a detailed monthly report of funds to Assembly's Agencies, and other Agencies, the Presbytery requested the Central Treasurer of Benevolences to do so, provided the expense, for the stenographical work, be paid, to the end of the year, by the requesting Agencies.

Boone, N. C.

A petition, for a Church at Boone, N. C., signed by twenty-three people was read. The Presbytery received the petition, with favor, and referred it to the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, as a Commission with power to act.

Grandfather Home for Children

Miss Jane Russell, Supt. of the Grandfather Home for Children, was introduced to the Presbytery, and spoke of the worthwhile work being done in the Grandfather Home for Children.

The Rev. D. C. Amick called attention to the action of Holston Presbytery requesting each Sunday School to give an offering, one Sunday in each month, to the Grandfather Home for Children.

The Presbytery heard from Elder J. L. Gray, concerning the work done in the Grandfather Home for Children.

Thomas C. Rhea

The action of the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, granting an emergency Certificate of Dismission to Lexington-Ebenezer Presbytery, for Licentiate Thomas C. Rhea, was ratified.

Troy Young

The matter of the Ordination to the Gospel Ministry, of Elder Troy Young, Roan's Chapel, was continued until the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee could make a report.

The Presbytery accepted, with a rising vote of thanks, the invitation, of the First Church, Kingsport, to lunch at the Eastman Cafeteria.

The Minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay, to meet, in stated meeting, in the Rogersville Presbyterian Church, Monday night, April 10th, 1939, at 7:30 P. M.

J. L. Gray, *Moderator*

Rhea Anderson, *Stated Clerk*

W. C. Young, *Permanent Clerk*

MINUTES

OF THE

Holston Presbytery

Spring Meeting

ROGERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ROGERSVILLE, TENN.

APRIL 17, 1939

CALLED MEETING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BRISTOL, TENN.

MARCH 21, 1939

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

NEWLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Newland, N. C.

Oct. 2, 1939, at 7:30 P. M. (E. S. T.)

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ORGANIZATION—SPRING, 1939

Moderator—The Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr., Jefferson City, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Ruling Elder Rhea Anderson, Blountville, Tenn. (1939)

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Spruce Pine, N. C.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John S. Yelton, Stoney Point, Tenn.

Representative on Synod's Committee of Stated Supply—The Rev. John Martin, Bristol, Tenn.

Permanent Committees

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown, Wm. H. McCorkle. Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary and Treasurer;* George M. Smith, Rod Armstrong, R. M. Burleson, D. R. Beeson, R. L. Peters.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its Report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, *Chairman;* Rev. Robert King.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. A. K. Dudley, *Chairman;* Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, Rev. T. M. Johnston.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr., *Chairman;* Rev. W. H. McCorkle, Rev. M. J. Murray.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. J. A. Boyd, *Chairman;* Rev. Dan Graham.

7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. John S. Yelton, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary;* Rev. H. H. Thompson, Rev. Dan H. Graham.

8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* Rev. R. A. Brown.

9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robt. King, *Chairman.*

10) *Assembly's Training School*—Rev. R. A. Brown, *Chairman;* Rev. Jno. I. Rhea.

11) *Evangelism*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman;* Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

12) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. John S. Yelton, *Chairman;* Rev. M. J. Murray, Rev. R. A. Brown.

13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. John I. Rhea, *Chairman;* Rev. John S. Yelton, Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr.

14) *Program*—Stated Clerk and pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. (Rhea Anderson and the Rev. E. F. Camp, Fall 1939).

Examining Committees

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Samuel H. Hay and Rev. W. C. Young.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, Robert King, and John Martin.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick and M. J. Murray.

5) *Scriptural Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

Special Committee

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle, *Chairman;* Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. John Yelton; Elders: J. D. Faucette and J. A. Summers.

Trustees

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. Robert King, 1942; Rev. D. C. Amick, 1942; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1940; F. H. Stinson, 1941; J. L. Gray, 1942; E. H. Tufts, 1943; J. A. Summers, 1944.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1942; Charles Hughes, 1942; Frank Taylor, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1942; Rev. E. F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, W. D. McSween, 1940.

4) *Pastorates and Supplies*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman,* 1942; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1941; Rev. Robt. King, 1942; J. L. Gray, 1940; S. H. Anderson, 1940.

5) Bertha King Memorial, *Trustee.*

Will Jones and George Warren, Piney Flats, Tenn., were added as additional Trustees.

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Holston met in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., on March 21, 1939, at one-thirty p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Mr. J. L. Gray and was opened with prayer by Dr. H. H. Thompson. Rev. J. S. Yelton was requested to act as clerk.

The following were present: *Ministers:* R. A. Brown, G. S. Buchanan, T. P. Johnston, T. M. Johnston, John Martin, J. M. McNair, H. H. Thompson, J. S. Yelton, D. F. Waddell; *Ruling Elders:* J. R. Allen, Windsor Avenue; J. D. Faucette, Bristol First; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; A. F. McKinney, Crossnore; L. Rolfe, Rogersville; J. F. Thomas, Cold Spring; *Licentiate:* I. H. Rawls.

The Moderator requested the Rev. T. P. Johnston to preside.

The following call was read and found in order:

Roan Mountain, Tenn.,
March 2, 1939.

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call Holston Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tennessee, Tuesday, March 21, 1939, at one-thirty p. m. E.S.T., for the following purposes:

1. To consider the request of Rev. J. M. McNair for a dissolution of the pastoral relation between him and the Spruce Pine Presbyterian Church.

2. To grant Rev. J. M. McNair a letter of dismission to East Alabama Presbytery.

3. To ordain Licentitate Ira H. Rawls.

4. To complete any business growing out of the above.

J. L. Gray, *Moderator.*

Rev. J. M. McNair Dismissed

The Rev. J. M. McNair requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation between him and the Spruce Pine Presbyterian Church. A communication was presented from the congregation concurring in the request. The request was granted and the pastoral relations dissolved as of March 31, 1939. A letter of dismission was granted the Rev. J. M. McNair to the Presbytery of East Alabama. The Rev. D. F. Waddell led in prayer in behalf of Mr. McNair in his new field of work. Mr. McNair was excused at his request from further attendance at this meeting of Presbytery.

Ordination of Licentiate Ira H. Rawls

Licentiate Ira H. Rawls requested the Presbytery to ordain him as an evangelist. Upon motion duly passed the request was granted with the limitations that Mr. Rawls work would be confined to the Crossnore field and to the duties of a pastor, exclusive of the organization of churches. Since Mr. Rawls had been licensed at the last meeting of Presbytery, it was moved and passed that further parts of trial be dispensed with and that Presbytery proceed to the ordination.

Presbytery listened to a brief devotional address by the Rev. T. P. Johnston from the text Romans 1:15—"As much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel." The Reverend John Martin led in prayer. The constitutional questions were asked and answered in the affirmative. The Presbytery then proceeded to set apart Mr. Rawls to the work of an evangelist by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Dr. R. A. Brown led in the ordination prayer. Mr. Rawls was then declared duly ordained as an evangelist and was enrolled and directed to sign the usual obligation.

A brief charge was delivered to Mr. Rawls by the Rev. H. H. Thompson.

Moderator J. L. Gray resumed the chair. The minutes of this meeting were read and approved. Presbytery adjourned and was closed with prayer by the Rev. Thomas M. Johnston.

J. L. GRAY, *Moderator*

J. S. YELTON, *Acting Clerk*

SPRING MEETING

ROGERSVILLE, TENN., April 17, 1939.

The one hundred and thirty-third session of Holston Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Rogersville, Tenn., beginning April 17, 1939, at 7:30 P. M. The Presbytery was called to order by the retiring Moderator, Elder J. L. Gray, Cove Creek, and opened with prayer by the Rev. T. M. Johnston.

Enrollment

The following were present:

Ministers: D. C. AMICK, R. A. BROWN, G. S. BUCHANAN, J. A. BOYD, E. F. CAMP, A. K. DUDLEY, DAN H. GRAHAM, S. H. HAY, T. M. JOHNSTON, T. P. JOHNSTON, W. K. KEYS, ROBERT KING, JOHN MARTIN, H. M. MOFFETT, JR.; W. H. MCCORKLE, M. J. MURRAY, JOHN I. RHEA, IRA W. RAWLS, H. H. THOMPSON, D. F. WADDELL, J. S. YELTON, JOHN YOUNG, W. C. YOUNG—23. *Ruling Elders:* Arcadia, LESLIE NEWLAND; Banner Elk, E. L. LAFFERTY; Blountville, RHEA ANDERSON; Boone, R. R. KING; Cold Spring, H. D. SMITH; Cove Creek, J. L. GRAY; Harris Memorial, R. A. PEAKE; Jefferson City, J. W. ZIRKLE; Johnson City, E. E. PENCE; Kingsport, A. A. ATKINS; Leesburg, F. R. DEVAULT; Meadow Creek, CLAY NEAS; Mooresburg, J. L. ROGERS; New Bethel, R. JONES; New Ebenezer, FRED GRAY; Newport, L. W. MORROW; New Providence, S. P. MILLER; Paperville, R. P. CARMACK; Providence, HUGH CARSON; Roan's Chapel, ARTHUR PERRY; Rogersville, L. ROLFE; Russellville, E. H. MOORE; Thomas Memorial, J. A. L. RHEA; Vian's Valley, E. D. BOWDITCH; Weaver's, J. C. GRAY, JR.; White Pine, J. J. HUMBIRD; Windsor Avenue, J. R. ALLEN; Whitesburg, S. B. DAY—27. *Visiting Deacons:* New Bethel, WALTER CROSS; Blountville, ROBERT BARR; White Pine, H. H. PHIPPS—3.

Organization

The Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr., was elected Moderator, by acclamation.

Courtesy

The Rev. C. W. Loven, Pastor of the Rogersville Methodist Church, was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Program

The Committee on Program submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Program

Monday Evening, April 17, 1939, 7:30 P. M.

Prayer

Roll Call

Election of Moderator

Report of Program Committee

Sermon, by DR. T. P. JOHNSTON

Communion

Distribution of Minutes

Announcements

Adjournment

Tuesday, 8:15 A. M.

Devotional Service—Dr. D. C. Amick

Enrollment—Order of Day

Business

11 A. M.—Presbyterial Sermon, Rev. J. A. Boyd

1:30 P. M.—Lunch

1:30 P. M.—Business till Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Anderson, *Stated Clerk*

T. M. Johnston, *Host Pastor*

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, on the subject, "Sinful Man, through a suffering Saviour, may have access to a satisfied God," based on 1st Peter 2:24.

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial Communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. Dan H. Graham and John I. Rhea, assisted by the following: Elders: E. D. Bowditch, Vian's Valley; J. C. Gray, Weaver's; L. Rolfe, Rogersville; E. E. Pence, Johnson City; Leslie Newland, Arcadia; R. P. Carmack, Paperville; J. A. L. Rhea, Bluff City; S. P. Miller, New Providence.

The printed Minutes of the Fall Meeting of the Presbytery were distributed.

Welcome Address

An Address of Welcome was delivered to the Presbytery, by the Pastor of the Rogersville Church, the Rev. T. M. Johnston.

The Response of the Presbytery was made by the Moderator, the Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr.

Orders of the Day

It was made the First Order of the Day, of the afternoon session, to proceed to the Licensure of Candidates for the Ministry.

It was made the Second Order of the Day, of the afternoon session, to hear the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Presbytery adjourned until 8:15 A. M., after prayer by the Rev. A. K. Dudley.

Second Day—Morning Session

The Presbytery reconvened, at 8:15 A. M., and was led in a devotional service by the Rev. D. C. Amick, who spoke on "The Choice of Moses," based on Heb. 11:24.

Elder F. R. DeVault

Attention was called to the fact that Elder F. R. DeVault, of Leesburg Church, had been an Elder for 55 years. The Presbytery stood in honor to his long service. Mr. DeVault addressed the Presbytery concerning the first Meeting of the Presbytery.

The Minutes of last night's session of the Presbytery were read and approved.

Installation of Rev. T. M. Johnston

The report of the Commission to install the Rev. T. M. Johnston Pastor of the Rogersville Church was read, approved, and the Commission discharged. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMISSION APPOINTED TO INSTALL THE REVEREND T. M. JOHNSTON AT ROGERSVILLE

The Commission appointed by Holston Presbytery to install the Reverend T. M. Johnston Pastor of the Rogersville Presbyterian Church met at the church on Sunday morning, November 20, 1938, at 10:45 a. m. There were present: the Rev. T. P. Johnston, Chairman, Rev. W. H. McCorkle, Elder J. D. Hasson and Elder J. D. Faucette. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and opened with prayer by Dr. McCorkle. Elder J. D. Faucette was appointed Clerk. In the absence of Rev. John Yelton and his alternate, Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr., the Chairman was appointed to deliver the charge to the pastor. The Commission repaired to the church auditorium, where the morning service was held.

Dr. T. P. Johnston, Chairman of the Commission, presided. A sermon was preached by the Rev. William H. McCorkle, using the 78th Psalm as a background. The constitutional questions were propounded by the Chairman and were answered in the affirmative by both pastor and congregation. A charge was delivered to the pastor by the Rev. T. P. Johnson, and a charge to the congregation was delivered by Elder J. D. Hasson, who also led in the closing prayer. After the singing of a hymn, the new pastor was asked to pronounce the benediction, after which officers and heads of families of the congregation greeted the new pastor, extending the right hand of fellowship to him and his wife.

The Minutes of the Commission were read and approved and the Commission adjourned with prayer.

J. D. Faucette, *Clerk.*

Installation of Rev. D. F. Waddell

The report of the Commission to install the Rev. D. F. Waddell Pastor of the Cold Spring Church was read, approved, and the Commission discharged. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL THE REVEREND D. F. WADDELL AS PASTOR OF COLD SPRING CHURCH

The Commission appointed by Holston Presbytery to install the Reverend D. F. Waddell at Cold Spring met at Cold Spring Church on Sunday morning, November 27, 1938, at ten forty-five a. m.

There were present the Rev. J. A. Boyd, Rev. T. P. Johnston, and Ruling Elder J. D. Faucette. In the absence of the Rev. John Martin, the Rev. T. P. Johnston was asked to preside. The Commission was called to order and opened with prayer by the Rev. J. A. Boyd. Elder J. D. Faucette was appointed Clerk. The Rev. T. P. Johnston was appointed to preside at the church service, and propound the constitutional questions.

The installation service proceeded according to the appointment of the Presbytery. Following a devotional service at eleven a. m., the Rev. T. P. Johnston preached a sermon from Matthew 16:13, "An Adequate Conception of Christ." The consitutional questions were asked and answered satisfactorily. The Reverend D. F. Waddell was declared duly installed as pastor of the Cold Spring Church. A charge to the pastor was delivered by the Rev. J. A. Boyd. A charge to the congregation was delivered by Elder J. D. Faucette. The service was closed with the singing of a hymn and the benediction pronounced by the newly installed pastor.

The minutes of the Commission were read and approved and the Commission adjourned with prayer.

Signed: J. D. Faucette, *Clerk.*

Organization of Boone Church

The report of the Commission to organize a Church at Boone, N. C., was read, approved, and the Commission discharged. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY TO ESTABLISH A CHURCH AT BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA

The Commission appointed by Presbytery, consisting of members of the Home Mission Committee, met in the High School Building at Boone, N. C., on January 13, 1939, 7:30 p. m. There were present the Reverend Messrs. H. H. Thompson, Robert King, and W. H. McCorkle; and Elder J. D. Faucette. The Rev. H. H. Thompson was elected to preside, Rev. Robert King to preach the sermon, Rev. W. H. McCorkle, Clerk. Because of the inclement weather only ten members of the proposed organization were present. A number of visitors were present, including the Rev. John Yelton and the Rev. Sexton Buchanan, both of Holston Presbytery. After a devotional service, a sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert King on the text, Acts 14, "But Wait." Dr. King dealt with the example of our Lord in organizing the first New Testament church.

The purpose of the meeting was explained by Mr. Faucette who also explained the appointing of the Commission. The Chairman presented testimonials of the community group in the form of a petition for a church, with some thirty names signed thereto. The Constitutional questions were asked and answered and the organization proceeded according to the provisions of the book of church order. The Church was duly declared organized and it was voted that the church was to be called The First Presbyterian Church of Boone, North Carolina. It was then voted that an adjourned meeting be held on January 29, 1939, at 3:00 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of the election and installation of officers if the way be clear. The Chairman agreed that representatives

of the Commission would be present at that meeting to preside and conduct the necessary services. The meeting was closed with prayer.

On January 29, 1939, pursuant to adjournment the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Boone, N. C., met together with the Reverend T. P. Johnston and Mr. J. D. Faucette, members of Presbytery's Commission, in the First Baptist Church rooms. Dr. Johnston was asked to preside and preach, and Mr. Faucette to act as Clerk pro tem. Following a devotional service, Dr. Johnston preached a sermon from the text, Matthew 16:13, on "An Adequate Conception of Christ." The following members of the Boone Church were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, E. Ford King, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Christenberry, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. King, I. S. Miller, Murray Craven, Annabelle McClure, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ford King, Sr.; Mrs. R. H. Hardin, Margaret Hardin, R. R. King, Jr.; Jacqueline Hardin, Mrs. Worth W. Miller, Miss Myrtle Brandon, Miss Eva King, Muriel Harmon, Virginia Webber, R. M. Owen, L. W. Timmons, Albert King, Mrs. S. Fort, June G. Fort, Julia T. King. The following members were received on petition: Joe Crawford, Dorothy Stacy, Starr Stacy, Worth Miller, Natalie Perdom.

The following officers were elected: Elders—R. R. King, J. E. Holshouser and I. S. Miller. All of these having been previously ordained were duly installed. The following deacons were elected: Murray B. Craven, E. S. Christenberry, E. Ford King, Sr. The Session met and was opened with prayer. Mr. E. Ford King, Sr., was ordained as a deacon. The other two deacons having previously been ordained, all three were duly installed. Miss Katherine Bracey having been baptized in infancy appeared before the Session and was received into full membership upon profession of her faith in Christ.

Mr. J. E. Holshouser was elected Clerk of the Session. Mr. E. S. Christenberry was elected Treasurer of the Church. The services were closed with prayer by the Rev. R. H. Stone.

The Commission met and the minutes were read and approved. The meeting of the Commission closed with prayer.

Wm. H. McCorkle, *Clerk*

J. D. Faucette, *Clerk, pro tem.*

Minutes of the Commission of Holston Presbytery to establish a church at Boone, North Carolina:

The Commission appointed by Presbytery met in the high school building at Boone, North Carolina, January 13, 1939, and was duly constituted with prayer. Those present were Messrs. H. H. Thompson, Robert King and W. H. McCorkle, Ministers; and J. D. Faucette as ruling Elder. Dr. Thompson was elected to preside over the meeting for which we were called. Dr. King was selected to preach. Dr. McCorkle was elected Secretary. The Commission then met with those present, ten in number, from the community who wished to organize a church. There were several visitors, including Rev. John Yelton, newly elected Superintendent of Home Missions, and Rev. Sexton Buchanan from the First Presbyterian Church of Blowing Rock, North Carolina. The devotional was conducted in the singing of several hymns, the offering of prayer and the preaching of a timely message by Dr. King on the text, Acts 1:4, "But Wait." Dr. King's discourse pointed out the example of our Lord in organizing the first New Testament Church.

At the request of the presiding officer, Mr. Faucette explained the purpose of the meeting together of the Commission; the Chairman presented testimonials of the community group in the form of a petition for a church with some thirty names attached thereto; a covenant promise was exacted from those present and the church was duly declared organized. A motion carried that a meeting be held the fifth Sunday afternoon, January 29, 1939, at 3 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers and the installation of these officers, "if the way be clear." The Chairman agreed for the Commission that the Commission would resume responsibility for having someone with proper authority present to preside

at this service. It was voted that the name of the Church would be the First Presbyterian Church of Boone, North Carolina. The meeting was closed with prayer by Dr. H. H. Thompson, the presiding minister.

Signed: W. H. McCorkle, *Secretary.*

The action of the Stated Clerk in granting a Certificate of Dismission to Atlanta Presbytery, March 23, 1939, for Candidate Robt. Earnest, was ratified.

A Certificate of Dismission, to the Presbytery of Potosi, was granted to Candidate Richard W. Burns.

King College

The Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, President of King College, and the Rev. H. H. Thompson, concerning the work and improving conditions of the College.

Courtesy

The Rev. F. E. Clark, D. D., Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Dr. Clark addressed the Presbytery, concerning the work and needs of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. A. Boyd, on "Progress in Christian Doctrine," based on Galatians 2:20.

Courtesy

The Rev. Howard Morgan, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, U. S. A., was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Report of the Treasurer of Presbytery

The report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery was read, received, and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF RHEA ANDERSON, *Treasurer*

Apr. 18, 1938, to Apr. 17, 1939

Balance brought forward	$564.55	
Assessments from Churches	896.70	
		$1,461.25

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries:

D. C. Amick, Sept., '38		$ 120.00
Rhea Anderson, Sept., '38		60.00
W. C. Young, Sept., '38		8.00
D. C. Amick, Apr., '39		120.00
Rhea Anderson, Apr., '39		60.00
W. C. Young, Apr., '39		8.00
		376.00

Central Treasurer's Office:

W. B. Hawkins, Auditing	$ 15.00	
Royal Typewriter Co., Typewriter	25.00	
H. G. Anderson, Ptg.	3.50	
J. E. Lutz & Co., Bond	12.50	

D. C. Amick, Exp.	8.52	
H. G. Anderson, Ptg.	2.50	
D. C. Amick, Supplies, etc.	22.16	
H. G. Anderson, Ptg.	2.50	
		91.68

Stated Clerk's Office:

W. D. Dulaney, P. M., Postage	1.57	
Farmers Bk., Box Rent	1.65	
W. D. Dulaney, P. M., Postage	3.90	
Rhea Anderson, Exp. (Supplies)	1.25	
Presbyterian Com. of Pub. (Supplies)	2.80	
		11.17

Miscellaneous:

Miss Alpha Kenny, Sten., Presby.	6.00	
Assembly's Tax	519.54	
The King Ptg. Co., Ptg. Minutes	67.14	
J. G. Patton, Synod's Tax	57.63	
The King Ptg. Co., Printing Minutes	67.10	
		717.41
Total Disbursements		$1196.26
Balance in Bank		264.99
		$1461.25

Respectfully submitted,

RHEA ANDERSON, *Treas.*

Standing Committees

The Moderator read the following list of the Standing Committees, and Elders on Permanent Committees:

Bills and Overtures—J. L. Gray, H. H. Thompson, S. H. Hay, J. W. Zirkle.

Auditing—A. A. Atkins, J. B. Allen, Chas. Gray.

Minutes of Presbytery—T. P. Johnston, M. J. Murray, R. Jones.

Minutes of Synod—J. A. Boyd, W. H. McCorkle, H. D. Smith.

Committee of Nominations—Robert King, T. P. Johnston, E. L. Lafferty.

Pastor's Salary—J. S. Yelton, John Rhea, S. R. Miller.

Resolutions—A. K. Dudley, G. S. Buchanan, E. E. Pence.

Evangelism—J. I. Rhea.

Stewardship—E. L. Lafferty.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—L. Rolfe.

Religious Education—Hugh Carson.

Woman's Work—Lessley Newland.

Sessional Records—J. C. Gray, Jr.

The Minutes of a Called Meeting of the Presbytery, held in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., March 29, 1939, at 1:30 P. M., were read for information.

Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee

The Report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was read, received, and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee. The report is as follows:

To the Presbytery of Holston:

I herewith submit my report as Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee of Holston Presbytery for the year April 1st, 1938, to March 31st, 1939.

RECEIPTS

Received from General Assembly's H. M. Comm.	$4,798.24
Received from Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treas.	4,819.86
Received from General Assembly's H. M. Comm. for Cocke Co. Field, including balance of $15.00 from 1938	1,089.39
Received from certificate of deposit	350.00
Received from Special Gifts	136.66
Received from rent and sale of land Micaville Manse	146.00
Received for Tiger Creek Chapel Building	320.00
Received from Synod's Comm. for Summer Work	75.00
Received from sale of land at Hughes Chapel	50.00
Total net receipts	$11,785.15
Checks returned and redeposited	536.27
Total receipts	$12,321.42

DISBURSEMENTS

April 1st, 1938, Overdraft	$ 44.18
Payroll for Home Mission Workers	8,437.46
Payroll Home Mission Workers Cocke Co. Field	1,059.39
Committee Expense	332.47
Summer Work	175.00
Repairs for Manse at Micaville, N. C.	178.42
Tiger Creek Chapel	340.00
Refund to A. N. Sharp, Treas.	527.49
Church Repairs	106.00
Supt.-Evangelist Expense	56.50
Salem Church, Whitesburg, Tenn.	55.48
Special Gifts	25.41
Insurance	32.00
Total net disbursements	$11,369.80
Checks charged to account and redeposited	536.27

April 1st, 1939, By Balance in General Fund	$11,906.07
April 1st, 1939, By Balance Cocke Co. Field	385.35
	30.00
	$12,321.42

FRANK TAYLOR, *Treas.*

Central Treasurer of Benevolences

The report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences was read, received, and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF D. C. AMICK, CENTRAL TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES

RECEIPTS from April 1, 1938, to April 3, 1939

Church	*Congregation*	*Auxiliary*	*S. Sch.*	*Y. P. S.*	*Total*	*Increase 1938-39*
Arcadia	$ 55.00	$	$	$	$ 55.00	$ .....
Banner Elk	339.68	219.41	18.72	24.62	602.43	.....
Blountville	322.51	25.00	.....	.....	347.51	.....
Blowing Rock	.....	111.64	57.27	19.85	188.76	.....
Bristol First	2,359.67	1,379.91	9.40	8.00	3,756.98	243.84
Buladean	41.75	.....	.....	.....	41.75	.....
Cold Spring	283.69	80.25	.....	15.00	378.84	.....
Cove Creek	176.00	.....	74.00	.....	250.00	.....
Crossnore	13.00	120.50	.....	.....	133.50	10.50
Estatoa	10.80	.....	.....	.....	10.80	4.05
Gray's Chapel	28.85	.....	30.80	.....	59.65	8.76
Grassy Creek	40.60	.....	.....	.....	40.60	40.60
Harris Mem.	60.00	4.00	14.00	.....	78.00	.....
Hughes	26.00	.....	.....	.....	26.00	1.00
Jefferson City	63.43	300.20	176.38	.....	540.01	26.77
Johnson City	1,491.76	1,687.35	354.64	42.83	3,576.58	459.61
Kingsport	2,549.49	1,089.91	698.88	22.00	4,360.28	144.62
Leesburg	151.75	6.45	.....	.....	159.20	58.78
Mary And. Ch.	13.23	.....	.....	.....	13.23	.....
Meadow Creek	129.60	15.18	10.30	.....	155.08	14.08
Micaville	14.72	.....	.....	.....	14.72	.....
Mooresburg	39.34	.....	.....	.....	39.34	.....
Morristown	2,086.85	.....	.....	.....	2,086.85	281.73
New Bethel	199.65	50.35	.....	.....	250.00	58.15
Newdale	9.13	.....	.....	.....	9.13	4.13
New Ebenezer	72.95	.....	.....	.....	72.95	12.98
Newland	56.73	69.50	.....	.....	126.23	.....
Newport	230.00	117.34	35.40	10.00	392.74	.....

New Providence	90.64	107.81	.....	.....	198.45	.....
Paint Gap	84.00	.....	.....	.....	84.00	.....
Paperville	36.00	4.00	.....	.....	40.00	.....
Pineola	82.73	96.34	11.27	.....	190.34	.....
Plumtree	55.92	40.25	.....	.....	96.17	30.12
Providence	62.00	.....	.....	.....	62.00	12.00
Rheatown	46.14	.....	.....	.....	46.14	.....
Roan's Chapel	28.00	.....	.....	.....	28.00	.88
Rogersville	1,571.45	825.00	75.28	40.21	2,511.94	5.55
Russellville	33.00	16.00	.....	.....	49.00	.....
Russ Memorial	6.30	.....	.....	.....	6.30	.....
Rutledge	22.68	57.00	.....	.....	79.68	3.43
Spruce Pine	.....	47.45	37.64	.....	85.09	.....
Strawberry Plains	.....	105.05	23.10	.....	128.15	.....
Thomas Mem.	162.27	28.35	.....	.....	190.62	17.08
Vians Valley	29.70	.....	.....	.....	29.70	17.70
Weavers	109.28	.....	.....	.....	109.28	34.28
White Pine	.....	53.50	.....	.....	53.50	.....
Whitesburg	25.00	16.00	.....	.....	41.00	41.00
Windsor Ave.	.....	291.01	41.58	.....	332.59	.....
Miscellaneous	20.17	.....	.....	.....	20.17	.....
Cash Bal. April	23.27	.....	.....	.....	23.27	.....
Gross Receipts	$13,354.73	$ 6,964.75	$ 1,668.66	$ 182.51	$22,170.65	

Received after Books closed April 3, 1939:

Morristown	$904.65
Plumtree	5.25
Estatoa	8.87
	$918.77

DISBURSEEMENTS from April 1, 1938, to April 3, 1939

Foreign Missions		$6,513.87
Assembly's Home Missions		2,715.85
Overdrafts for 1938	$ 80.93	
Remittances	2,634.92	
Christian Ed. & Ministerial Relief		1,746.66
Religious Education and Publication		707.93
Assembly's Training School		98.33
Bible Cause		94.82
Total Assembly's Causes		$11,877.46
Synod's Work		545.56

Educational Institutions		1,727.77	
King College	$1,554.59		
Montreat College	169.18		
Stonewall Jack. Debt	4.00		
Total Synod's Causes			2,273.33
Presbyteries Home Missions		5,088.64	
Grandfather's Orphans Home		2,825.25	
Total Presbytery's Causes			7,913.89
Total to Benevolence Causes			22,064.68
Miscellaneous Disbursements:			
Presbyterial Tax		$ 14.68	
Contingent Fees		6.00	
Refunds		12.34	
			33.02
Total Disbursements			$22,097.70
Cash Balance due to R. E. Synod & Presbytery			72.95
Total			$22,170.65

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct statement as shown by the records on file. This the 15th day of April, 1939.

H. C. Alexander, Newport, Tenn.

Rogersville, Tenn., 4-18-39.

Audited and found correct.

Committee: A. A. Atkins
J. R. Allen
J. Chas. Gray, Jr.

Reception of Candidates

Mr. David E. Wilkinson and Mr. Thomas L. Haman, students at King College, were introduced to the Presbytery and requested that they be examined for reception as ministerial candidates under the care of Presbytery. Mr. Wilkinson, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, desired to be received by Holston Presbytery. Mr. Haman, a member of the Presbyterian Church of Calhoun City, Mississippi, desired to be examined for reception by East Mississippi Presbytery. East Mississippi Presbytery through its Chairman of C. E. and M. R. agreed to accept the examination and recommendation of Mr. Haman by Holston Presbytery, and to enroll him as a candidate of East Mississippi Presbytery.

Dr. H. H. Thompson, pastor, certified that Mr. Wilkinson had been examined by the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol and that the session recommends him to the Presbytery. President T. P. Johnston of King College stated that Mr. Haman was recommended by the session of the Presbyterian Church of Calhoun City, Mississippi.

The Presbytery proceeded to examine the two candidates. The examinations touching their spiritual experience and motives for seeking the ministry were sustained. The candidates then answered in the affirmative the questions required by the book of church order. Upon motion duly passed Mr. David E. Wilkinson was received and enrolled as a candidate for the ministry under the care of Holston Presbytery. Upon motion duly passed the examinations of Mr. Thomas L. Haman were approved as satisfactory and he was recommended to the Presbytery of East Mississippi for enrollment as a candidate under their care. A brief charge was delivered to the two candidates by the Rev. Dan H. Graham. The Moderator led in prayer in behalf of the candidates.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was authorized to apply for Relief, on the same scale as last year, and to make other appropriations as needed.

The Presbytery took recess, until 1:30 P. M., after prayer by the Rev. R. A. Brown.

Second Day—Afternoon Session

The Presbytery reconvened, at 1:30 P. M., with prayer by the Rev. M. J. Murray.

Licensure of J. L. Perry

Candidate J. L. Perry presented himself for Licensure. Upon recommendation of the Committees on the same the following parts of trial were sustained as satisfactory; his Thesis on "The features in which the New Covenent is better than the Old Covenant"; his Exegesis of Heb. 9:23; his Lecture on Heb. 7:1-3.

The customary examinations on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry, on Theology, and on Church Government and the Sacraments were sustained as satisfactory.

His sermon, on "The Peril of Unbelief," based on Heb. 3:19, was sustained as satisfactory. The examinations were sustained as a whole.

Mr. Perry having answered the constitutional questions in the affirmative, the Moderator, after prayer, duly licensed Mr. Perry to preach the Gospel, as a probationer for the holy ministry, wherever God, in His providence, may call him.

Mr. Perry was granted a Certificate of Dismission to the Presbytery of Memphis.

Rev. G. S. Buchanan

The Rev. G. S. Buchanan requested a dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Blowing Rock Church and himself, and that he be granted a Certificate of Dismission to the Presbytery of Abingdon.

Rev. John S. Yelton reported that he had moderated the Congregational Meeting, and that the Church voted, unanimously, against the dissolution of the pastoral relationship, but that the Pastor believed it to be the will of God that he go to Abingdon Presbytery.

The request of the Pastor was granted, effective April 23, 1939. The Presbytery requested the Stated Clerk to forward, with the Certificate of Dismissal, the statement of the Moderator of the Congregational Meeting, Rev. J. S. Yelton, that the Church did not concur in the Pastor's request.

Church Extension Committee

The Presbytery moved that a Committee be appointed by the Presbytery, to be known as The Church Extension Committee, to receive money for the purpose of helping establish Churches in needy places. The Committee to co-operate with the Home Mission Committee.

Crossnore Church

At the request of the Crossnore Church, the Rev. Ira W. Rawls was appointed Supply of the Church.

Bills and Overtures

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read, received, the recommendations adopted, seriatim, and the report adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

1) To amendments of Confession of Faith and Catechisms, and concerning Brief Statement, negative answer.

2) To the material sent down for study, no suggestions by the Presbytery as a body.

3) To the amendment of Book of Church Order, on requirements for admission to Presbytery, answered in the affirmative.

4) To amendments concerning title to church property, answered in the affirmative.

J. L. Gray
J. W. Zirkle
H. H. Thompson
Samuel H. Hay
Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Assembly's Home Missions

The following report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was read, and, with its recommendations, adopted:

REPORT ON ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS

The Committee is able to report a note of encouragement in our Assembly's home mission work. While there was an increase in the Committee's total receipts due to certain legacies and the Auxiliary Birthday Offering for special purposes, the Committee's chief encouragement is in the fact that there was a small increase in the regular budget income on which the support of the work depends. However, this gain did not overcome the severe loss in budget income reported in 1938.

Assembly's Home Missions is conducted on a cash basis, and appropriation payments are limited to budget income. Under this financial plan, which obviates accumulating debts, no enlargements can be undertaken in any department until the funds are assured.

The total home mission income for the year, including receipts from churches and auxiliaries, special and designated funds, the Auxiliary Birthday Gift, individual gifts and legacies, was $361,-230.94, an increase of $26,822.92 over the totals of last year. The total budget receipts from living donors, on which appropriations must be based, was $301,152.87, which was a gain of $4,950.34.

The extent of Assembly's Home Missions is revealed in the fact that the Executive Committee assists 57 Presbyteries in their home mission work. Seven of these are mission Presbyteries for the exceptional or dependent classes. There are 495 missionaries, serving 675 churches with 520 outposts, wholly or partially dependent upon Assembly aid. Thus through the cooperation of the Assembly's Committee with the Presbyteries the Gospel is being preached in over 1,200 communities.

Home Missions is the lift of the church. Home mission pastors and home mission churches and the workers in the underprivileged areas continue to report the largest number of additions upon profession of faith. Each year the number received in the home mission fields is the measure of the church's progress.

The Committee believes that one of the most encouraging developments in our home mission work was the creation of the Assembly's Home Mission Council, with one representative from each Synod, which will meet annually with the Assembly's Executive Committee to consider the church's entire home mission enterprise as represented by the Presbyteries, Synods and Assembly. Working together the Assembly's Committee and the Assembly's Council will seek to bring about a closer coordination of the home mission agencies, provide more adequate home mission salaries, especially in the weaker Presbyteries, and for those workers serving in the purely missionary areas of the Assembly.

The study book for the special Home Mission Season in 1939

is entitled "Chapels—Today's Evangelistic Frontier." It was prepared by Dr. S. M. Glasgow, Savannah, Ga. This challenging book is warmly commended by the Executive Committee for study by all our churches and organizations.

The following recommendations are offered:

1) That the period, October 2-November 5, be set apart as a special season for home mission study, and that the week of October 29-November 5 be designated as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Assembly's Home Missions with a generous offering in all the churches and organizations of this cause.

2) That the home mission book, "Chapels—Today's Evangelistic Frontier," prepared by Dr. S. M. Glasgow, be approved as the study book for the home mission period, and that it be commended for use in all the organizations of the church.

3) That as a method of bringing Assembly's Home Missions before the Sunday schools June be observed as the Assembly's Home Mission month with the use of the educational programs prepared by the Educational Department.

4) That the Foreign Speaking Work of the General Assembly be assigned to the Young People of the church as their special home mission responsibility for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Sexton Buchanan, *Chairman.*

The Presbytery took recess, until 7:30 P. M., after prayer by the Rev. G. S. Buchanan.

Second Day—Night Session

The Presbytery reconvened, at 7:30 P. M., with prayer by the Rev. S. H. Hay.

Home Mission Property

The following request, concerning Home Mission Property, within the bounds of the Presbytery, was made by the Presbytery:

The General Assembly's Home Mission Committee having withdrawn from all direct control and direction of mission work within the bounds of Holston Presbytery, the Trustees of Holston Presbytery are directed to request the General Asesmbly's Home Mission Committee and the Soul Winners Society to transfer titles to all mission property held by them, within the bounds of Holston Presbytery, to the Trustees of Holston Presbytery.

Union Seminary

The following Resolution, in regard to Union Theological Seminary, was adopted by a rising vote, and the Rev. Robert King, as the authorized agent of the Presbytery, was asked to convey it to the Faculty and Trustees:

To the Faculty and Trustees of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia:

Holston Presbytery, in session in Rogersville, Tenn., April 18, 1939, would express its earnest concern and growing apprehension at the theological trend in our Seminary, as indicated by the type of some of the special Lecturers, under whose tutelage our students are being placed from time to time. This expression is sent in the spirit of fraternal devotion.

Commissioners—General Assembly

The following were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly:

Ministers: Rev. J. S. Yelton; alternate, Rev. J. A. Boyd. Rev. S. H. Hay; alternate, Rev. W. H. McCorkle.

Elders: L. W. Morrow, Newport; alternate, Joe Gray, Weavers. Frank Knight, Leesburg; alternate, J. E. Rice, Spruce Pine.

Stewardship

Rev. D. C. Amick gave a brief report of Stewardship, which was received as information, and was authorized to compile a Statement to be printed in the Minutes.

Your Committee on Stewardship begs to submit the following report:

This report will be submitted under three heads: First, the Every Member Canvass; Second, Value of Church Buildings and Manses and the Debts on these buildings; Third, Expenses of the Stewardship Committee.

I. The Every Member Canvass.

The reports from the Churches show that the pastors and officers were faithful in presenting Stewardship to their respective churches. The final reports show that only one church failed to make an Every Member Canvass in some form. 30 Churches out of 53 secured to date 100% or more of the Presbytery's askings for Benevolences. The percentage of total askings, pledged rose from 65% last year to 77% for this year. $24,752.00 was pledged for Benevolent Causes, an increase of $2,019.00 over last year.

II. Reported Value of Church Buildings and Manses and Debts on These Buildings.

Church Buildings and Chapels	Value	Debt	Percent of Debt
62	$759,600.00	$68,002.00	9%

Manses			
24	152,380.00	13,646.00	9%
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86	$911,980.00	$81,648.00	9%

Since 1937 the total indebtedness on Churches and Manses has been reduced from $118,479.00 to $81,648.00, or a reduction of $36,828.00.

12 Churches and Chapels are valued at $1000 or less.
25 Churches and Chapels are valued from $1000 to $2500.
8 Churches and Chapels are valued from $2500 to $5000.
5 Churches and Chapels are valued from $5000 to $10000.
5 Churches and Chapels are valued from $10000 to $25000.
2 Churches and Chapels are valued from $25000 to $50000.
3 Churches and Chapels are valued from $50000 to $100000.
2 Churches and Chapels are valued at $100000 or more.

III. Expenses or Promoting Every Member Canvass in Presbytery.

The Secretary of Stewardship contacted all the Churches in the Presbytery by mail at least twice. A five day visitation was made in February and 42 of the churches contacted. 7 addresses were made.

Travelling expenses	$33.90	
Postage	4.95	
Meals	3.50	
Stenographer	5.00	
Miscellaneous supplies, Telephone, etc.	5.15	
		$52.50
From the Home Mission Committee	37.50	
From Rhea Anderson, Treasurer	15.00	
		$52.50

D. C. Amick, *Secretary.*

Minutes of the Presbytery

The Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery read the following report, which was received and the recommendations adopted:

MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY

The report of the committee on The Minutes of Presbytery was read and adopted:

Your committee on the Minutes of Presbytery would report that it has examined carefully the printed minutes of the fall meeting of Holston Presbytery. We commend the stated clerk on the neatness and the accuracy of these records.

We recommend that in the case of officers of the Presbytery who are elected for a term of years, that the year of the expiration of their term of office be indicated in parentheses after their names, in the official directory in the minutes.

We further recommend that the word "approved" be used rather than the word "adopted" in the action taken by the Presbytery regarding its minutes.

We call to the attention of the program committee the change in the docked for the fall meeting, namely, that there is introduced a special program on "The Sabbath and Family Religion."

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. P. JOHNSTON,

For the Committee.

Pastor's Salaries

The following report of the Committee on Pastors' Salaries was read and adopted:

PASTOR'S SALARY

Your Committee on Pastor's Salaries has examined those reports coming into it. The reports show that the churches have been prompt in paying pastor's salaries and with eight exceptions have been paid in full or satisfied. The eight exceptions range from $450 to $1600.

We recommend that the stated clerk and the superintendent of Home Missions be asked to communicate with the delinquent churches in regard to payment of back salaries.

JOHN RHEA

J. S. YELTON

Assembly's Training School

The following report of the Committee on the Assembly's Training School was read, received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery was led in prayer, in behalf of the school, by the Rev. T. P. Johnston. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON THE ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL

Your committee presents the following report: We urge that every member of the Presbytery read carefully the report of the Training School as forwarded to the ministers of the church and printed in the church papers. The substance of which report has been given for information.

We commend to the Presbytery for prayer and support thru the regular benevolence channels and special help as possible this worthy cause of our church. We also urge that our churches avail themselves of the trained leadership that can be secured in the students and graduates of this school to help in summer work

and special training courses, as well as full time workers where possible.

We recommend:

That Presbytery, following the request of the School, "take time now for prayer in behalf of the faculty and students of this institution, and in earnest petition to God that His Spirit move upon the church to adequately support this work."

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Brown, *Chm.*

Bible Cause

The following report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted:

BIBLE CAUSE

The Committee on Bible Cause wish to commend the great work of the American Bible Society for the splendid work done by them, and

Recommend that we continue to give the same percentage to them as we did last year.

J. A. Boyd, *Chm.*

Minister's Annuity

The following report of the Committee on the Minister's Annuity was read, received, and pending its approval, the Presbytery was led in prayer, in behalf of the Annuity, by the Moderator. The report was approved and is as follows:

April 18, 1939.

The Committee on the Minister's Annuity Fund begs leave to submit the following report:

Since the General Assembly has repeatedly called on the entire Church to complete this great unfinished task and since the goal is now within sight with more than two million three hundred thousand dollars already paid or subscribed this committee earnestly calls upon the churches of Holston Presbytery to give their prayerful and earnest consideration to doing their part or share in this work.

With the quota of $45,000 assigned to our Presbytery, a total of only $13,415 has been paid or subscribed within the bounds of the Presbytery and only five churches have completed their campaigns and reached their individual objectives. The Committee deplores the fact that if the other Presbyteries of our Synod had not more largely done their part, the rating of the Synod in this accomplishment would be far down the scale—and if other Presbyteries of the Assembly had followed our course, on the percentage basis, the final great objective of putting this fund into operation would still be a hazy dream rather than a ready-to-be grasped reality.

In view of our tardiness in fulfilling our proportionate part of this great undertaking; we respectfully recommend:

(1) That every church be urged to set up the necessary organizations to push their own campaigns to completion at the earliest possible date.

(2) That every church having plans already underway be urged to send their reports of receipts in pledges and cash to the Central Committee at Louisville before the meeting of the General Assembly, May.

(3) That the Presbytery pause for a season of earnest prayer that God's continued blessing be upon this movement and that His Spirit's guidance be invoked for the completion of the task we have set our hearts and hands to do.

Respectfully submitted,

Minister's Annuity Committee,

Wm. H. McCorkle, *Chm.*

Nominations

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read, and adopted, and is as follows:

Committee on Nominations reports as follows:

To replace Rev. G. S. Buchanan on Assemblies' Home Missions Committee. The Rev. A. K. Dudley.

Rev. Robt. King and Rev. D. C. Amick to succeed themselves on the Board of Trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.

Rev. H. H. Thompson, Mr. Charles Hughes, Mr. Frank Taylor, Mr. J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick to succeed themselves on the Board of Trustees of the Plumtree School for Boys.

The Committee on the Commission on Pastorates and Supplies: Rev. Sam H. Hays, Chairman for 3 years; Rev. H. H. Thompson for 2 years; Dr. Robt. King for 3 years; Elder J. L. Gray for 1 year; Elder S. H. Anderson for 1 year.

Rev. T. M. Johnston added to Comm. on Religious Education.

Rev. Dan Graham to preach Presbyterial sermon, "The Power of the Word of God."

Robt. King, Chm., Will Jones and George Warren, Piney Flats, added to Trustees of Bertha King Memorial.

Statistics

The Statistical Report was read, approved, and ordered sent to the General Assembly, and is as follows:

STATISTICAL REPORT

Ministers	30	Elders	268
Churches	53	Deacons	280
Candidates	8	Added on Confession	358
Licensures		Added on Certificate	238

Ordinations	1	Whole No. of Communicants	7974
Installations	2	Adult Baptisms	267
Pastoral Dissolutions	2	Infant Baptisms	63
New Churches Organized	1	Total S. S. Enrollment	9733

CONTRIBUTIONS

Foreign Missions	$6928.00	
Assembly's Home Missions	3226.00	
Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	2712.00	
Religious Education & Publication	824.00	
Assembly's Training School	109.00	
Bible Cause	114.00	
Synod's Home Missions	605.00	
Synod's and Presbytery's Religious Ed.	448.00	
Orphan's Home	4292.00	
Educational Institutions	3451.00	
Presbytery's Home Missions	5333.00	
		$28,042.00

TOTAL TO REGULAR BENEVOLENCE

Pastor's Salaries Actually Paid	$32646.00	
Current Expenses	36257.00	
Congregational Missions	9857.00	
Building Expense	27676.00	
Miscellaneous Contributions	3984.00	
		$110,422.00
Grand Total for all Contributions		$138,464.00

RHEA ANDERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

The Minister and His Work

The Rev. S. H. Hay offered a Paper, and asked that it be recorded as a comment by way of precaution in the use of the new law on the Minister and His Work. The request was granted, and the Paper is as follows:

Rev. Samuel H. Hay offered the following paper and asked that it be recorded in the minutes as a comment by way of precaution in the use of the new law on The Minister and His Work. The request was granted.

Par. 76 a, Book of Church Order, caption (4), states that the Commission on the Minister and His Work in the Presbytery shall be empowered to visit churches in which difficulties have arisen (to inquire into them) and effect settlement thereof.

There appears to be potential danger in this, for the following reasons:

The Law assumes that five men—three ministers and two elders—in each of the 88 Presbyteries, which is a total of 440 persons, shall be wise and qualified to do the delicate and difficult work which a very small number of picked, trained, highly endowed, and experienced bishops ordinarily do in prelatical organizations such as the Methodist Church. And the term of the Commissioners is for not more than two consecutive appointments of three years each, so that in the course of a few years a multitude of other men shall succeed them. The assumption that so many qualified and experienced men can so easily be found is dangerous.

Also, the ministers invested with these focussed and final powers of the Presbytery are peers of their brethren not so invested, and are natural competitors for the positions held by the other ministers over whom they are thus to all practical effect elevated. This creates an anomalous and confused situation, rife with danger in that human nature in redeemed persons is still human nature. It also opens the doors for strife and for supposedly just reprisals

between peers and between factions. In prelatical churches this danger is obviated by the fact that no bishop or other prelate is or ever again will be competitor of the pastors over whom he rules. Our new law is neither Presbyterianism nor prelacy, but is a confused and dangerous hybrid between them.

And, this new power would often tend to be handled rashly by inexperienced men that might be of officious disposition or eager for vital experiences and power; and also it would be a too ready instrument of wilful or clamorous minorities or factions in times of irritation in the churches; all to the injury of churches and ministers who would manage to adjust their troubles after the manner used in all our past history, except for the injudicious and hasty interference perhaps by a Commission. The overhanging threat of a visitation from an inquiring Commission will also probably hamper the outspoken testimony of some ministers against sin. Any offended influential member of church can obtain the ear of an injudicious member of the Commission. And an unnecessary visitation by a Commission results almost invariably in the virtual ruin of the career of the minister when he is involved, and the indefinite retarding of the church's work.

It would therefore seem desirable and wise for said Commission, for awhile, at least until the Commissioner can become tempered with responsibility and experience gained in the other phases of its work, to hold wholly in abeyance its power to visit and inquire into difficulties in churches. Our Commission might wisely leave these matters still wholly to the initiative of Presbytery for an indefinite term of years, as in the past; and the Commission of Holston Presbytery, yet to be appointed, is gravely counseled to that effect by the Presbytery.

Religious Education

The following report of the Committee on Religious Education was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Your Committee submits the following report: We beg leave to offer as information to the Presbytery the report of the Executive Committee of the General Assembly on R. E. (Report read.) We also offer as information to Presbytery information concerning Presbytery's Conference at Bristol and Synod's Conference at Tusculum.

We call to your attention the fact that we will have the services of a lay worker from A. T. S. for only four weeks and urge each pastor to plan D. V. B. S. in his church, reminding you of the vital importance of this work.

We ask Pastors to consider the advisability of having one day Institutes for Sunday School leaders throughout the Presbytery this year and to give your committee advise in this matter.

We urge Pastors and Sessions to study carefully all possibilities for Outpost Sunday Schools and to promote this vital phase of R. E.

Your Committee in closing offers the following recommendations:

(1) That this Presbytery emphasize Daily Vacation Bible Schools throughout the summer.

(2) That the Assembly's Course of R. E. be given increased support by prayer and interest throughout this new church year.

(3) That the Presbytery's and Synod's Conferences receive this Presbytery's wholehearted support.

(4) That the Presbytery's Committee be made an Executive Committee in order that we may set up a Treasureship to handle the Committee's funds.

(5) That Rev. Tom Johnston of Rogersville be appointed to serve on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. Moffett, *Chm.*

Your Committee on Woman's Work has examined the annual report of the Woman's Auxiliary of Holston Presbytery, and are pleased to submit the following summary:

Contributions are as follows: Foreign Missions, $3010.00; Assembly's Home Missions, including Birthday Gift, $1797.00; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, $927.00; Religious Education and Publication, $86.00; Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers, $40.00; Bible Cause, $45.00; Synod's Home Missions, $134.00; Religious Education in Synod or Presbytery, $393.00; Homes, $966.00; Educational Institutions, $494.00; Presbytery's Home Missions, $1222.00; Auxiliary Special Benevolences, $1598.00. Total, all benevolences, $10712.00, which amount shows a decrease of $315.00 compared with previous year. Total contributions to Local Church Work was $3012.00, an increase of $221.00, compared with preceding year. Grand Total, all contributions, $14051.00, showing a decrease when compared with last year of $84.00.

We submit to you this report with the desire to express our grateful appreciation to the women of our Presbytery for their faithful ministry, and loyal devotion to the program of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Frank Camp, *Chairman.*

Auditing Committee

The following report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted:

Moderator of Holston Presbytery:

Your Auditing Committee, composed of A. A. Atkins, chairman; J. R. Allen, and Charles Gray, has audited the records and

reports of Presbytery's Treasurer, Mr. Rhea Anderson, and Home Mission's Treasurer, Frank Taylor, and found them correct. The accounts of the Central Treasurer, D. C. Amick, having already been audited by an auditor, whose report was submitted, was approved.

A. A. Atkins, *Chm.*

Resolution of Thanks

The Presbytery adopted, by a rising vote, the following Resolution of Thanks:

Your Committee on Resolutions, in behalf of Presbytery, wishes to express its deep appreciation to the Rogersville Church for its most gracious hospitality extended us during the meeting of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. Dudley, *Chm.*

Time and Place of Fall Meeting

The Presbytery accepted, with thanks, the invitation of the Newland Church, for the Fall Meeting of Presbytery, Oct. 2, 1939, at 7:30 P. M.

The Minutes of today's session were read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned, with prayer and Benediction, by the Rev. G. S. Buchanan, to meet in Stated Meeting, in the Presbyterian Church of Newland, N. C., Oct. 2, 1939, at 7:30 P. M., E. S. T.

H. M. Moffett, Jr., *Moderator*

Rhea Anderson, *Stated Clerk*

W. C. Young, *Permanent Clerk*

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MINUTES

OF THE

Holston Presbytery

Fall Meeting

NEWLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEWLAND, N. C.

OCTOBER 2, 1939

CALLED MEETING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MORRISTOWN, TENN.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1939

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

MICAVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Micaville, N. C.

April 22, 1940, at 7:30 P. M. (E. S. T.)

The King Printing Co.
Bristol, Tenn.-Va.
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ORGANIZATION—FALL, 1939

Moderator—The Rev. Walter K. Kers, Micaville, N. C.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Ruling Elder Rhea Anderson, Blountville, Tenn. (1942)

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Spruce Pine, N. C.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John S. Yelton, Stoney Point, Tenn.

Representative on Synod's Committee of Stated Supply—The Rev. John Martin, Bristol, Tenn.

Permanent Committees

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown, Wm. H. McCorkle, Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary and Treasurer;* George M. Smith, Rod Armstrong, R. M. Burleson, D. R. Beeson, R. L. Peters.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its Report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, *Chairman;* Rev. Robert King.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. A. K. Dudley, *Chairman;* Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, Rev. T. M. Johnston.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr., *Chairman;* Rev. W. H. McCorkle, Rev. M. J. Murray.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. J. A. Boyd, *Chairman;* Rev. Dan Graham.

7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. John S. Yelton, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary;* Rev. H. H. Thompson, Rev. Dan H. Graham.

8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* Rev. R. A. Brown.

9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robt. King, *Chairman.*

10) *Assembly's Training School*—Rev. R. A. Brown, *Chairman;* Rev. Jno. I. Rhea.

11) *Evangelism*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman;* Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

12) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. John S. Yelton, *Chairman;* Rev. M. J. Murray, Rev. R. A. Brown.

13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. John I. Rhea, *Chairman;* Rev. John S. Yelton, Rev. H. M. Moffett, Jr.

14) *Program*—Stated Clerk and pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. (Rhea Anderson and the Rev. Walter K. Keys, Spring, 1940).

Examining Committees

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. Samuel H. Hay and Rev. W. C. Young.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, Robert King, and John Martin.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick and M. J. Murray.

5) *Scriptural Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

Special Committee

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle, *Chairman;* Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. John Yelton. Elders: J. D. Faucette and J. A. Summers.

Trustees

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. Robert King, 1942; Rev. D. C. Amick, 1942; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1940; F. H. Stinson, 1941; J. L. Gray, 1942; E. H. Tufts, 1943; J. A. Summers, 1944.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1942; Charles Hughes, 1942; Edgar Tufts, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1942; Rev. E .F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, W. D. McSween, 1940.

4) *Pastorates and Supplies*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman,* 1942; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1941; Rev. Robt. King, 1942; J. L. Gray, 1940; S. H. Anderson, 1940.

5) Bertha King Memorial, *Trustee.*

Will Jones and George Warren, Piney Flats, Tenn., were added as additional Trustees.

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING

MORRISTOWN, TENN., Sept. 7, 1939.

A Called Meeting of Holston Presbytery was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown Tenn., Sept. 7, 1939, at 11 A. M. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. H. M. Moffett, and opened with prayer by the Rev. A. K. Dudley.

The following were present: The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, A. K. Dudley, S. H. Hay, Robert King, H. M. Moffett, John I. Rhea, John S. Yelton, and W. C. Young; also, Elder Arthur B. Wells. The Rev. W. C. Young was appointed Stated Clerk, Pro tem.

The following Call for the Meeting was read and found in order:

The constitutional requirements having been met, I, hereby, call a meeting of Holston Presbytery, to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Tenn., Sept. 7, 1939, at 11 A. M., C. S. T., to act upon the request of Mr. Arthur Sanders, Buladean, N. C., to be received under the care of Holston Presbytery, as a Candidate for the Ministry.

H. M. MOFFETT, *Moderator*, per RHEA ANDERSON, S. C.

Mr. Sanders having presented the required testimonials, it was moved to proceed with the examination. The Rev. S. H. Hay conducted the examination on Experimental Religion and Motives For Seeking the Ministry, which was deemed satisfactory. Mr. Sanders answered the Constitutional Questions, and was received under the care of the Presbytery.

The Charge to Mr. Sanders was delivered by the Rev. S. H. Hay, and the Presbytery was led in prayer, in behalf of Mr. Sanders, by the Rev. Robert King.

The Minutes of this session of the Presbytery were read, and adopted, and the Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

W. C. YOUNG, *Stated Clerk, Pro tem.*

H. M. MOFFETT, JR., *Moderator.*

FALL MEETING

NEWLAND, N. C., Oct. 2, 1939.

The one hundred and thirty-fourth session of Holston Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Newland, N. C., beginning Oct. 2, 1939, at 7:30 P. M. The Presbytery was called to order by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. H. M. Moffett, and opened with prayer by the Rev. M. J. Murray.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. H. M. Moffett, on "The Challenge of God to Us, As the Light of the World and The Salt of the Earth," based on Matt. 5:13-14.

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial Communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. Walter K. Keys and M. J. Murray, assisted by the following Elders: A. M. Chisholm, Crossnore; E. C. Robbins, Pineola; George Robinson, Estatoa; Charles Gray, Weaver's; Fred Gray, New Ebenezer; C. J. Waddell, Meadow Creek; R. E. Piercy, Newland; F. H. Stinson, Banner Elk.

Rev. J. D. Gardner

A Memorial of the Rev. J. D. Gardner was read by the Rev. S. H. Hay, and adopted by a rising vote. The Presbytery was led in prayer, by the Rev. John S. Yelton, in behalf of Mrs. J. D. Gardner. The Memorial is as follows:

We have been officially informed by our stated clerk of the death of Rev. J. D. Gardner, a regular member of Holston Presbytery, though resident of Birmingham, Alabama, at the time of his passing. The Presbytery grieves to know that he is gone, and sympathizes deeply with Mrs. Gardner and his other loved ones.

He was born and reared in Brooklyn, Queene County, Nova Scotia, July 7, 1874. His father was Thomas R. Gardner, a sea captain, and his mother's maiden name was Cynthia Godfrey. We may think of him as growing up in very interesting surroundings there on Canadian soil.

His education was in the public schools of his native section. Later he did special work at Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama, preparatory to entering Columbia Theological Seminary, then in Columbia, South Carolina. He was graduated from the Seminary in May of 1919, and ordained by Tuscaloosa Presbytery, of the Southern Presbyterian Church, in October of that year.

Mr. Gardner had come to Birmingham in the spring of 1905. In 1906 he was married to Miss Maude Williams. Their only child, Cynthia Alice, died in infancy. He became a naturalized citizen of the United States, and loved deeply the South especially, where tender ties had been formed. Mrs. Gardner lives now in Birmingham.

During his ministry he served the following churches: Center Ridge, Minter, Alabama, 1919-21; Cuba, Alabama, 1922; Opelousa, Louisiana, First Church, 1923-24; New Providence, Church Stony Point, Tennessee, for some years following the Louisiana work. His last regular work was with union mission in Savannah, Georgia, 1937-38. He did supply preaching and conducted prayer meetings in the Birmingham District where and when opportunity was offered.

He was a devout Christian. Before becoming a minister he had been an elder in his home church. He loved the old hymns, was conscious of their wondrous beauty, and sang them in his bed during his last illness. His home-going to heaven came on September 12, 1939.

It is a great thing to be a minister of the gospel. It brings to one a fulfillment of life, and a chance to serve in the highest sense, and along its road of hardships and somewhat deprivations there may be found many a day of serenity and exaltation. Mr. Gardner loved his calling, and now has fallen asleep from his loved employ. We pray God's blessing on his work left behind, on his loved ones, and on the Church of which he was a dutiful servant.

SAMUEL H. HAY.

Enrollment

The following were present: *Ministers:* D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, J. A. Boyd, E. F. Camp, A. K. Dudley, Dan H. Graham, S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, Thos. M. Johnston, Walter K. Keys, Robert King, H. M. Moffett, W. H. McCorkle, M. J. Murray, John I. Rhea, Ira W. Rawls, H. H. Thompson, J. S. Yelton, John Young, W. C. Young, D. F. Waddell—21. *Ruling Elders:* Arcadia, Joe Newland; Banner Elk, F. H. Stinson; Blountville, Robt. S. Cox; Bristol First, J. D. Faucette; Cold Springs, John Combs; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Crossnore, A. M. Chisholm; Estatoa, Geo. Robinson; Harris Memorial, John Letterman; Johnson City First, J. H. Newman; Kingsport First, L. M. McAmis; Meadow Creek, C. J. Waddell; New Dale, R. L. Young; New Ebenezer, Fred Gray; Newland, R. E. Piercy; New Providence, Sam Miller; Pineola, D. M. Thompson; Rogersville, Rod Armstrong; Spruce Pine, J. O. Blevins; Thomas Memorial, J. A. L. Rhea; Vian's Valley, E. D. Bowditch; Weaver's, Chas. Gray; White Pine, J. J. Humbird; Windsor Ave., H. M. Cawood —24. *Visiting Deacons:* Estatoa, R. S. Ballew; Paint Gap, Bert Styles; White Pine, H. H. Phipps; Arcadia, Nat Newland; Blountville, W. D. Dulaney and C. A. Lynn—6.

Church Building League

The name of the Church Extension Committee of Holston Presbytery was changed to The Committee on The Church Building League. The Moderator appointed, as the Committee: The Rev. Messrs. John S. Yelton, *Chairman;* Dan H. Graham, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, and M. J. Murray, and Mrs. Robert Peters.

Program

The Committee on Program read the following report, which was adopted:

MONDAY EVENING, OCT. 2, 1939, 7:30 P. M.

Prayer
Roll Call
Opening Sermon—REV. H. M. MOFFETT, *Retiring Moderator*
Presbyterial Communion
Distribution of Printed Minutes
Announcements
Adjournment

TUESDAY—8:45 A. M.

Devotional Service—Rev. Robert King, D. D.

Enrollment—Order of Day. Reception of Rev. A. R. Buffaloe

Business

11 A. M.—Presbyterial Sermon, on "Mass Evangelism"—Rev. Dan H. Graham

Recess for Lunch

1:30 P. M.—Business

2:00 P. M.—Reception of Candidates for the Ministry

3:00 P. M.—Address by Rev. H. Maxcy Smith, D. D.

Business till adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

E. Frank Camp, *Host Pastor,*

Rhea Anderson, *Stated Clerk.*

Organization

The Rev. Walter K. Keys was elected Moderator.

Newland Church

The Rev. S. H. Hay spoke of the Presbytery's appreciation of the Newland Church, as a meeting place where new pews, a new furnace, a new Sunday-school Annex, and a strong pastorate delighted the Presbytery.

The printed Minutes of the Spring Meeting were distributed.

Order of Day

It was made the Order of the Day to receive, at 2:00 P. M., Tuesday, Candidates for Licensure.

The Presbytery adjourned, till tomorrow at 8:45 A. M., after prayer by the Rev. D. C. Amick.

Second Day—Morning Session

The Presbytery reconvened, at 8:45 A. M., and was led in a season of prayer by the Rev. Robert King.

The Minutes of last night's session were read and adopted.

Courtesy

The Rev. Marion Bradwell, of the Presbytery of Southwest Georgia, was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Rev. J. R. Jones, of Topeka Presbytery, U. S. A., was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Standing Committees

The Moderator read the following list of the Standing Committees, and Elders on Permanent Committees:

Bills and Overtures—H. M. Moffett, Robt. King, J. L. Gray.

Minutes of Presbytery—John Young, John I. Rhea, C. J. Waddell.

Minutes General Assembly—M. J. Murray, D. F. Waddell, F. H. Stinson.

Nominations—H. H. Thompson, J. S. Yelton, R. E. Piercy.

Resolutions—S. H. Hay, R. L. Young.

Evangelism—Robt. King, J. D. Faucette.

Stewardship—D. M. Thompson.

Foreign Missions—John Letterman.

S. S. & F. Religion—A. M. Chisholm.

Bible Cause—Geo. Robinson.

Educational Institutions—J. L. Gray.

Communications

A communication from the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., on Evangelism, was read and referred to the Committee on Evangelism.

The Minutes of a Called Meeting of Holston Presbytery, held in Morristown, Tenn., Sept. 7, 1939, were read for information.

A communication from the *Christian Observer* was referred to the Committee on Stewardship and Finance.

A communication from the Rev. Warner H. DuBose, D. D., concerning the Assembly's Overture about automobiles for Home Mission Pastors, was referred to the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee.

A communication from the Rev. T. W. Currie, D. D., about organic union with the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Spruce Pine Church

The Spruce Pine Church was granted permission to engage the Rev. A. R. Craig, as Stated Supply of the Spruce Pine Church, until the Spring Meeting of Holston Presbytery.

Licensure and Ordination of A. R. Buffaloe

Mr. A. R. Buffaloe, a Candidate for the Ministry, presented a Certificate of Dismission from Granville Presbytery, and was received under the care of Holston Presbytery, and asked Holston Presbytery for Licensure and Ordination.

Upon the recommendations of the Committees on the same, the following parts of trial were sustained as satisfactory: his Thesis on the Book of Acts, his Exegesis of Romans 3:21-26, and his Lecture on Luke 5:29-32.

The customary examinations on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry, on Theology, and on Church Government and the Sacraments were sustained as satisfactory.

His sermon on John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me," was sustained as satisfactory.

Mr. Buffaloe, having answered, in the affirmative, the constitutional questions, the Moderator, after prayer, duly licensed Mr. Buffaloe to preach the Gospel, as a probationer for the holy ministry, wherever God, in His providence, may call him.

The following Commission was appointed to Ordain Licentiate A. R. Buffaloe, as an Evangelist of the Kingsport Church and its Missions, the details to be arranged by the Commission: the Rev. Messrs. W. H. McCorkle, *Chairman;* T. M. Johnston, H. H. Thompson, T. P. Johnston, and Elder J. Fred Johnson, Kingsport; Alt. Elder, J. D. Faucette, First Bristol.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dan Graham, on "Mass Evangelism," based on Mark 1:17.

The Presbytery took recess, until 1:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened, at 1:30 P. M., with prayer by the Moderator.

Reception of Jas. A. Aldridge

Mr. Jas. A. Aldridge, of the Blountville Church, was introduced to the Presbytery, and asked to be taken under the care of the Presbytery, as a Candidate for the Ministry. The Session of the Blountville Church certified to his Christian character. After a satisfactory examination on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry, Mr. Aldridge was received under the care of the Presbytery, as a Candidate for the Ministry. The Presbytery was led in prayer for Mr. Aldridge, by the Rev. Dan Graham, and the Charge to Mr. Aldridge was delivered by the Moderator.

King College

The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, H. H. Thompson, and S. H Hay addressed the Presbytery, concerning the bright prospects of King College, and the substantial reduction of the bonded indebtedness, and appealed to the Churches to stand by the college and wipe out the remainder of the debt.

Courtesy

The Rev. H. Maxcy Smith, D. D., of Enoree Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Foreign Missions

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read, received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery heard an address from the Rev. H. Maxcy Smith, D. D., of Shanghai, China, on conditions in China. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Missions submits the following report: In this year of special emphasis to Evangelism, we are glad to be able to report that conditions are more favorable to evangelism, in the Japan controlled areas of the Far East. The Germanno-Russo Pact has caused Japan to court favor with the democratic powers. Japan's blockade of the Brisith Concession, Tientsin, has been lifted, and Japanese troops, that were threatening British interests, in Hongkong, have been withdrawn. Japan, also, seems desirous of the friendship of the United States. There has been an increase in the number of inquirers about Christianity, in Japan.

The Chinese are experiencing a great spiritual hunger. The uncertain tenure of life, and the transiency of material things, are turning the Chinese toward the things that endure. The Churches are having larger congregations and large number of accessions. In Korea, there is less restriction from governmental officials. Africa and Brazil continue to present great opportunities for mission work.

The great needs of the mission work, and the decline in funds, call for us to pray and to sacrifice. The General Assembly authorized the sending of thirty-five new missionaries, as a replacement force, but, so far, only ten capable volunteers have been secured. The financial condition has not been as encouraging as the spiritual condition. For the first five months of this church year, the receipts of the Executive Committee are $19,799.66 less than the corresponding months of the previous year. This may be partly due to the fact that the first five days of April were credited to the year 1938-39. We are thankful to be able to report that Holston Presbytery did not fall back for the first five months of this year, and that the receipts for Foreign Missions show some increase. The War has greatly increased the Foreign Mission expense, gasoline has advanced to fifty cents a gallon, hospital supplies, for Africa, can not be gotten from Europe, but must be secured from the United States, at a greater cost.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That our Churches, Societies, and individuals be asked to assume, when possible, the support of definite parts of our Foreign Work.

2. That the Foreign Mission season—Jan. 1-Feb. 4, be observed by our Churches, Sunday-schools, and Societies, using the approved text-book—"Through Tragedy to Triumph," by Basil Matthews.

3. That our Churches and their Organizations be urged to use the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions, as a time for supplementary offerings for Foreign Missions.

4. That the Presbytery extend its hearty thanks to the Rev. H. Maxcy Smith, D. D., for his inspiring Address.

5. That the Presbytery be led in prayer, for Foreign Missions, by the Rev. H. Maxcy Smith, D. D.

6. That an offering be now taken in the Presbytery, for Foreign Missions, to be sent in the name of the Newland Church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Young, *Chairman.*

The offering, for Foreign Missions, amounted to $21.20.

Rev. John I. Rhea

The Rev. John I. Rhea requested a dissolution of the pastoral relationships existing between the Meadow Creek and New Ebenezer Churches and himself, to take effect Oct. 8, 1939. The Churches concurring with the Pastor, in the request, the Presbytery granted the request.

The Call of the Boone Church, for the pastoral services of the Rev. John I. Rhea, was found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

The following Commission was appointed, to install him Pastor of the Boone Church, Nov. 19, 1939, at 10:30 A. M.:

Elder J. D. Faucette, First Bristol, to Preside and Charge the People.

Rev. John S. Yelton, to Preach the Sermon.

Rev. M. J. Murray, to Charge the Pastor.

Alternate Minister, Rev. E. F. Camp.

Alternate Elder, F. H. Stinson, Banner Elk.

Assembly's Training School

The report of the Committee on the Assembly's Training School was read and received as information, the recommendation having been incorporated in the report of the Committee on Stewardship and Finance.

Bills and Overtures

The following report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was read and adopted:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommends that Holston Presbytery go on record as favoring that the Committee on Cooperation and Union be discontinued.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. Moffett, *Chairman*
Robert King
J. L. Gray

Stewardship and Finance

The following report of the Committee on Stewardship and Finance was read and adopted:

Report of Committee on Stewardship

It is with grateful thanks that we are able to report that in the promotion of Stewardship the Synod of Appalachia rose from 5th place in the Assembly's rating with a percentage of 91.38% to 1st place with a percentage of 97.18% and that among the Presbyteries Holston Presbytery stood 3rd with a percentage of 99.53%. We report an increase in giving to the Benevolent Causes over last year's as follows: In the Synod, $19,692.00, and in the Presbytery, $1,586.00.

The per capita giving to Benevolences in the Synod was $6.11, which is 40c less than the $6.51 per capita for the whole Assembly. The per capita giving to Benevolences for the Presbytery was $3.51 which is $2.60 less than the Synod and $3.00 less than the Assembly average.

Your Committee calls the attention of the Presbytery to the very distressing fact that there has been a decline of $1,609.00 in last three years in the contributions to Presbytery's Home Missions. A Home Mission Presbytery cannot maintain its present work much less go forward on declining gifts to its work.

Pastors are urged to bring these facts to the attention of the officers and membership of their Churches.

Your Committee recommends:

1) That the total budget for the year 1940-41 be set at $35,000 and that this amount be apportioned as follows: Assembly's Causes, $17,000, to be apportioned by the Central Treasurer of Benevolences as nearly as possible as the General Assembly directs; Synod's Causes, $4,500; Presbytery's Causes, $13,500.

2) That the amount apportioned the causes and the percentages for General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery be as follows:

Assembly's Causes, $17,000.			
Foreign Missions	$ 9,000	24%	
Home Missions	4,500	13%	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	2,400	6%	
Religious Education and Publication	700	2%	
Assembly's Training School	200	0.5%	
Bible Cause	200	0.5%	46%
Synod's Causes, $4,500.			
Synod's Work	300	1½%	
Religious Education and Synod	700	2½%	
Presbytery	3,500	10%	14%
King College			
Presbytery's Causes, $13,500.			
Home Missions	10,000	30%	
Orphan's Home	3,500	10%	40%
	$35,000	100%	100%

3) That this budget of $35,000 be apportioned among the churches as fairly as possible on the basis of giving and membership. The following apportionments are made for the year 1940-41:

Arcadia	$ 100	Cove Creek	150
Banner Elk	500	Crossnore	300
Blaine	25	Ebenezer	25
Blountville	700	Estatoa	50
Blowing Rock	175	Grassy Creek	50
Boone	75	Gray's Chapel	25
Bristol First	8,000	Harris Memorial	50
Buladean	100	Hughes	25
Cold Spring	450	Jefferson City First	600

Johnson City First	8,300	Plumtree	100
Kingsport	4,000	Providence	50
Leesburg	150	Rheatown	75
Mary Andrews Chapel	25	Roan's Chapel	25
Meadow Creek	150	Rogersville	3,500
Micaville	50	Russellville	50
Mooresburg	25	Russ Memorial	50
Morristown	4,000	Rutledge	75
New Bethel	250	Salem	25
Newdale	$ 40	Smoky Mountain	25
New Ebenezer	75	Spruce Pine	300
Newland	100	Strawberry Plains	100
Newport	600	Thomas Memorial	200
New Providence	250	Vians Valley	50
Paint Gap	50	Weavers	125
Paperville	50	White Pine	50
Pineola	100	Windsor Ave.	600

4) That $400 of the amount assigned to Bristol First be apportioned to Fairmount.

5) That ⅓% of 2⅓% assigned to Cause of Religious Education in Synod and Presbytery be assigned for the use of the Committee of Religious Education in the Presbytery.

6) That March 10, 1940, be observed as Every-Member Canvass Day, and that on this day each church endeavor to lead every member to make a statement as to his plans for giving during the year, and that a definite effort be made to enlarge the number of givers.

7) That churches be urged to continue the effort to enlist members to set apart in sacred consecration a tenth of all income as an acknowledgement of their obligation to God and the Church.

8) That March 24, 1940, be designated as "Pay-Up-Day" when all members shall be urged to complete full payment of their

pledges, thus giving ample time for the treasurers to get their final remittances to the agencies before the books are closed.

9) That a sum not to exceed $75.00 for promotion expenses of the Stewardship Committee, be provided, by the treasurer of Presbytery.

10) That the Presbytery accept its goal of $4,000 which was apportioned to Holston Presbytery by Synod in the Church-Wide-Campaign to secure $350,000 for the Assembly's Training School, provided the Assembly's Authorization for this Campaign be followed.

11) That the week of Nov. 3-10, 1940, be set as a time of special Prayer and Self-Denial for the Assembly's Training School, for all Churches not having previously observed it.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN YELTON, *Chairman*

D. C. AMICK, *Secretary*.

Evangelism

The following report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and adopted:

For the Church year 1937-1938 there were 1348 churches reporting no additions on confession of faith. This was about in keeping with the previous year in our Assembly. These figures are sufficient to inform us of the lack of efficient evangelism in our church, and to arouse us to more earnest endeavor that we may win souls to Jesus Christ.

The Assembly's Permanent Committee on Evangelism says: "To many it seems that the Church, in some instances at least, has turned its eyes away from the living Christ and become busy about many things that are not of eternal significance. Only a Church whose faith is fixed on Christ, which is animated by love for Christ, and is doing the will of Christ can win converts to Christ. Only such a Church has any promise of permanency. A Church that reports no additions to its membership on profession of faith is a dying Church; it has lost its reason for continuing its existence."

We are glad to report, however, that just recently the matter of Evangelism is receiving a tremendous emphasis. An Assembly-wide interest in it was created by the inspiring report of the Permanent Committee to the 1939 Montreat Assembly. A new

Permanent Committee on Evangelism, more widely distributed than was the former one, was set up by the Assembly. Dr. D. W. Richardson, the able chairman of the former committee was retained on the new committee and has been made its chairman. This new and enlarged committee has prepared a report which has been sent to all our ministers. The report will bear repeated reading and prayer study. We take for granted that the brethren have carefully considered them. Our immediate concern should be to carry out the suggestions of this report.

To this end three conferences are being planned for Holston Presbytery, at Newland, Morristown and Bristol. These are specially designed to reach the pastors and church officers, the officers and leaders in the Sunday-school and in the Woman's Auxiliary. The dates of these conferences are the 15th, 16th and 17th of October. Fuller notices are being mailed the brethren that they may prepare to take their people to these respective places. The purposes of these gatherings of leaders in our churches is that they may get on their hearts a new appreciation of the will of the Lord for them; that there may be the confession of sin, especially the sin of neglect in going after people for Christ; that there may be a rededication of life to the Lord that He may have an opportunity to work through them to the accomplishing His will in saving people from their sins.

We present the following recommendations, which are being offered throughout our Assembly, that we may thus more effectively cooperate with our brethren in arousing our people everywhere to the important work of soul winning:

1. That a conference on Evangelism be held in each Church of our Presbytery, and in each mission point, before January 1st, 1940, led by a carefully chosen committee.

2. That cottage prayer meetings, or other special prayer groups be assembled to pray for the success of this Crusade for souls.

3. That personal workers classes for men, women, and young people be held, taught by the pastor.

4. That there be a definite period, January 1st to March 31st, 1940, set aside for an Evangelistic Crusade, a call to repentance.

5. That a series of evangelistic services be held in each Church and preaching point, beginning March 17th, 1940, each minister preferably doing his own preaching, in addition to such services as may be held prior to this time.

6. That the Evangelistic Crusade be regarded as a continuing movement which will enlarge with each succeeding year.

7. That each Church, not now having such, get on the outlook for a suitable place for an outpost Sunday-school or mission point.

8. That sessions and the entire Church support the ministers in their evangelistic efforts and themselves "take the initiative in meeting the spiritual needs of wistful men and women about us."

9. That we adopt as our daily prayer this petition: "O Lord, send a revival, and let it begin in me."

H. H. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

Nominations

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—RULING ELDER RHEA ANDERSON.

Trustees: Plumtree School for Boys—EDGAR TUFTS, in place of FRANK TAYLOR.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

Ministers' Annuity

The following report of the Committee on the Ministers' Annuity was read and adopted:

The Ministers' Annuity Fund has thus far had the blessing of God in the support it has received throughout the Church and there remains only a final pressing forward to reach the goal set by every General Assembly for a period of twelve years. In spite of the fact that more than two million dollars has been pledged or paid into the general fund necessary to put the program into operation there are still those who might assist in this great undertaking for the benefit of the body corporate. Some have held back because they thought "the time was not ripe" for such a gigantic venture. Yet, when but the present is a time, the adequate undergirding of the human factors of the Church should be reenforced and better supported. Some of us have declared that God would look after His own and why should the future of His servants be provided for if their eternal security was assured. There is certainly no argument against God's assurance that He will look after His own, but we should not forget

that God helps those who help themselves. In the light of this latter fact we should try to be consistent—for if we will depend upon God to drop into our folded hands or even our busy hands a sufficiency for our material needs, without using our judgment to help answer the prayers we make, we should likewise not save to meet our obligations at the end of each month—we should not provide wisely for our needs by laying up one whit for the future. Some have argued that the Church is imitating the government's social security program; but is there not this thought to consider, that surely a government by nature secular will not be allowed to show more consideration and concern over provision for "the sunset period of life" among its elderly citizens than the Church in its program for its ill supported servants who have worked not for the coin of the realm but for the care and safety of the souls of men. God's people are expected to look after the material welfare of His servants during their active ministry and have such specifically set forth in calls to definite fields, why should not care be exercised in behalf of these servants after their retirement from active life? We must remember that those who shall benefit most from the Minister's Annuity Fund will be those who have had such a meagre support materially during their active ministry, they cannot reckon with the "rainy day" of old age and incapacity.

Holston Presbytery has had a goal to reach for the setting of the Minister's Annuity in action of $45,000. This compares proportionately, and favorably to us, with other Presbyteries of our Synod. Asheville's quota is $24,500; Abingdon's $9,300; Knoxville's $74,500. We are the lowest Presbytery by far in our per centage of quota raised. Knoxville has raised 91% of its quota; Asheville 84% of its quota; Abingdon 51% of its quota, while Holston has thus far raised only 30% of its own quota. Of the 88 Presbyteries in our Assembly, Holston ranks number 81, only 7th from the bottom of the list. Of our $45,000 goal we have raised in pledges and cash, $13,538 as of September 1st. This record is not in line with our carrying our share in other phases of the Synod's and Assembly's work.

This Fall and especially in the week of November 12-19 a special *final drive* is to be made over our entire Church to complete this unfinished task. Holston Presbytery yet has an opportunity with its great Churches and its generous individuals to get into this program in full measure of its share for God's glory.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That all Churches that have not raised or subscribed their full quota are urged to do so not later than the Special Week set by the Assembly November 12-19.

2. That if there are Churches which feel they have been given too large a quota are authorized through their officers to revise their quota in a manner deemed just by themselves.

3. Wherever a Session deems it impossible to sponsor an Official Campaign for this Fund, the Presbytery urges interested individuals and sub-organizations of the Church such as the Woman's Auxiliary to seek to reach their goals or to raise all funds possible at once giving every interested person an opportunity to subscribe.

4. That all officials and members of the Women's Auxiliaries respond to the limit of their ability to the request of Secretary Sweets to help in every possible way with the final effort to complete this task.

5. That all Churches remember that gifts large or small will help in this final effort to reach the general goal and where these have not yet been reached an opportunity be given to all to assist, at least by the observance of a Minister's Annuity Fund Sunday.

6. That Presbytery pause now in a season of prayer for this worthy objective and that we urge all members of our Churches to be much in prayer during this climactic effort to finish the work God has committed to us.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. MCCORKLE, *Chm.*

MINUTES—GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was read and adopted:

We find the minutes of the General Assembly in order, and that all items that the Presbytery needs to consider have been referred to appropriate committees of the Presbytery.

M. J. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

Commissioners—General Assembly

The Rev. John S. Yelton reported the attendances of the Commissioners to the General Assembly, which report was accepted as satisfactory.

The following were nominated Commissioners to the next General Assembly:

Ministers: Rev. J. A. Boyd, alternate, Rev. John I. Rhea; Rev. W. C. Young, alternate, Rev. D. C. Amick.

Elders: E. D. Bowditch, Vian's Valley, alternate, Arden King, New Bethel; J. L. Rogers, Mooresburg, alternate, Rod Armstrong, Rogersville.

Next Meeting

The Presbytery accepted, with appreciation, the invitation of the Micaville Church, for the Spring Meeting, April 22, 1940, at 7:30 P. M., E. S. T.

Evangelistic Powers for Superintendent

The Rev. John S. Yelton, Superintendent and Evangelist of the Presbytery, was granted Evangelistic Powers, in the organized Churches of the Presbytery.

Dockets

The Stated Clerk was requested to revise the Dockets of the Meetings of the Presbytery, and report at the Spring Meeting.

Presbyterial Sermon—Spring Meeting

The Moderator was requested to name the subject for the Presbyterial Sermon, for the next Spring Meeting, and the Minister to preach the same, and the alternate preacher.

The Rev. Samuel H. Hay to preach Presbyterial Sermon. Subject: "Daily Christian Living."

Season of Prayer

The Moderator led the Presbytery in a special season of prayer for our National Congress, President, and Nation, in this time of anxiety connected with wars abroad, seeking divine guidance.

The minutes of today's session of the Presbytery were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned, with the Benediction by the Moderator, to meet in Stated Meeting, in the Presbyterian Church, Micaville, N. C., April 22, 1940, at 7:30 P. M., E. S. T.

WALTER K. KEYS, *Moderator*
RHEA ANDERSON, *Stated Clerk*
W. C. YOUNG, *Permanent Clerk.*

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OF THE

Holston Presbytery

Spring Meeting

MICAVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MICAVILLE, N. C.
APRIL 22, 1940

CALLED MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BRISTOL, TENN.
DECEMBER 14, 1939

CALLED MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MORRISTOWN, TENN.
DECEMBER 18, 1939

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
NEW PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Stony Point, Tenn.
Oct. 7, 1940, at 7:30 P. M. (E. S. T.)

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ORGANIZATION—SPRING, 1940

Moderator—The Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle, Kingsport, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Ruling Elder Rhea Anderson, Blountville, Tenn. (1942)

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John S. Yelton, Stoney Point, Tenn.

Representative on Synod's Committee on Minister and His Work—The Rev. S. H. Hay, Morristown, Tenn.

Permanent Committees

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown, Wm. H. McCorkle, T. M. Johnston. Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary and Treasurer;* George M. Smith, Rod Armstrong, R. M. Burleson, D. R. Beeson, R. L. Peters.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its Report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, *Chairman;* Rev. Robert King.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. A. K. Dudley, *Chairman;* Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, Rev. T. M. Johnston.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. T. M. Johnston, *Chairman;* Rev. W. H. McCorkle, Rev. M. J. Murray.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. J. A. Boyd, *Chairman;* Rev. Dan Graham.

7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary;* Rev. H. H. Thompson, Rev. Dan H. Graham.

8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* Rev. R. A. Brown.

9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robt. King, *Chairman.*

10) *Assembly's Training School*—Rev. R. A. Brown, *Chairman;* Rev. Jno. I. Rhea.

11) *Evangelism*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman;* Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

12) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. John S. Yelton, *Chairman;* Rev. M. J. Murray, Rev. R. A. Brown.

13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. John I. Rhea, *Chairman;* Rev. Ira W. Rawles, Rev. A. R. Buffalo.

14) *Program*—Stated Clerk and pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. (Rhea Anderson and the Rev. John S. Yelton, Fall, 1940.)

Examining Committees

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. W. H. McCorkle and Rev. W. C. Young.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and Sacraments*—The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, Robert King, and John Martin.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick and M. J. Murray.

5) *Scriptural Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

Special Committee

To help set up the Ministers' Annuity Fund plan in the Presbytery: Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle, *Chairman;* Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. John Yelton. Elders: J. D. Faucette and J. A. Summers.

Trustees

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. Robert King, 1942; Rev. D. C. Amick, 1942; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1945; F. H. Stinson, 1941; J. L. Gray, 1942; E. H. Tufts, 1943; J. A. Summers, 1944.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1942; Charles Hughes, 1942; Edgar Tufts, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1942; Rev. E. F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, W. D. McSween, 1940.

4) *Minister and His Work*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman*, 1942; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1941; Rev. Robt. King, 1942; J. L. Gray, 1940; S. H. Anderson, 1940.

5) Bertha King Memorial, *Trustee.*

Will Jones and George Warren, Piney Flats, Tenn., were added as additional Trustees.

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING

BRISTOL, TENN., Dec. 14, 1939.

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., at 2 P. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. D. F. Waddell.

The roll was called and the following were present: Ministers: H. H. Thompson, J. S. Yelton, D. F. Waddell, Ralph Brown, T. W. Clapp. Elders: J. D. Faucette, J. L. Gray, H. D. Smith, H. M. Cawood.

Dr. H. H. Thompson acted as moderator in the absence of Rev. Walter K. Keys, Moderator of Presbytery.

The following call was read, found in order, and is as follows:

BLOUNTVILLE, TENN., Dec. 6, 1939.

"The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call the Presbytery of Holston to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., Thursday, December 14, 1939, at 2 P. M., to transact the following business: To consider a petition from residents of Tiger Creek, in Carter County, Tenn., for the organization of a Presbyterian Church, and, if the way be clear, to appoint a commission to organize the Church and to act upon any question which may arise pertaining to the organization of said Church."

(Signed) W. K. KEYS, *Mod.*

RHEA ANDERSON, *S. C.*

Mr. J. L. Gray and Rev. T. W. Clapp reported on the prospects of a church organization at Tiger Creek, and made a request of Presbytery that this be done. A motion was made and seconded that the request for the organization of the Church at Tiger Creek be granted.

The following commission was appointed to organize the church there, on Sunday, December 17, 1939, at 2 P. M., the way being clear: Rev. T. W. Clapp, Chairman; Rev. Robert King, J. S. Yelton, M. J. Murray, Frank Camp and D. K. Dudley as alternate to Robert King. Elders: R. D. Beason, J. L. Gray, Robert Young.

A motion was made and seconded that Presbytery recommend the election of church officers be deferred until a later date.

Following the reading and approval of the Minutes and prayer, Presbytery stood adjourned.

(Signed) H. H. THOMPSON, *Moderator.*

J. S. YELTON, *Clerk Pro Tem.*

Your Commission, appointed for the purpose of organizing a Presbyterian Church at Tiger Creek, Tennessee, met there on Sunday, December 17, 1939. Commissioners present were, ministers Rev. Robt. King, T. W. Clapp and E. F. Camp. Elders, Messrs. J. L. Gray, R. D. Beeson and Robt. Young.

Rev. T. W. Clapp was made presiding minister; Rev. Robt. King was appointed to preach the opening sermon; E. F. Camp appointed secretary.

The congregation was called to order, and meeting opened with prayer by E. F. Camp. A sermon was preached by Rev. Robt. King on the subject, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, from the text Math. 7:24, "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him to a wise man which built his house upon a rock."

The names of the petitioners were called, all of whom were formerly members of the Cove Creek Church. By answering in the affirmative the question propounded by elder R. D. Beeson, all petitioners present thereby entered into a covenant, promising to walk together as an organized church on the principles of the faith and order of the Presbyterian Church, and to study the purity and harmony of the whole body.

The petitioners were then declared, by the presiding minister, to constitute a church according to the Word of God, and the faith and order of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The election of elders and deacons was postponed until some later date, that the membership may have some time to study the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of the Church.

Following kindly admonition to the newly organized church by elder J. W. Gray, the church was led in prayer by Rev. T. W. Clapp, and united in singing, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow". Benediction by Rev. Robt. King.

The minutes were read and adopted.

Meeting of Commissioners closed with prayer by elder Robt. Young.

T. W. Clapp, *Chairman*

E. F. Camp, *Secretary*

CALLED MEETING

Morristown, Tenn., Dec. 18, 1939.

Holston Presbytery met in a called meeting, in the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Tenn., Dec. 18, 1939, at 11 A. M. The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer, by the Rev. S. H. Hay, the latest Moderator present.

There were present: Ministers: The Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick, S. H. Hay, H. M. Moffett, J. S. Yelton, and W. C. Young; and the following Elders: J. F. Burton, Straw Plains; J. J. Humbird, White Pine; J. W. Zirkle, Jefferson City; also a visiting Deacon, W. E. Parrott, Straw Plains.

The following Call for the Meeting was read, and found in order:

Holston Presbytery is duly called to meet, in a Called Meeting, to convene in the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Tenn., Dec. 18, 1939, at 11 A. M., to act on the resignation of the Rev. H. M. Moffett, from his pastorates of Jefferson City, Strawberry Plains, and Rutledge, and to transact any other business growing out of the above.

Walter K. Keys, *Moderator*,

Rhea Anderson, *Stated Clerk*.

The Rev. H. M. Moffett, offered his resignation of the pastorates. The Churches concurring with great regret, the Presbytery, with regret, dissolved the pastoral relationships, and granted The Rev. H. M. Moffett, at his request, a Certificate of Dismission to the Presbytery of Upper Missouri.

The following was adopted:

In the removal of the Rev. Harry M. Moffett, from our Presbytery, to accept a pastorate in the Presbytery of Upper Missouri, our Presbytery is sensible of a real loss. Mr. Moffett has been a success in his work among us, in all the manifold fine senses of the word. He has been a faithful steward of the truth and of all the duties of pastor and presbyter, and a gracious neighbor, and has been blessed in his work. We pray for him a continued usefulness in his labors for the Head of the Church, and commend him to the confidence and affection of his future associates in congregation and Presbytery.

The Rev. M. J. Murray was elected Chairman of the Committee of Religious Education, in the place of the Rev. H. M. Moffett, until further action by the Presbytery.

The Minutes of this meeting of the Presbytery were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. D. C. Amick.

S. H. Hay, *Moderator, Pro tem.*

W. C. Young, *Permanent Clerk.*

SPRING MEETING

Micaville, N. C., April 22, 1940.

The one hundred and thirty-fifth session of Holston Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Micaville, N. C., beginning April 22, 1940, at 8 P. M. The Presbytery was called to order by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. W. K. Keys, and opened with prayer by the Rev. D. C. Amick.

Enrollment

The following were present: Ministers: D. C. Amick, R. A. Brown, J. A. Boyd, A. R. Buffalo, E. F. Camp, T. W. Clapp, S. H. Hay, Thos. M. Johnston, W. K. Keys, John Martin, W. H. McCorkle, M. J. Murray, John I. Rhea, Ira H. Rawles, H. H. Thompson, D. F. Waddell, J. S. Yelton, John Young, W. C. Young—19.

Ruling Elders: Arcadia, Joe Newland; Banner Elk, Edgar Tufts; Blountville, W. J. Smith; Bristol First, J. D. Faucette; Cold Spring, Nat Thomas; Crossnore, A. M. Chisholm; Estatoa, George Robinson; Harris Memorial, R. A. Peak; Jefferson City, J. E. Wardrep; Johnson City, D. R. Beeson; Kingsport First, R. L. Peters; Leesburg, B. F. Knight; Micaville, C. E. Silver; Meadow Creek, I. L. Ward; Morristown, T. W. Portrum; New Bethel, Creed Hodge; New Dale, L. R. Young; New Ebenezer, Fred Gray; Paint Gap, Walzer Penland; Rheatown, N. P. Earnest; Rogersville, P. M. Lyons; Rumple Memorial, J. N. White; Spruce Pine, R. M. Burleson; Thomas Memorial, W. H. Dettor; James I. Vance Memorial, R. R. King; Vian's Valley, Jess Johnson; Weaver's, J. C. Gray, Jr.; White Pine, H. H. Phipps—28.

Organization

The Rev. W. H. McCorkle was elected Moderator.

Program

The Committee on Program read the following report, which was adopted:

MONDAY, APRIL 22—8 P. M.

Opening Prayer.....Rev. D. C. Amick
Roll Call
Organization
Announcements
Opening Sermon.....Rev. W. H. McCorkle
Communion.....Revs. H. H. Thompson and D. F. Waddell

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

9 A. M.—Devotional Service.....Rev. J. A. Boyd
Business

11 A. M.—Presbyterial Sermon.....Rev. S. H. Hay
12-1:30—Lunch.
1:30—Order of Day.....Rev. R. A. Brown
Reception of Rev. C. M. Brown
Order of Day—Call of Blowing Rock Church.
Business
3:30—Scenic Tour
6:00 P. M.—Picnic Supper
8:00 P. M.—Foreign Missions Address.....Rev. A. R. Craig
Business till adjournment.

Courtesy

The Rev. Messrs. C. M. Brown, Kings Mountain Presbytery, and Milton P. Reid, Washburn Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Opening Sermon

At the request of the retiring Moderator, the Rev. W. K. Keys, the opening sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. McCorkle, from 2. Corinthians 11:13, on "Masquerading as Apostles."

Presbyterial Communion

The Presbyterial Communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. H. H. Thompson and D. F. Waddell, assisted by the following Elders: George Robinson, Estatoa; Creed Hodge, New Bethel; W. J. Smith, Blountville; Nat Thomas, Cold Spring; Chas. Gray, Weaver's; Dr. R. R. King, Boone; Joe Newland, Arcadia; B. F. Knight, Leesburg.

The Presbytery adjourned until 9 A. M., after prayer by the Rev. W. K. Keys.

Second Day—Morning Session

The Presbytery reconvened at 9 A. M., with a devotional service led by the Rev. J. A. Boyd, who spoke on "Faith Surmounting the difficulties of life," based on Mark 9:23.

The Minutes of last night's session were read and adopted.

Courtesy

The following Ministers were introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as visiting brethren; H. H. Cash, Micaville Methodist Circuit; A. R. Craig, Durant Presbytery; George K. Neff, French Broad Presbytery, U. S. A.

Prof. Charles Hubbard, Principal of the Micaville High School, was introduced to the Presbytery.

Standing Committees

The Moderator read the following list of Standing Committees and Elders on the Permanent Committees:

Bills and Overtures—Messrs. Walter Keys, H. H. Thompson, T. W. Clapp, P. Earnest.

Nominations—Messrs. S. H. Hay, T. M. Johnston, J. A. Boyd, Rhea Anderson.

Ministers of Presbytery—Messrs. John Martin, A. R. Buffaloe, Fred Gray.

Minutes of Synod—Messrs. John Yelton, John Young, T. L. Ward.

Auditing—Messrs. D. R. Beeson, R. R. King, J. C. Gray, Jr.

Pastors' Salaries—Messrs. D. C. Amick, Creed Hodge, A. M. Chisholm.

Resolutions—Messrs. D. F. Waddell, R. M. Burleson, W. J. Smith.

Permanent Committees

Assembly Home Missions—Messrs. A. K. Dudley, John Young, L. R. Young.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Messrs. S. H. Hay, D. C. Amick, T. M. Johnston, W. H. Dettor.

Religious Education—Messrs. M. J. Murray, W. H. McCorkle, R. L. Peters.

Stewardship and Finance—Messrs. John S. Yelton, D. C. Amick, H. H. Thompson, Dan H. Graham, Nat Thomas.

Women's Work—Messrs. E. F. Camp, R. A. Brown, B. F. Knight.

Evangelism—Messrs. H. H. Thompson, John Martin, J. W. Young, Geo. Robinson.

Sessional Records—Messrs. John I. Rhea, John S. Yelton, Joe Newland, R. E. Peak.

Rev. A. R. Buffalo

The following report of the Commission to Ordain the Rev. A. R. Buffalo, as an Evangelist, was read, received, and the Commission discharged:

Report of the Commission of Holston Presbytery to Ordain Rev. A. R. Buffalo, of Kingsport:

The Commission of Holston Presbytery to ordain Rev. A. R. Buffaloe as evangelist, to be associated with the Kingsport First Church and Chapels, met Nov. 19, 1939, at First Church, Kingsport, before the hour of worship with the following present:

Rev. W. H. McCorkle, Rev. T. P. Johnston, Rev. T. M. Johnston, Rev. H. H. Thompson and Elders J. D. Faucette and J. Fred Johnson.

The commission was constituted with prayer, led by Elder J. D. Faucette. After a devotional period at the worship hour the ordination service was carried out as assignments had been made, Rev. W. H. McCorkle presided and propounded the constitutional questions, Rev. T. M. Johnston preached the ordination sermon using for his text Exodus 15:11, "Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" Rev. T. P. Johnston charged the pastor and Rev. H. H. Thompson charged the people.

The Commission proceeded to ordain Mr. Buffaloe by the laying on of hands and prayer according to the Book of Church Order. He was then declared to be regularly ordained to the Gospel ministry as an evangelist in the Kingsport field.

The Commission reconvened at the close of the service, read and approved the minutes of the meeting and was adjourned with prayer offered by Rev. T. M. Johnston.

H. H. Thompson, *Secretary*.

Communications

The Minutes of Called Meetings of Holston Presbytery, held in Morristown, Tenn., and Bristol, Tenn., were read as information.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, relative to the number of Commissioners to the General Assembly, was read as information.

The report of the President of Montreat College was read as information, and referred to the Committee on Educational Institutions.

The dismissal of Robert D. Earnest to Atlanta Presbytery, by the Stated Clerk, was ratified by the Presbytery.

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial Sermon was preached by the Rev. S. H. Hay, from Ephesians 2:1, on "Christian Righteousness in the Common Things of Life".

The Presbytery was led in prayer for peace, by the Moderator.

Overture

An Overture, concerning the Special Representative to the Vatican, was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. The Overture is as follows:

Overture to General Assembly from Holston Presbytery:

The Presbytery of Holston at its spring meeting in 1940 respectfully overtures the General Assembly at Chattanooga to request the President of the United States, by way of humble petition in a case extraordinary, to terminate the existing mission of the Hon. Myron C. Taylor as the representative of the head of our government to the head of the Papal Court in the Vatican in Rome, for the reason that the existing arrangement appears to be a violation of the American principle of the separation of church and state and the equality of the churches before the law.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer

The following report of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer, of the Presbytery was read, received, and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee:

REPORT OF RHEA ANDERSON, *Treasurer*

Apr. 18, 1939, to Apr. 20, 1940

Balance brought forward	$ 264.99	
Assessments from Churches	1546.10	
		$1,811.09

DUSBURSEMENTS

Salaries:

D. C. Amick, Sept. 15, '38		$120.00
Rhea Anderson, Sept. 15, '38		60.00
W. C. Young, Sept. 15, '38		8.00
D. C. Amick, Mar. 20, '40		120.00
Rhea Anderson, Mar. 20, '40		60.00
W. C. Young, Mar. 20, '40		8.00
		$376.00

Central Treasurer's Office:

H. C. Alexander, Auditing	$ 10.00	
C. C. Amick, Exp.	9.24	
J. E. Lutz & Co. Bond	12.50	
D. C. Amick, Exp.	12.26	
D. C. Amick, Exp.	14.02	
H. G. Anderson, Ptg.	5.00	
H. C. Alexander, Auditing	15.00	
		78.02

Stated Clerk's Office:

W. D. Dulaney, P. M. Exp.	2.07	
W. D. Dulaney, P. M. Exp.	1.50	
W. D. Dulaney, P. M. Exp.	1.00	
Rhea Anderson, Exp. (Supplies)	5.42	
		9.99

Miscellaneous:

Mrs. Margaret Murph, Sten. Presby.	3.00	
D. C. Amick, Stewardship	15.00	
Assembly Tax	576.30	
King Ptg. Co., Ptg. Minutes	99.37	
Fred S. McCorkle, Synod's Tax	79.74	
Miss Nelda Stuart, Sten. Presby.	1.50	
King Ptg. Co., Printing Minutes	59.47	
D. C. Amick, Stewardship	35.00	
D. C. Amick, Stewardship	6.82	
Presby. Com. of Pub. (Supplies)	7.28	
		883.48
Total Disbursements		$1547.49
Balance in Bank		463.60
Grand Total		$1811.09

Respectfully submitted,

RHEA ANDERSON, *Treas.*

Central Treasurer of Benevolences

The following report of the Auditor of the Central Treasury of Benevolences was read, received, and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee:

REPORT OF D. C. AMICK
Central Treasurer of Benevolences

RECEIPTS FROM APRIL 3, 1939, TO APRIL 3, 1940

CHURCH	CONG.	AUX.	S. S.	Y.P.S.	TOTALS	INC.	DEC.
Arcadia	$ 45.00	$ ____	$ ____	$ ____	$ 45.00	$ ____	$ 10.00
Banner Elk	356.37	90.84	____	8.59	455.80	____	146.63
Blountville	345.65	25.00	____	____	370.65	23.14	____
Blowing Rock	____	79.73	64.28	____	144.01	____	44.75
Boone	15.85	18.45	____	____	34.30	34.30	____
Bristol First	1,647.49	1,560.65	____	____	3,208.14	____	____
Fairmount	570.27	____	____	5.00	570.27	26.43	____
Buladean	12.25	____	____	____	12.25	____	29.50
Cold Spring	384.58	52.73	6.72	____	444.03	65 19	____

Cove Creek	140.00	____	65.00	____	205.00	____	45.00
Crossnore	75.16	112.00	____	____	187.16	53.66	____
Ebenezer	49.20	____	____	____	49.20	49.20	____
Estatoa	15.53	____	____	____	15.53	4.73	____
Grassy Creek	44.50	____	____	____	44.50	3.90	____
Gray's Chapel	32.00	____	15.00	____	47.00	____	12.65
Harris Memorial	31.20	5.00	16.00	____	52.20	____	25.80
Hughes	30.00	____	____	____	30.00	4.00	____
Jefferson City	94.53	250.18	95.69	____	440.40	____	99.61
Johnson City	1,485.12	1,421.05	285.19	21.00	3,212.36	____	364.22
Kingsport	2,799.37	911.19	581.69	7.65	4,299.90	____	60.38
Leesburg	121.77	____	____	____	121.77	____	37.43
Mary And. Ch.	29.36	____	____	____	29.36	16.13	____
Meadow Creek	25.00	3.00	8.00	____	36.00	____	119.08
Micaville	5.28	____	____	____	5.28	____	9.44
Mooresburg	17.00	____	____	____	17.00	____	22.34
Morristown	3,419.60	____	____	____	3,419.60	1,332.75	____
New Bethel	239.00	31.00	____	____	270.00	20.00	____
Newdale	6.40	____	____	____	6 40	____	2.73
New Ebenezer	37.15	____	____	____	37.15	____	35.80
Newland	92.74	67.64	____	4.00	164.38	38.15	____
Newport	352.75	147.00	40.21	10.00	549.96	157.22	____
New Providence	142.01	129.27	____	____	271.28	72.83	____
Paint Gap	94.33	____	____	____	94.33	10.33	____
Paperville	37.00	____	____	____	37.00	____	3.00
Pineola	30.60	62.60	____	____	93.20	____	97.14
Plumtree	35.00	39.75	____	____	74.75	____	21.42
Providence	62.00	____	____	____	62.00	____	____
Rheatown	49.75	____	____	____	49.75	3.61	____
Roan's Chapel	46.36	____	____	____	46.36	18.36	____
Rogersville	1,630.67	932.85	82.44	22.80	2,868.76	156.82	____
Russellville	29.95	19.80	____	____	49.75	.75	____
Rutledge	17.00	58.00	____	____	75.00	____	4.68
Smoky Mountain	5.06	____	____	____	5.06	5.06	____
Spruce Pine	43.20	45.50	44.40	____	133.10	48.01	____
Strawberry Plns.	____	80.00	21.76	____	101.76	____	26.39
Tiger Creek	15.00	____	____	____	15.00	15.00	____
Thomas Mem.	179.38	36.10	____	____	215.48	24.86	____
Viana Valley	5 45	____	____	____	5.45	____	24.25
Weavers	80.10	____	____	____	80.10	____	29.18
Whitesburg	10.00	20.80	____	____	30.80	____	10.20
White Pine	____	17.88	____	____	17.88	____	35.62
Windsor Ave.	296.14	125.00	37.36	____	458.50	125.91	____
Net Receipts	15,329.12	6,343.01	1,363.74	79.04	23,114.91	2,310.33	1317.24
Cash Balance	72.95	____	____	____	72.95	____	____
Gross Receipts	15,402.07	6,433.01	1,363.74	79.04	23,187.86	____	____
Refund	5.25	____	____	____	5.25	____	____
	15,407.32	6,343.01	1,363.74	79.04	23,193.11	____	____

REPORT OF D. C. AMICK, *Central Treas. of Benevolences*

Received after books closed April 3, 1940:

Estatoa	$ 5.35
Johnson City	45.00
Tiger Creek	5.00
Kingsport	480.10
New Ebenezer	12.00
	$547.45

Reported as sent direct to causes as listed:

Blowing Rock—Grandfather Orphanage	$100.00
Blowing Rock—Barium Springs Orphanage	100.00
Rogersville—Evangelistic Committee	25.00
Russellville—Grandfather Orphanage	3.25
Paint Gap—R. E. & Publication	5.65
New Ebenezer—Grandfather Orphanage	31.35
Meadow Creek—Grandfather Orphanage	50.00

DISBURSEMENTS

From April 3, 1939, to April 3, 1940

Foreign Missions		$7,187.85
Assembly's Home Missions		2,669.21
Christian Education & Ministerial Relief		1,748.98
Religious Education & Publication		653.21
Assembly's Training School		102.10
Bible Cause		98.84
Total Assembly's Causes		$12,460.28
Synod's Work		211.24
Religious Education in Synod & Presby		421.56
R. E. in Synod	$273.31	
R. E. in Presbytery	148.25	
King College		1,820.20
Total Synod's Causes		2,453.00
Presbytery's Home Missions		5,447.52
Grandfather's Orphans Home		2,768.94
Total Presbytery's Causes		8,246.46

Total Benevolent Causes		23,159.74
Miscellaneous Disbursements		33.37
Refunds	$ 5.25	
Presbyterial Tax	20.52	
Contingent Fees	7.60	
Total Disbursements		23,193.11

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct statement as shown by the records on file. This the 15th day of April, 1940.

H. C. ALEXANDER, Newport, Tenn.

Home Mission Treasurer

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was read and received. The Presbytery was addressed by the Chairman of Presbytery's Home Missions, Elder J. D. Faucette, concerning the state of the Home Mission Treasury, and the need of more funds. The report, together with the accounts and vouchers, was referred to the Auditing Committee, and is as follows:

To the Presbytery of Holston:

I herewith submit my annual report as treasurer of the Home Mission Committee of Holston Presbytery for the year April 1st, 1939, to March 31st, 1940.

RECEIPTS

Balance in bank	415.35
Received from General Assembly's H. M. Committee	4,043.47
Received from Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treas.	5,431.85
Received from Synod of Appalachia, Mr. J. D. Faucette, Treas.	200.00
Received from Special Gifts	567.95
Received from Rent Micaville Manse	36.00
Received from Savings Account Peoples Bank	501.80
Received from refund for payment on car for Summer Worker	50.00
Received from money borrowed	1,100.00
Total receipts	$12,346.42
Overdraft April 1st, 1940	401.31
Total	$12,747.73

DISBURSEMENTS

Payroll for Home Mission Workers	$10,592.47
Committee Expense	232.59
Summer Work	371.71
Superintendent-Evangelist Expenses	689.97
Church Buildings and Repairs	622.35
Board National Missions Presbyterian Church U. S. A. Blain Ch.	50.00
Refund A. N. Sharp, Treas.	114.79
Payment on Car for Summer Worker	50.00
Insurance	23.85
	$12,747.73

FRANK TAYLOR, *Treasurer.*

The Presbytery took recess until 1:45 P. M.

Second Day—Afternoon Session

The Presbytery reconvened, at 1:45 P. M., with prayer by the Rev. T. M. Johnston.

Edgar Tufts Foundation

The Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. Messrs. H. H. Thompson and W. K. Keys, and Elder Edgar Tufts, President of the Edgar Tufts Foundation, concerning the prospects and the needs of the Foundation.

The Presbytery adopted a resolution urging the members of the Churches to support the Grandfather Home for Children, to the amount of $1.00 a member, annually, in cash or produce.

Mr. Howard Foran

Mr. Howard Foran was introduced to the Presbytery, as an applicant for Licensure. The customary examinations on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry, on Theology, and on Church Government and the Sacraments were sustained as satisfactory.

Upon the recommendations of the Committees on the same, the following parts of trial were sustained as satisfactory: his Thesis, his Exegesis, and his Popular Lecture.

His sermon on Romans II:36—"For of Him, and Through Him, and to Him, Are All Things: to Whom Be Glory Forever. Amen." was sustained as satisfactory.

His diploma, from Columbia Theological Seminary, was accepted, in lieu of the examinations on the original languages of the Scripture and Church History. The examinations were sustained as a whole.

Mr. Foran having answered, in the affirmative, the constitutional questions, the Moderator, after prayer, duly licensed Mr. Foran to preach the Gospel, as a probationer for the holy ministry, wherever God, in His providence, may call him.

Mr. Foran was granted a Certificate of Dismissal to Central Mississippi Presbytery.

Rev. C. M. Brown

The Rev. C. M. Brown presented a Certificate of Dismissal from King's Mountain Presbytery. The customary examinations on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry, and on Views touching Theology and Church Government, were sustained as satisfactory. The Rev. C. M. Brown, after signing the obligation, was enrolled a member of the Presbytery.

Calls from the Meadow Creek and the New Ebenezer Churches for the pastoral services of the Rev. C. M. Brown, were read to the Presbytery, which were approved by the Commission on the Minister and His Work. These calls were found in order, placed in the hands of the Rev. C. M. Brown, and accepted by him. The following Commission was appointed to install the Rev. C. M. Brown as Pastor of the Meadow Creek and the New Ebenezer Churches, May 26, 1940, the time being 2:30 P. M. in New Ebenezer Church and 7 P. M. in Meadow Creek Church:

Rev. J. S. Yelton, to Preside.

Rev. S. H. Hay, to Preach.

Rev. D. C. Amick, to Charge the Congregation.

Alternate Minister, the Rev. Robert King.

Elder L. W. Morrow, Newport, to Charge the Pastor.

Alternate Elder, J. D. Hasson, Morristown.

Rumple Memorial Church

The Presbytery went on record, as recognizing the name of the Church in Blowing Rock to be the Rumple Memorial Church.

A Call from the Rumple Memorial Church, for the pastoral services of the Rev. W. K. Keys, was read to the Presbytery, and was approved by the Commission on the Minister and His Work. The Call was found in order, placed in the hands of the Rev. W. K. Keys, and accepted by him. The following Commission was appointed to install the Rev. W. K. Keys as Pastor of the Rumple Memorial Church, the date to be set by the Commission:

Rev. John Yelton, to Preside.

Rev. T. P. Johnston, to Preach.

Rev. E. F. Camp, to Charge the People.

Elder J. D. Faucette, Bristol First, to Charge the Pastor.

Alternate Elder, E. D. Bowditch, Vian's Valley, to bring greetings from the Churches.

James I. Vance Memorial Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Boone, N. C., was allowed to change the name of the Church to the James I. Vance Memorial.

Assembly's Training School

The following report of the Committee on the Assembly's Training School was read, and adopted:

Presbytery's Committee on Assembly's Training School submits the following report:

There can be no doubt that in the mind of the 1939 General Assembly the preeminent place in our planning for the current church year should be given to the Assembly's Training School. Last year saw the completion of the Ministers' Annuity Fund, and the next order of Assembly business is to care for the financial needs of its institution, the Assembly's Training School. This is clearly indicated by the actions of the 1939 Assembly included in the report of its Standing Committee on Stewardship and Finance:

"1. That the Assembly's Training School be given permission to conduct a church-wide campaign to secure $350,000 during the church year 1940-41, provided the Ministers' Annuity Fund shall be completed by April 1, 1940.

"2. That the Assembly give its fullest support to the campaign of its institution, the Assembly's Training School, calling upon every synod, presbytery, and church session to adopt an adequate goal and to secure it by the willing contribution of its people."

The immediate and pressing need of the Assembly's Training School is for gifts from the church large enough to pay off the debt (approximately $67,000) incurred in building and maintaining the school, and to provide an operating endowment sufficiently large to enable the budget to be balanced without an annual appeal for volunteer subscriptions to prevent a deficit. Unless such a fund is provided the healthy development and continued usefulness of the school will be seriously impaired.

Your committee recommends:

1. That the Presbytery of Holston heartily endorse the call of the General Assembly to the whole church to furnish the General Assembly's Training School the financial support which it needs to carry on its work of providing trained lay workers to help the church in its task of evangelism and Christian teaching.

2. That the Presbytery of Holston call upon every church within its bounds to respond to the appeal of the Assembly that the churches, church organizations, and individuals give liberally and sacrificially to bring this effort to a successful conclusion.

3. That the Presbytery of Holston request each pastor and session within its bounds to plan for a hearty effort in this behalf to begin as early as possible in the church year, and not later than October 1, 1940, working in harmony with the plans made by the authorities at the Assembly's Training School for the prosecution of this campaign.

R. B. Brown, *Chairman.*

Pastors' Salaries

The following report of the Committee on Pastors' Salaries was read and adopted:

PASTORS' SALARY

Your Committee on Pastors' Salaries rejoices to report that for the first time in many years all churches report that pastors' salaries promised have been paid in full. The Presbytery recommends the churches in this matter.

D. C. Amick, *Chairman.*

Minutes of Presbytery

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery was read and adopted:

We the Committee on Presbytery's Minutes examined the records of fall and spring meetings and found them in order, and move that they be approved.

John Martin, *Chm.*
A. R. Buffalo
F. C. Gray

Bible Cause

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and received as information. The recommendations were adopted and are as follows:

First: that the Holston Presbytery endorses the work of the American Bible Society and commends it to pastors and people for informed and prayerful support that the Gospel of our Lord may be brought to the hungry multitudes;

Second: that the widespread observance of Bible Sunday on December 8 be encouraged that our people may be stirred afresh to appreciation and use of the Bible as the guide of national and personal life;

Third: that we urge upon the officers of every church the maintenance of the full contribution to the Bible Society of one per cent of the church's benevolence and missionary budget as recommended by the General Assembly.

Religious Education

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was read as information, and the recommendations adopted. The recommendations are:

Report of the Committee on Religious Education:

Your Committee submits the following report. We offer as information for the Presbytery the report of the Executive Committee on Religious Education. We offer also as information the announcements regarding the Young People's Conferences to be held at Sullins College, and Tusculum College, and ask for the whole-hearted support of these conferences by the pastors and churches of our Presbytery. We wish to make the following recommendations:

1. That our Presbytery continue to emphasize Daily Vacation Bible Schools this summer as it has in the past.

2. That each church in our Presbytery establish, wherever possible, outpost Sunday Schools.

3. That the Presbytery and Synod's Conferences receive the Presbytery's whole-hearted support.

4. That the religious education forces of our Presbytery make Evangelism the supreme aim of their effort during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. Murray.

Home Missions

The report of the Supt. of Home Missions, the Rev. J. S. Yelton, was read, received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery was addressed by the Chairman of Home Missions, Elder J. D. Faucette, on the Opportunities in Home Mission Work. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Home Missions in Holston Presbytery:

This report covers the period from April, 1939, to March 31, 1940.

This year has been filled with many problems and varied activities throughout the Presbytery. At the beginning of the year a number of churches were without a pastor. Boone, Blowing Rock, and the Leesburg Group were in the list of vacancies. In October and November the Jefferson City and Meadow Creek

groups became vacant on the resignation of their pastors, Rev. John Rhea and Rev. Harry Moffett.

In May the Rev. Walter K. Keys came to the Micaville Group of churches, and has been doing a constructive work on this field.

The Boone Church called the Rev. John Rhea. He accepted the call and was installed as pastor by a Commission from Presbytery the third Sunday in October.

The Rev. W. C. Young, formerly of Micaville, accepted the work in the Whitesburg Group in August.

The Rev. C. M. Brown, of Spindale, N. C., accepted a call from the Meadow Creek Group of Churches. He has been on the field since the third Sunday in February. This group has gone on self-support with the addition of Leesburg and Providence, for the year 1940-41.

The Rev. Walter Keys has accepted a call from the Blowing Rock Church, to take effect the first Sunday in May. This church will be on self-support, beginning with this church year.

The Paint Gap group will have the services of Mr. Ernest Wilson, a graduate from Union Seminary in Richmond, as full-time pastor, around the first of June.

The Jefferson City Group is calling Mr. Ralph Lew Ellen, a graduate from Union Seminary in Richmond. The pastoral relation to be established around the first of June.

These vacant churches during the year have maintained their Sunday Schools and other organizations, and have had fairly regular preaching services. Nearly all of them have had their revival meetings and Bible Schools. Your Superintendent has given all the time he had to these vacant churches with the regular preaching services, and in helping the Sessions and Pulpit Committees in locating an acceptable man to become their pastor.

Much more building than usual has been going on among the churches this year, with very little expense to the Committee, comparatively speaking. A new brick church at Vian's Valley is nearing completion. Riverview, a new chapel, in the Paint Gap Group, on Toe River, in Mitchell Co., is about completed, by the Rev. John Young, pastor, and people. A new stone church at Roan Mountain, on Mr. J. L. Gray's field is now under construction and will be completed by the end of this church year according to plans. The Boone congregation will be getting their

building under way this spring. A new Chapel, Beard's Creek, has already been built this past year, in a promising rural community. Mr. Troy Young, with the Rock Creek Group, has built a new Chapel at Rockdale; reconstructed Burleson's Chapel and added Sunday School rooms. A building is being finished at Lower Beans Creek, started more than a year, by the Rev. John Young. Banner Elk, Newland, Micaville, Blountville, Bluff City, Ebenezer and New Ebenezer churches and groups have been in building programs during the year. This material activity and progress is a good sign of life among the people and pastors of these communities, and we hope a rising tide of spiritual fervor, too.

Our workers are a faithful, loyal and sacrificial group of people to the work of Christ and the Church, throughout the bounds of our Presbytery. They are true soldiers of the Cross, fighting the good fight of faith for Him, and helping to establish the Kingdom in the hearts of men.

Vacation Bible Schools.

Last summer more than 40 Bible Schools were conducted in the Mission Churches and Outposts, touching the lives of more than 1800 children. This type of work is increasing in interest and value in our Presbytery. It is no doubt one of the easiest and most effective ways by which whole communities can be touched for Christ and His Church. We did not use any Training School workers last summer, but we hope to have one or more this summer. They can be of great help to the pastors and workers on the field.

Sunday Schools.

Nearly all of our Sunday Schools are evergreen, including the Outposts. Of the 41 schools reporting, show a total enrollment of 2654. The Sunday School enrollment continues to exceed the church membership by a good majority in our Presbytery.

Financial Status.

It has been a long-standing policy of the Committee to refuse to go into debt for the carrying on of the work. This has been done largely by confining our efforts to the work already established. However, over a ten-year period, the Home Mission

work outside our industrial centers, has almost doubled in church membership, Sunday School enrollment and buildings. At the same time the working force has been reduced from 50 to 20. The budget in 1928-29 was approximately $20,000; in 1939, $12,000. This certainly indicates that more work is being done with less workers and money. We have reached the limit in this respect. To maintain adequately a growing work, more pastors and workers will be needed. With many fields opening to our ministry, an increase in Benevolences for Presbytery's Missions must take place in the near future if we are to fulfill our obligations and to take on new work in our borders. Never before in the history of our Mission work have we had so many calls, and so many doors opening to us as now. Our progress is blocked for lack of sufficient funds and workers.

Home Missions after all continues to be the life line of our church. Probably 80% of our pastors and church leaders come from the smaller churches and mission Chapels. Our opportunities are great. We have not reached the multitudes in our Presbytery. The population of the 16 counties within the bounds of our Presbytery is approximately 350,000. The membership of all our churches is less than 8000, and the Sunday School enrollment, is less than 10,000.

Evangelism.

The past year has been a great soul-winning year in the Home Mission work of the Presbytery. 30 revival meetings have been conducted resulting in 310 additions to the church. A number united with the church by letter and re-statement. Nearly all the churches report additions to the church. Special emphasis is being laid on soul-winning, not just during a Crusade, or an Evangelistic Campaign, but day by day among the workers. During this new Church Year, we are looking forward to a soul-winning conquest, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

We come to the end of the old and enter the New Year with gratitude to God for His many blessings, and with thanks to the Committee and all the Brethren of the Presbytery for their fine spirit of co-operation in the work of our Master, who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister".

Respectfully,
Presbytery's Home Mission Committee,
JOHN S. YELTON
J. D. FAUCETTE, *Chm.*

Evangelization

The report of the Committee on Evangelization was read, received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery heard from the Rev. Messrs. T. M. Johnston, D. F. Waddell, W. H. McCorkle, and D. C. Amick, and Elder Nat Thomas concerning facts of the recent Evangelistic Crusade. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Evangelism:

Due in part to the extremely bad weather special evangelistic services have not been held in every church and preaching point during January, February, or March. Many of the churches have fallen right in line with the desires of our Assembly and have had encouraging results. Our suggestion is that we take a period of this session of the Presbytery to do fact finding as to the most effective points of emphasis we discovered during those three months, and that we continued to emphasize these most important things in the months that lie ahead of us. Our Presbytery being so largely rural and mountainous convinces us that the spring and summer months are the opportune times for us to confront the people with Christ the one and only Savior. We earnestly request, therefore, that every pastor arrange for the type of services our assembly had in mind for the earlier part of the year, and give all the time and prayer and consecrated effort practicable to make them great blessings in winning people to Christ. We further request that all our ministers hold themselves in readiness to assist in such services where there is a call for them. We would not urge this to take the place of the minister holding his own services.

H. H. THOMPSON, *Chm.*

The Presbytery took recess until 7 P. M.

Second Day—Night Session

The Presbytery reconvened, at 7 P. M., with prayer by the Rev. J. S. Yelton.

Ministerial Relief

The Committee on Ministerial Relief was allowed to make the same recommendations as in the past, with any adjustment found necessary.

Ministers' Annuity

The Presbytery urged all of the Ministers and the Churches to enter the Ministers' Annuity Fund, at the outset, if possible.

The Presbytery ordered the 7½% of the salaries of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences, and the Permanent Clerk, to be paid out of the Presbyterial Taxes.

Fall Meeting

The Presbytery accepted, with thanks, the invitation of the New Providence Church for the Fall Meeting of the Presbytery, Oct. 7, 1940, at 7 P. M., C. S. T.

Commissioners—General Assembly

The following were elected Commissioners to the next General Assembly:

Ministers: Rev. J. A. Boyd; alternate, Rev. John I. Rhea. Rev. W. C. Young; alternate, Rev. T. M. Johnston. Rev. W. K. Keys; alternate, Rev. Ira H. Rawles.

Elders: J. L. Rogers, Mooresburg; alternate, Rod Armstrong, Rogersville; E. D. Bowditch, Vian's Valley; alternate Arden King, New Bethel. S. P. Miller, New Providence; alternate, W. H. Dettor, Thomas Memorial.

Foreign Missions

The Presbytery heard a very interesting address, from the Rev. A. R. Craig, on "Bringing China To Her Knees".

Micaville Church

An offering was taken in the Presbytery, for the Building Fund of the Micaville Church, amounting to $10.70.

Minutes of Synod

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Synod was read, and adopted:

Synod's Minutes

The Committee on Minutes of the Synod presents the following report:

Your Committee on Synod's Minutes reports that we find nothing in the Minutes which calls for the action of this Presbytery. But we call your attention to the recommendations of Synod's Committees to the Presbyteries on pages 21 and 27.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. YELTON.

Woman's Work

The following report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read and adopted:

Report on Woman's Work:

Your Committee on Woman's Work has examined the annual report of Presbyterial Auxiliary.

We call your attention to the fact that there are 33 auxiliaries in the Presbytery with a membership of 2434; an increase of 1 auxiliary and 205 members compared with last year. The number of members enrolled in study and service are 1618, an increase of 229 over the preceding year. 810 daily Bible readers, an increase of 1; and 486 tithers, an increase of 49.

The contributions last year were as follows:

1. Foreign Missions	$2500.00	
Birthday gift—F. M.	584.00	$3084.00
2. Assembly's Home Missions		1176.00
3. Christian Education and Min. Relief		837.00
4. Religious Educ. and Publication		78.00
5. Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers		37.00
6. Bible Cause		46.00
7. Synod's Home Mission		89.00
8. Religious Ed. in Synod or Presby		58.00
9. Homes		1152.00

10. Educational Institutions	587.00	
11. Presbytery's Home Missions	1557.00	
Total Denominational Benevolences	$8791.00	
12. Auxiliary Special Benevolences	1667.00	
Total All Benevolences		$10,458.00
13. Current Expenses:		
(a) Local Aux. Current Exp.	959.00	
(b) Pres'l and Syn'l Contg. Fund	387.00	
(c) Local Church	405.00	
14. Building Expense	973.00	
Total Local Church Work	$2724.00	2,724.00
15. Miscl. Contributions	401.00	401.00
Total All Contributions		$13,583.00

Decrease compared with last year, $468.00.

We recommend that the Presbytery commend the Women's, Auxiliary for the splendid service they are rendering for the advancement of the cause of Christ by their faithful support of the program of their church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Frank Camp, *Chm.*

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief recommends:

(1) That the beneficiaries of ministerial relief for this church year be the same as last year, the Committee being authorized to change amounts upon discovery of changed needs.

(2) That all ministers of the Presbytery, including those of Home Mission work, be urged to make every effort to enter the Ministers' Annuity.

S. H. Hay.

SESSIONAL RECORD REPORT

Of the forty-nine session books brought into Presbytery, thirty-eight were approved without corrections and eleven with corrections, and noted in the books.

Your Committee recommends that the clerks of the Sessions be more accurate and neat in writing their records.

John I. Rhea, *Chm.*

Stated Supply

We recommend the following stated supplies, if the way be clear, until the next meeting of Presbytery:

The Rev. John Young at Cove Creek, Gray's Chapel, Tiger Creek.

The Rev. T. W. Clapp at Plumtree and Hughes.

The Rev. W. C. Young at Whitesburg, Russellville, Mooreburg, Whitepine.

The Rev. Ira Rawles at Crossnore.

The Rev. C. M. Brown at Leesburg, Providence, Rheatown.

Mr. Troy Young, Buladean, Russ Memorial, Roan's Chapel.

That evangelistic powers be granted to the Rev. D. C. Amick, limited to the Cocke County field.

That each church be urged to reach its Benevolence Budget for the year, in order that the Causes of the Church may not suffer.

That every church and group of churches making increase in their gifts to Benevolences and pastor's support be commended, and that self-support be the goal of all fields.

Nominations

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

Representative on Synod's Committee on Minister and His Work—Rev. G. H. Hay, Morristown, Tenn.

Rev. T. M. Johnston added to Ex. Comm. of Presbytery's Home Missions.

To replace Rev. H. M. Moffett on Religious Education—Rev. T. M. Johnston.

Stewardship and Finance—Rev. H. H. Thompson.

Sessional Records—Rev. John I. Rhea, Chairman; Rev. Ira W. Rawles, Rev. A. R. Buffaloe.

Experimental Religion—The Moderator and the Rev. W. H. McCorkle, and Rev. W. C. Young.

Minister and His Work—Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman, 1942; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1941; Rev. Robt. King, 1942; J. L. Gray, 1940; S. H. Anderson, 1940.

That Dr. Thos. E. Hill, teacher of Bible in King College, be invited to deliver the sermon of Presbytery on: Our View of the Inspiration of Scripture as Taught by Hodge, Warfield, Dabney, and Thornwell.

Auditing Committee

The following report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted:

Report of Auditing Committee, Holston Presbytery, Micaville, Tennessee, April 23, 1940:

1. Your Auditing Committee has received the report of H. C. Alexander, Auditor, of the accounts of Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Holston Presbytery for the year ending March 31, 1940, and has examined this audit, and recommends the adoption of the audit and report by Holston Presbytery.

2. Your Auditing Committee has examined the accounts of Mr. Frank Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee for the year ending March 31, 1940, consisting of condensed financial report, cash account, bank statements, cancelled checks, and minutes of the Committee. We find all to be correct and in good order, and recommend the approval of same by Presbytery.

3. Your Auditing Committee has examined the accounts of Mr. Rhea Anderson, stated clerk and Treasurer of Holston Presbytery, for the year ending March 31, 1940; consisting of general statement, cash account, bank statement, and cancelled checks. We find all to be correct and in good order, and recommend the approval by Presbytery.

Signed: D. R. Beeson
Dr. Robert King
J. Charles Gray, Jr.

Stewardship and Finance

The following report of the Committee on Stewardship and Finance was read and adopted:

STEWARDSHIP

Your Committee on Stewardship submits its report under three sections:

I. *The Every Member Canvass.*

The reports from the Churches show that Holston Presbytery fell from the high point reached last year when only one church failed to make a Canvass. This year three Churches made no effort to make a Canvass. The number of Churches securing 100% or more of Presbytery's Askings for Benevolences also fell from 30 to 26. In spite of the handicap of very bad weather during March and part of April, the amount pledged to Benevolences shows an increase of $1,484.00.

II. *Church Debts.*

Again the Churches report a reduction of indebtedness on their property and three churches report that their total indebtedness was wiped out. Each of these churches showed an increase in pledges to Benevolent cause in the March Canvass.

III. *Promotion of Every Member Canvass.*

In addition to contacts by mail with the Churches, a five-day visitation in February and 45 of the Churches of the Presbytery were contacted. The following is the expenses of the Stewardship Committee in promoting the Every Member Canvass.

Travelling Expenses	$28.00
Postage	5.69
Supplies, Mimeograph, etc.	3.95
Meals, etc.	4.18
	$41.82
From Rhea Anderson, Treasurer	41.82

D. C. Amick, *Secretary.*

Secretary of Stewardship

The Secretary of Stewardship was allowed to compile his statistical report from the records of the Every Member Canvass, to be sent to the Stated Clerk, if not already sent.

Presbytery's Statistical Report

The Statistical Report of the Presbytery was read, approved and ordered sent to the General Assembly, and a brief summary to be printed in the Minutes of the Presbytery. The summary is as follows:

Ministers	29
Churches	55
Candidates	11
Licensures	1
Elders	260
Deacons	292
Added on Confession	598
Added on Certificate	392
Ordinations	2
Installations	3
Pastoral Dissolutions	4
New Churches Organized	1
Whole No. of Communicants	8507
Adult Baptisms	438
Infant Baptisms	56
Total S. S. Enrollment	9280

CONTRIBUTIONS

Foreign Missions	$8,094.00
Ass. Home Missions	2,684.00
C. E. & Min. Relief	3,203.00
R. E. & Pub.	775.00
Assembly's Training School	96.00
Bible Cause	98.00
Synod's Home Missions	236.00
Synod's & Presbytery's Religious Ed.	506.00
Orphan's Home	4,365.00
Educational Institutions	5,114.00
Presbytery's Home Missions	5,755.00
Total to Regular Benevolences	$30,926.00
Pastors' Salaries Actually Paid	35,649.00
Current Expenses	39,841.00
Congregational Missions	8,103.00
Building Expenses	29,329.00
Miscellaneous Contributions	5,376.00
	$118,298.00
Grand Total for All Contributions	$149,224.00

RHEA ANDERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

Resolution of Thanks

The following resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote:

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Your Committee in behalf of Presbytery wishes to express its deep appreciation to the people of the Micaville Group of Churches for their most gracious hospitality and royal entertainment extended us during this Session of the Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. D. F. WADDELL, *Chm.*
W. J. SMITH
R. M. BURLESON

The Minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned with song, and prayer by the Moderator, to meet, in Stated Meeting, in the New Providence Church, Stony Point, Tenn., Oct. 7, 1940, at 7 P. M., C. S. T.

W. H. MCCORKLE, *Moderator*
RHEA ANDERSON, *Stated Clerk*
W. C. YOUNG, *Permanent Clerk*

MINUTES

OF THE

Holston Presbytery

Fall Meeting

NEW PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STONY POINT, TENN.
OCTOBER 7, 1940

CALLED MEETING
TUSCULUM COLLEGE
GREENEVILLE, TENN.
JULY 2, 1940

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Piney Flats, Tenn.

April 14, 1941, at 7:30 P. M. (E. S. T.)

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ORGANIZATION—FALL, 1940

Moderator—The Rev. A. K. Dudley, Johnson City, Tenn.

Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Ruling Elder Rhea Anderson, Blountville, Tenn. (1942)

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John S. Yelton, Stoney Point, Tenn.

Representative on Synod's Committee on Minister and His Work—The Rev. S. H. Hay, Morristown, Tenn.

Permanent Committees

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown, Wm. H. McCorkle, T. M. Johnston. Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman;* Frank Taylor, *Secretary and Treasurer;* George M. Smith, Rod Armstrong, R. M. Burleson, D. R. Beeson, R. L. Peters.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its Report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, *Chairman;* Rev. Robert King.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. A. K. Dudley, *Chairman;* Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, Rev. T. M. Johnston.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. M. J. Murray, *Chairman;* Rev. T. M. Johnston, Rev. W. H. McCorkle.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. J. A. Boyd, *Chairman;* Rev. Dan Graham.

7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. T. M. Johnston, *Chairman;* Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary;* Rev. H. H. Thompson, Rev. Dan H. Graham.

8) *Women's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, *Chairman;* Rev. R. A. Brown.

9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robt. King, *Chairman.*

10) *Assembly's Training School*—Rev. R. A. Brown, *Chairman;* Rev. Jno. I. Rhea.

11) *Evangelism*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman;* Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

12) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. John S. Yelton, *Chairman;* Rev. M. J. Murray, Rev. R. A. Brown.

13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. John I. Rhea, *Chairman;* Rev. Ira W. Rawles, Rev. A. R. Buffalo.

14) *Program*—Stated Clerk and pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. (Rhea Anderson and the Rev. Dan H. Graham, Spring, 1941).

Examining Committees

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. W. H. McCorkle and Rev. W. C. Young.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and Sacraments* — The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, Robert King, and John Martin.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev Messrs. D. C. Amick and M. J. Murray.

5) *Scriptural Exegesis*—The Rev Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

Trustees

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. Robert King, 1942; Rev. D. C. Amick, 1942; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1945; F. H. Stinson, 1941; J. L. Gray, 1942; E. H. Tufts, 1943; J. A. Summers, 1944.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys* — Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1942; Charles Hughes, 1942; Edgar Tufts, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1942; Rev. E. F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, W. D. McSween, 1940.

4) *Minister and His Work*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman,* 1942; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1941; Rev. Robt. King, 1942; J. L. Gray, 1940; S. H. Anderson, 1940.

5) Bertha King Memorial, *Trustee.*

Will Jones and George Warren, Piney Flats, Tenn., were added as additional Trustees.

CALLED MEETING

Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tenn., July 2, 1940.

Holston Presbytery met, in a called session, in Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tenn., July 2, 1940, at 1:30 P. M. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. W. H. McCorkle, and opened with prayer by the Rev. T. M. Johnston.

Enrollment

The following were present: Ministers—C. M. Brown,

T. M. Johnston, S. H. Hay, W. H. McCorkle, M. J. Murray, J. S. Yelton, and W. C. Young; Elders—Fred Gray, New Ebenezer; Clay Nease, Meadow Creek.

The Rev. W. C. Young was appointed Stated Clerk, Pro-tem.

The following call for the meeting was read and found in order:

June 21, 1940.

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Moderator, I hereby call Holston Presbytery to meet on the afternoon of July 2, 1940, at 1:30 P. M., C. S. T., in Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tenn., for the purpose of licensing Messrs. W. E. Wilson and Ralph Llewellyn; receiving into the Presbytery Rev. Milton P. Reid; appointing a Commission to organize a Church at Riverview, and to conduct any other business growing out of the above.

Cordially yours,

W. H. McCorkle, *Moderator.*

Per Rhea Anderson, *Clerk.*

Courtesy

The Rev. Messrs. J. A. Flanagan, Asheville Presbytery; H. M. Wilson, Abingdon Presbytery; Milton P. Reid, Washburn Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Rev. Milton P. Reid

Rev. Milton P. Reid presented a Certificate of Dismissal from Washburn Presbytery, and, after the customary examinations and the signing of the obligation, was enrolled a member of the Presbytery.

He was granted leave to supply the Micaville, Estatoa, Vian's Valley, and Newdale Churches, until the Spring meeting of the Presbytery.

Rev. J. S. Yelton stated that the annual salaries of the supplyships would be: Micaville $300, Vican's Valley $300, Newdale $300, and Estatoa $150, with a supplement of $150 from the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee.

Mr. Ralph Llewellyn

Mr. Ralph Llewellyn, a candidate of Knoxville Presbytery, presented a Certificate of Dismission and was received under the care of Holston Presbytery, and asked the Presbytery for Licensure.

The examinations on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry, on Theology, and on Church Government and the Sacraments were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial; also his Thesis on The Inspiration of the Scriptures, his Exegesis of Romans 3:21-26, his Popular Lecture on Luke 14, "The Great Supper," and his Sermon on Heb. 3:13, "The Deceitfulness of Sin." The examinations were sustained as a whole.

After prayer by the Moderator, Mr. Llewellyn was duly licensed as a Probationer for the Holy Ministry, wherever God, in His providence may call him.

The following Commission was appointed to ordain and install him pastor of the Jefferson City Church, July 21, at 7:30 P. M.: the Rev. Messrs. W. H. McCorkle, J. S. Yelton, and W. C. Young, and Elder Sam Anderson, Kingsport; with the Rev. T. M. Johnston, Alt. Minister, and Elder DeWolf Miller, Stony Point, Alt. Elder.

Mr. W. E. Wilson

Mr. W. E. Wilson presented himself before Presbytery, as an applicant for Licensure. The examinations on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry, on Theology, and on Church Government and the Sacraments were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial; also his Thesis on "What is the Ground of Justification", based on Romans 3:21-26, his Exegesis of Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," his popular Lecture on Matt. 25:31-46, "The Final Judgment", and his sermon on Jas. 2:26, "Faith Without Works is Dead." The examinations were sustained as a whole.

After prayer by the Moderator, Mr. Wilson was duly licensed as a Probationer for the Holy Ministry, wherever God, in His providence, may call him.

Mr. Wilson and the Rev. Messrs. W. H. McCorkle and

J. S. Yelton were appointed a Committee to select a Commission to ordain Mr. Wilson an Evangelist in the Paint Gap Group of Churches, at a time to be fixed by the Committee.

The appointment of a Commission to organize a Church, to be named Riverview, in Mitchell County, North Carolina, was deferred till after the meeting of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee.

The Minutes of this session of the Presbytery were read and adopted, after which the Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. T. M. Johnston.

W. H. McCorkle, *Moderator.*

W. C. Young, *Stated Clerk, Pro Tem.*

FALL MEETING

Stony Point, Tenn., Oct. 7,, 1940.

The one hundred and thirty-sixth session of Holston Presbytery met in the New Providence Presbyterian Church, Stony Point, Tenn., beginning Oct. 7, 1940, at 7:30 P. M. The Presbytery was called to order, and opened with prayer, by retiring Moderator, the Rev. W. H. McCorkle.

Enrollment

The following were present: *Ministers*—D. C. Amick, C. M. Brown, R. A. Brown, A. R. Buffalo, E. F. Camp, A. K. Dudley, Dan H. Graham, S. H. Hay, Thomas M. Johnston, T. P. Johnston, Walter K. Keys, Robert King, Ralph M. Llewellyn, W. H. McCorkle, M. J. Murray, John I. Rhea, Milton P. Reid, D. F. Waddell, Ernest Wilson, John S. Yelton, John Young, W. C. Young. Ministers present, 22.

Ruling Elders—Arcadia, Leslie Newland; Banner Elk, Edgar Tufts; Blountville, Ralph S. McCray; Bristol First, J. D. Faucette; Cold Spring, C. D. Thomas; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Crossnore, A. M. Chisholm; Gray's Chapel, Arthur Perry; Harris Memorial, R. A. Peake; Jefferson City, Dr. John Fain; Johnson City, First, Joe Miller; Meadow Creek, Clay Nease; Morristown, H. W. Dick; New Bethel, Arden King; New Dale, L. R. Young; New Ebenezer, H. A. Renner; New Providence, S. P. Miller; Rogersville, P. M. Lyons; Rumple Memorial, E. G. Underdown; Thomas Memorial, Dr. J. A. L. Rhea; Weavers, C. P. Booher; Windsor Avenue, H. M. Cawood. Elders present, 22.

Visiting Deacons—Arcadia, Nat Newland; Kingsport, Bruce Nelms, Thomas Memorial, Walter Keller. Deacons present, 3.

Courtesy

The Rev. Messrs. M. W. Doggett, Abingdon Presbytery, L. T. Newland, Wilmington Presbytery, and R. H. Taylor, Carlisle Presbytery, U. S. A., were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gortney of Riverview Chapel, Green Mountain, N. C., were introduced to the Presbytery.

New Providence Church

The Rev. John S. Yelton, host pastor, delivered an address of welcome, to which the Moderator responded for the Presbytery.

Elder S. P. Miller told some very interesting facts of the history of the New Providence Church.

Opening Sermon

At the request of the retiring Moderator, the Rev. W. H. McCorkle, the opening sermon was preached by the Rev. Walter K. Keys, from Psalms 98:8-9, on a Memorial to God's Great Men of the Mountains.

Communion

The Presbyterial Communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. John Young and M. J. Murray, assisted by the following Elders: Arthur Perry, Gray's Chapel; E. G. Underdown, Rumple Memorial; S. P. Miller, New Providence;

Clay Nease, Meadow Creek; Charles Gray, Weaver's; Leslie Newland, Arcadia; H. A. Renner, New Ebenezer; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek.

New Moderator

The Rev. A. K. Dudley was elected Moderator.

Program

The Committee on program read the following report, which was adopted:

MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7, 1940

7:30 P. M.—Opening Sermon ..... Rev. Walter K. Keys

Communion.

Organization

Short History of Church ..... Mr. S. P. Miller

Report of Program Committee

Adjournment

TUESDAY

8:45 A. M.—Devotional ..... Rev. A. R. Buffalo

9:00 A. M.—Business

a. Standing Committees

b. Communications

c. Report of Committee on Stewardship

10 A. M.—Assembly's Training School Report

Address ..... Mrs. Robert H. Morrison

11 A. M.—Presbyterial Sermon ..... Rev. T. M. Johnston

Quartet—Lees McRae College

Business

Recess—Lunch

1 P. M.—Business

3 P. M.—Foreign Mission Address—Rev. L. T. Newland, Korea.

Business till adjournment

Respectively submitted,

Rhea Anderson, *Stated Clerk.*

John S. Yelton, *Host Pastor.*

The Presbytery adjourned until 8:45 A. M., after prayer by the Rev. John I. Rhea.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:45 A. M., with a devotional service led by the Rev. A. R. Buffalo, who spoke on "The Power of Personal Witnessing."

The minutes of last night's session were read and adopted.

The minutes of a called meeting of Presbytery, held in Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tenn., July 2, 1940 were read and received as information.

A letter, from Washburn Presbytery, in testimony to the Rev. Milton P. Reid, was read and received as information.

A letter from The Christian Observer, relative to Church Paper Week, was read and received as information.

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. C. M. BROWN

New Ebenezer Church

The following report of the Commission to install the Rev. C. M. Brown, pastor of the New Ebenezer Church was read, received, and the Commission discharged.

Pursuant to the order of the Presbytery the Commission met in the Church at two o'clock C. S. T. The meeting was called to order by Rev. John S. Yelton and opened with prayer. Present, Rev. D. C. Amick, Rev. John S. Yelton and Elder L. W. Morrow. After a short worship service, the installation sermon was preached by the Rev. D. C. Amick from the text, "Forsake not the assembling of ourselves together." Heb. 10:25.

After the asking and answering the constitutional questions Rev. Cecil M. Brown was declared installed pastor of the New Ebenezer Church.

Rev. John S. Yelton gave the charge to the congregation and Mr. L. W. Morrow the charge to the pastor.

At the request of the Chairman the congregation was asked to extend to Mr. Brown the right hand of fellowship in token of their appreciation.

Immediately after the service the minutes were read and the commission was adjourned with prayer.

J. S. Yelton, *Moderator and Clerk.*

Meadow Creek Church

The following report of the Commission to install the Rev. C. M. Brown, pastor of the Meadow Creek Church was read, received, and the Commission discharged.

The Commission met at the manse of the Meadow Creek Church, May 26, on the day appointed by Presbytery, and at seven o'clock, P. M. C. S. T. The Commission was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. S. Yelton and opened with prayer.

Present, Rev. D. C. Amick, Rev. Sam H. Hay, Rev. John S. Yelton and Elder L. W. Morrow.

The installation sermon was preached by the Rev. Sam Hay from the text, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains Are the Feet of Him that Bringeth Good Tidings, That Publisheth Peace"—Isa. 52:7.

After asking and the answering of the constitutional questions, the Rev. C. M. Brown was declared installed pastor of the Meadow Creek Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, Tenn.

The charge to the pastor was given by Elder L. W. Morrow, and the charge to the congregation was given by Rev. D. C. Amick.

The Moderator requested the congregation to extend the right hand of fellowship to Mr. and Mrs. Brown in token of their appreciation. They responded to this request graciously.

After the service the minutes were read and the Commission was adjourned with prayer.

J. S. Yelton, *Moderator.*

D. C. Amick, *Clerk.*

Rumple Memorial Church

The following report of the Commission to install the Rev. Walter K. Keys, pastor of the Rumple Memorial Church was read, received, and the Commission discharged.

The Commission met on Sunday morning, July 7, 1940 in the Pastor's study at Blowing Rock, N. C. and was called to order by the Chairman, the Rev. John S. Yelton. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. E. F. Camp. Present: The Rev. Messrs. John S. Yelton, E. F. Camp and T. P. Johnston. Elders J. D. Faucette and Ed Bowdich were absent on account of illness. Rev. T. P. Johnston was appointed clerk.

Following a devotional program in the church at 11:00 A. M., the sermon was preached by the Rev. T. P. Johnston; the constitutional questions were propounded by the chairman, Mr. Yelton, and answered in the affirmative by both pastor and congregation. The Rev. W. K. Keys was declared duly installed as pastor of the Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church of Blowing Rock, N. C.

A charge was delivered to the pastor by the Rev. T. P. Johnston. The charge was delivered to the congregation by the Rev. E. F. Camp, after which Mr. Camp led in prayer.

Following the singing of a hymn the pastor pronounced the benediction. The minutes of the Commission were read and approved and the meeting closed with prayer.

Thos. P. Johnston, *Clerk.*

Jefferson City Church

The report of the Commission to ordain and install the Rev. Ralph M. Llewellyn, pastor of the Jefferson City Church was read, received, and the Commission discharged. The reports is as follows:

The Commission to ordain and install the Rev. Ralph M. Llewellyn, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, Tenn., met in the Church, July 21, 1940, at 7:45 P. M., with the following present: Rev. W. H. McCorkle, Rev. J. S. Yelton, Rev. W. C. Young, and Elder S. H. Anderson, Kingsport.

The Commission was constituted with prayer, by the Rev. W. C. Young. Rev. J. S. Yelton was elected Chairman. Rev. W. C. Young was elected Clerk. The Rev. Ralph M. Llewellyn having been licensed by Holston Presbytery his examinations for Licensure were accepted for Ordination.

The Rev. Ralph M. Llewellyn was ordained to the Gospel Ministry, and installed the Pastor of The First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, Tenn. The Rev. J. S. Yelton presided and propounded the constitutional questions. By request, the Rev. McCoy Franklin, Madisonville, Tenn., the former Pastor of the Rev. Ralph M. Llewellyn, preached the sermon, from Romans 1:1-16. The Rev. W. H. McCorkle led in the ordination prayer, and charged the Pastor. Elder S. H. Anderson led in a prayer for the pastorate. The Rev. W. C. Young charged the congregation.

The Commission reconvened, at the close of the service, and approved the Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. W. H. McCorkle.

W. C. Young, *Clerk.*

Paint Gap Church

The following report of the Commission to ordain and install the Rev. Ernest Wilson, pastor evangelist, in charge

of the Paint Gap Church, was read, received, and the Commission discharged.

Paint Gap, N. C., July 28, 1940.

TO THE PRESBYTERY OF HOLSTON:

The Commission appointed by Holston Presbytery to install and ordain Mr. Ernest Wilson as Pastor Evangelist of the Paint Gap and Harris Memorial group of churches, met at the Paint Gap Church on the evening of July 28. Present: Dr. Wm. McCorkle, who presided and propounded the Constitutional Questions. Rev. J. S. Yelton was elected clerk, and charged the pastor, Rev. Milton Reid charged the congregation, Elder Walser Penland. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. Howard Wilson, from Abingdon Presbytery, brother of the pastor-elect, from the text, Heb. 2:13. Dr. Fred S. McCorkle, from Knoxville Presbytery, led the congregation in prayer before the sermon.

After the ordination service the congregation came to the altar and gave the pastor-elect, Rev. Ernest Wilson, the right hand of fellowship. The benediction was pronounced by the new pastor.

The meeting of the Commission was closed with prayer, after the reading of the minutes.

John S. Yelton, *Clerk.*

Holston Presbytery Property

The Presbytery directed the Trustees of the Presbytery to legally organize, and, together with the Home Mission Committee, to list all the property, whose title is in the Presbytery, and submit such list to the next meeting of the Presbytery.

Courtesy

The Rev. McCoy Franklin, Knoxville Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Assembly Training School

An oral report was made by the Rev. W. H. McCorkle, on the campaign for the Assembly's Training School, with a message brought by Mrs. Robert H. Morrison, a graduate of the school and Director of Religious Education of the First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport. Literature was distributed in the Presbytery, and the Presbytery was requested to observe the special emphasis period for the school, October 1-November 10.

Order of the Day

It was made the first order of the day, following lunch, to hear the Rev. T. P. Johnston speak for King College.

Assembly's Minutes

The Committee on the Assembly's minutes reported that it found nothing in the minutes that calls for the action of the Presbytery.

Stewardship and Finance

The report of the Committee on Stewardship and Finance was read, received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery heard from the Rev. D. C. Amick on the progress of Stewardship, from Elder J. D. Faucette on tithing, from Elder Tufts on the need of an adequate support for the Grandfather Home for Children, and the Rev. T. M. Johnston on the need of sacrifice in the fulfillment of our Stewardship. The recommendations were considered seriatim and the report, as a whole, adopted. The report is as follows:

Stewardship and Finance

Your Committee on Stewardship submits the following report on Giving, Promotion and Recommendations:

I. Giving for the Year 1939-40

We wish to call attention to the increase in giving to the benevolent causes of $2,884.00 last year over the year before. This increase for the most part going to Foreign Missions

and educational institutions. The per capita giving for Benevolences for the Assembly, The Synod and the Presbytery is as follows:

	1938-39	1939-40
Assembly	$6.51	$6.36
Synod	6.11	5.48
Presbytery	3.50	3.62

Although there was a small increase last year, yet the per capita giving in Holston Presbytery was .87 less than Abingdon and $1.86 less than Asheville Presbyteries.

II. Promotion

In spite of the exceptionally bad weather during the canvas period, the Stewardship Committee and churches were very faithful in promoting the Every-Member-Canvass. Although there was a decline in the thoroughness of the Every-Member-Canvass, we are glad to report an increase of $1,484.00 in the total pledges for Benevolences from the churches. Contract by mail and personal visits were made to all the churches of the Presbytery. 11 conferences and church meetings were held under the direction of the Stewardship Committee. For the most part these were well attended.

III. Recommendations

1. That the Presbytery accept $17,000.00 of the $19,000.00 Askings by the Synod. The actual giving to Assembly and Synodical causes last year was $14,980.00.

2. That the total budget for the year 1941-42 be set at $35,000.00 and that this amount be apportioned as follows: Assembly's causes, $17,000.00 to be apportioned by the Central Treasurer of Benevolences as nearly as possible as the General Assembly directs; Synod's Causes, $4,500.

Presbytery's Causes, $13,500.

3. That the amount apportioned the causes and the percentages for Assembly's Synod and Presbytery be as follows:

Assembly's Causes	$17,000			
Foreign Mission		$ 9,000	24 %	
Home Missions		4,500	13	
C. E. & Ministerial Relief		2,[illegible]00	6	
Religious Education		700	2	
Assembly's Training School		200	0.5	
Bible Cause		200	0.5	46%
Synod's Causes	$ 4,500			
Synod's Work		500	2	
Religious Education		500	2	
King College		3,500	10	14%
Presbytery's Causes	$13,500			
Home Missions		10,000	30	
Orphan's Home		3,500	10	40%
		$35,000	100%	100%

4. That one-half per cent of the 2% assigned to Cause of Religious Education in Synod and Presbytery be assigned for the use of Religious Education in the Presbytery.

5. That the budget of $35,000.00 be apportioned among the churches as fairly as possible on the basis of giving and membership. The following apportionments are made for the year 1941-42:

Church	Gave 1939-40	Pledged 1940-41	Asking 1941-42
Arcadia	$47.00	No Canvass	$ 50.00
Banner Elk	483.00	$ 258.00	400.00
Blaine		No Canvass	25.00
Blountville	601.00	600.00	700.00
Bristol First	5,256.00	5,277.00	8,000.00
Buladean	13.00	No Canvass	50.00
Cold Spring	679.00	450.00	450.00
Cove Creek	204.00	150.00	200.00
Crossnore	248.00	108.00	300.00
Ebenezer	49.00	25.00	25.00
Estatoa	28.00	25.00	50.00
Grassy Creek	45.00	35.00	50.00
Gray's Chapel	46.00	25.00	25.00
Harris Memorial	52.00	40.00	50.00
Hughes	74.00	13.00	25.00
Jefferson City	419.00	400.00	500.00
Johnson City	4,286.00	6,000.00	8,000.00
Kingsport	6,469.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Leesburg	121.00	54.00	150.00
Mary Andrews Chapel	34.00	25.00	25.00
Meadow Creek	137.00	150.00	150.00
Micaville	39.00	25.00	100.00
Mooresburg	64.00	12.00	25.00

Morristown	3,989.00	2,500.00	4,000.00
New Bethel	269.00	250.00	300.00
Newdale	48.00	40.00	50.00
New Ebenezer	94.00	75.00	100.00
Newland	182.00	100.00	150.00
Newport	719.00	670.00	600.00
New Providence	417.00	240.00	300.00
Paint Gap	86.00	50.00	50.00
Paperville	39.00	37.00	50.00
Pineola	187.00	100.00	100.00
Plumtree	72.00	116.00	100.00
Providence	62.00	50.00	50.00
Rheatown	50.00	55.00	75.00
Roan's Chapel	80.00	45.00	50.00
Rogersville	3,543.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
Rumple Memorial	140.00	441.00	200.00
Russ Memorial		50.00	50.00
Russellville	54.00	67.00	50.00
Rutledge	59.00	75.00	75.00
Smoky Mountain	3.00	25.00	25.00
Spruce Pine	170.00	300.00	300.00
Thomas Memorial	380.00	104.00	200.00
Tiger Creek	18.00		50.00
Vance Memorial	33.00	100.00	100.00
Vians Valley	22.00	13.00	50.00
Weavers	80.00	111.00	150.00
Whitesburg	42.00	25.00	25.00
White Pine	60.00	75.00	50.00
Windsor Ave.	553.00	250.00	600.00
Strawberry Plains	101.00	100.00	100.00

6. That $400.00 of the amount assigned to Bristol, First be apportioned to Fairmont.

7. That Pastors and Churches be urged to give careful attention to the Assembly's Stewardship Report in the Assembly's Minutes.

8. That Sunday, March 16, 1941, be observed as Every-Member-Canvass Sunday when every church shall endeavor to lead each member to record his plans for giving to the work of the church during the year.

9. That Sunday, March 30, 1941, be designated as "Pay-Up Day" when all members are urged to complete the payment of their pledges, so that treasurers will have time to make final remittances before books are closed.

10. That a sum not to exceed $75.00 for promotion expenses of the Stewardship Committee be provided by the treasurer of Presbytery.

11. That the churches be urged to strive to increase their support to orphanage by cash and produce to an amount of at least $1.00 per member.

12. That the Presbytery of Holston sympathizes with the Presbytery of Abingdon in the loss by fire, of their Orphan's Home and the Presbytery authorizes the Board of Trustees of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, if the way be clear, to offer the facilities of Grandfathers Orphan Home to Abingdon Presbytery for the care of their orphans.

13. As all ministers who do not enter the Minister Annunity Fund by April 1, 1941 loose their prior service credit. The Presbytery directs the Home Mission Committee to take care of its part in the Minister's Annunity Fund for all Home Mission pastors who will enter the plan.

14. That The Presbytery of Holston overture the General Assembly to provide for the inclusion of the amounts contributed by the churches to the local Home Missions and outpost work in the Benevolent Columns.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman.*

Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary.*

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. T. M. Johnston, on, "What the Southern Presbyterian Church Believes about the Inspiration of the Scriptures," based on II Peter 1:1921. The Presbytery ordered the Stated-Clerk to have the Presbyterial Sermon printed in the Minutes of the Presbytery, and sent to the Church paper.

"What the Southern Presbyterian Church Believes About the Inspiration of the Scriptures"

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn and the day-star arise in your hearts: knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy

came not in old time by the will of man; but Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Peter 1:19-21.

Our subject this morning is, "What the Southern Presbyterian Church Believes About the Inspiration of the Scriptures." That was not the original subject assigned for this sermon, nor am I the original preacher asked to present it. Dr. Thomas Hill, until recently of the King College faculty, and now of Southwestern, was asked to preach upon, "Our Views of the Inspiration of the Scriptures, according to Hodge, Dabney, Warfield, and Thornwell." With all my heart I wish he were here to do it. I would gladly have paid his fare from Memphis to Stony Point and back again if that would have brought him! One wonders if this assignment did not have some weight in his decision to move five-hundred miles away!

It was a tremendous subject. It is still a tremendous one though the names of distinguished theologians might have disappeared from its title. For its tremendousness was not all in the presence of Dabney, Hodge, Thorwell, and Warfield, but partly, at least, in that it deals with the very life and core of our faith—with the Inspiration of the Scriptures. All students of His Word know the difficulty of expressing the deep things of God. May His Spirit of truth guard us from error this morning, and set a watch about our lips that nothing amiss be said.

There is a line that must be drawn. Let's make it clear and distinct as we begin. It is what you may expect as the source considered as the authority for what standards and belief of our Church. If we are to discuss what our Church believes about the Inspiration of the Scriptures, it is evident that we must, first of all, have some authority capable of speaking for our Church, and setting before us what the Church believes. Our task is, therefore, not to invent an authority. Certainly it is not to set ourselves up as authority; but rather to accept, and in this sermon, to enlarge upon the brief expressions of the Inspiration of the Scriptures of which our Church has repeatedly voiced its approval. Those expressions are found, of course, in the Westminster Confession of Faith. There are ten paragraphs in that confession that concern the Church's belief about the Scriptures. Their importance is emphasized when

we find them at the beginning of the work. We open the book, and there it is; Page 1, Chapter 1, entitled, "Of the Holy Scriptures." Of course we shall not discuss the ten articles or paragraphs as such. They merely serve as the background and authority for what our Church believes.

Let no one think we are setting the Confession above the Scriptures themselves. There has never been a document more true to the Scriptures, more steeped in the Scriptures, more reverent in the presence of the Scriptures, more dependent upon the Scriptures, or giving more glory to the Scriptures than our Confession of Faith. Those Westminster Divines would have been the last ones to have us place their work above the authority of the Bible. Their work was but the gathering of Scriptural ideas.

In the truest sense, when we speak of what we believe through the Confession about the Scriptures, we are speaking of what the Scriptures say and believe about Themselves. The Scriptures do not stand or fall upon their loyalty to the Confession. That great document does stand or fall upon its loyalty to the Scriptures. So back of it all, and I trust through all this sermon will be as a primary source the Bible itself. This lays no claim at being a scholarly presentation, nor is it exhaustive. There are things we believe about the Scriptures which we will have no time to say. We shall consider three outstanding beliefs. We have tried to steep ourselves in the two authorities mentioned, and where possible have sought light when the way seemed dark.

Let me say something about the Scriptural word which I have placed before the sermon as a text. I am frank to say it is not the best text which might have been chosen as stating the germ of what I shall say. It will, however, lead us straight into the first heading of our thoughts, but even that is not the reason for choosing it. It is II Peter 1:19-21: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn and the day-star arise in your hearts: knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." It is the thrill of it, and what those words must have meant to Peter that made me put them there as a text. If I understand Peter right here, he is speaking of the assurance which is His concerning the eternal verities of his faith, and of the positiveness of his belief in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. He said he followed no cunningly devised fable. He said he was an eye-witness of the majesty of Jesus. He reminded them he was present in the mount and heard the very voice of God break through the clouds and say, "This is my beloved Son." He said he was with Christ in the Holy Mount and heard that. We can imagine no more convincing proof of the Lordship of Christ than to have been with Him when God spoke. Surely nothing could be more convincing than that. Peter said *there is* something more convincing. For immediately he said, "We have also a more sure word." "A more sure word, Simon?" "A more sure word." It is the words of Prophecy. Not Prophecy in the sense of foretelling, but Prophecy in the sense of God speaking through the prophet, God's man. Even more meaningful than the brief experience of the Holy Mount, even more impressive than the voice of God Himself in that one instance, was the voice of God through many centuries, speaking through many men. It was not a voice that spoke but a single word, but a voice that spoke many times through the long watches of the night; a voice that broke through the clouds of national decay, and national God-forsaking; a voice that broke through the mists of sin, not once, but many times; a voice that broke through despair and helplessness, and each time uttered some sure word of God. Simon said that word through all the ages, upholding men, claiming men, convicting men, pointing men to Christ, is a more sure word than the brief sentence spoken in the mount. It is the word that will shine out of darkness, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in our hearts. When you think of what a cherished experience Peter must have had with Jesus, James, and John, Moses, and Elijah, and the very voice of God; when you realize how it must have settled his soul countless times, and given him courage; and then when you hear him say that Scripture and prophecy is a more convincing experience—well, I think you can understand why that thrilling word found its way to the top of the page.

As we go on with the text, we come upon the Scriptural background of the first thing our Church believes about the Inspiration of the Scriptures. Peter said the prophecy

came not by the will of man, but Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. The Church believes, first of all, that THE SCRIPTURES ARE INSPIRED. The Old Testament...and the New Testament...being immediately inspired by God, and by His singular care and providence kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentical," is the way our Confessions runs. After naming the books of the Testaments it concludes,..."all of which are given by inspiration of God to be the rule of faith and life." In saying this the Confession is but acting as the champion for the truth the Scriptures Themselves state. Not only in our text but in other passages, Simon Peter makes it plain; "This Scripture," said he before Pentecost, "must needs be fulfilled which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake." St. Paul is brutally cruel to those who deny the inspiration, but he is bread and meat to those who find God's Word in the Scripture, when he says, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." Jesus Himself said, "The Scriptures cannot be broken," plainly because they are of God, and God is ever true. The old prophets thundered out, "Thus saith the Lord." It is found about six-hundred times in their writings. Someone reminds us, "Therefore we suppose," a favorite expression of science, is found about an equal number of times in the writings of Charles Darwin. If it comes to the place, as it has and will again, when we must choose between the Word of the Lord and "therefore we suppose," let us choose the Word of God and agree with Darwin that the other is supposition! The Scriptures are inspired by God. The Church believes it because the Bible asserts it.

Let's break that simple statement down and see what goes into it. Back of the fact of the inspiration must be acknowledged certain characteristics as belonging to God. I shall mention only two of them. First, God must be something more than the unconscious Ground of all things, someone more than the Great Unknown, or the Urge of the Universe. Miss Sackville West has written a biography of St. Joan of Arc. It is a fascinating book until one comes upon the credal statement of the author. She says God can be called, "A pure Mathematician," and furthermore, "without any reason necessarily, to identify that force with our own human conceptions of good and evil." I could not resist putting there in the margin a meaningful "ugh." Such an idea could never fathom the personal God of the Maid of Orleans. Nor can such an idea of God go hand in hand

with a God that is necessary to convey His thoughts to men. Back of the inspiration of the Scriptures is a personal, living spirit. The second characteristic of God is that this personal, living Spirit is capable of communicating His thoughts to men. When these characteristics are put together, you have the main ingredients necessary of inspiration. "Inspiration is the influence of the Holy Spirit on the minds of certain select men, which rendered them the organs of God for the infallible communication of His mind and will." Dr. Charles Hodge has at last caught up with us! The definition is his.

The Church believes these men so wrought upon by the Holy Ghost were, nevertheless, men—men with personalities not automats. We believe they were not less men because they were moved by the Spirit, but better men for the Spirit's indwelling. We believe God used these men as His living organs, not as His impersonal instruments. "When God ordains praise out of the mouth of babes, they must speak as babes," or else the praise is meaningless. We believe that pen-men wrote out of the fullness of their own feelings, and employed the language most natural. We do not believe in the dictation of the Bible with men as mechanical dictaphones.

We do believe in the inspiration of it. We believe the thought they wrote and spoke was first a part of themselves, that before they dared indicate the knowledge to others, it had first become the set of their own souls toward God. In other words they did not say, "Thus saith the Lord," and then add in parenthesis, " I'm quite sure God said this, but personally I don't believe it!" They believed God's Word. That happened before they dared write it.

Furthermore, our Church believes that all of the Bible is inspired. Here it is necessary to distinguish between revelation and inspiration. Revelation concerns knowledge. Inspiration concerns infallibility. The object of revelation is to make wiser. The object of inspiration is to keep from error. Our Church believes the whole Bible is equally inspired, but it does not believe there is an equal distribution of revelation. For instance, the Book of Chronicles is inspired, and so is St. John's Gospel, but the Book of Chronicles has far less heavenly vision in it. Yet both are inspired. Chronicles is as free from error as John. It is

as authoritative in its realm as John is in its reaches. We might better do without Chronicles, it's true. Just so we might choose to lose a foot rather than a head, but the loss of a foot would nevertheless, make us lame!

Our Confession says all things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike plain unto all. But for that matter, the words of Jesus were not equally understood by the disciples. Lack of understanding can be seen upon their faces. Now and again they broke out petuantly, "What is this that he said unto us?" Or again, "Many, therefore, of his disciples, when they heard this said, This is a hard saying, who can hear it?" But in spite of it they followed on, and they soon forgot that which they did not understand in the sheer joy of being alive with Him, and in grasping the things they could understand clearly. Thus our Confession continues: "Yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed, and observed for salvation, are so clearly propounded or opened, in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in the due use of ordinary means, may attain unto a sufficient understanding of them."

The whole if it is inspired, for the whole of it is true. The apparent discrepancies (our Church admits the presence of them) are nevertheless no symbols of disorder, nor tokens of mistake. The full truth of it; the wholeness of its inspiration; its poetry; its vision; its biography; its history; its prophecy; its fact—all of it so wonderfully true and so wonderfully speaking the Word of God. Explain it? Perhaps not all of it. Understand all of it? Surely not. Fathom its mysteries? There are depths we shall never sound and veils we shall never remove. But let our hearts forget their power to feel, and our lips their words to frame, if we ever come to *doubt it!* We believe it is God's last Word, from which no subtraction shall be made, nor to which shall additions be accepted. Because it is inspired, we believe it shall last, and out last all other authority, and go into some forever gloriously fulfilled.

Let me deal much less at length with the second and third broad headings of our belief about the Scriptures. First, there is the fact of the inspiration and what we mean by it, and what is included in it. Now secondly, our Church believes the Inspiration of the Bible is a necessity if men are

to know salvation. The reason is plain; salvation is of God. Furthermore this salvation of God must be revealed to men, if they are to grasp it. It is no natural salvation; it is revealed. The revelation must be free of error. The inspired Word is not necessary to know the fact of God. There is a theology that is natural. Men look at the world and find the print of His hand on the trees, and the marks of His feet where He has walked in their gardens.

"A garden is a lovely thing, God wot;
Fringed pool—rose plot—ferned grot.
And yet the fool contends that God is not.
Not God! In gardens when the eve is cool?
Nay, but I have a sign;
'Tis very sure God walks in mine."

God's hand is in the world, but you don't see the nail in the hand until you come to Him through His Word. The chieftain confessed that he felt God when he walked among the trees at night. The savage was sure he had know Him all along, only he didn't know His name. But the little child, learning to name the Name that is above every name, and honoring the heart's response, sings ever so earnestly, "Jesus loves me, this I know." And there is a difference! So St. Paul boldly declared that the Gosepl which he preached was not a man-made thing, nor could it by man be discerned, but it was of God and he had received it through the revelation of Christ. There is salvation in no other name. Only God could give us that Name, and that Word made Flesh, and only He could rid the record of mistakes. We believe the Scriptures most necessary to our faith. Men are not saved through belief in God. The devils do as much. Men are saved through faith in Christ, therefore "these are written that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye may have life in His name."

Thirdly, our Church believes that while the inspiration of the Scriptures is a fact, regardless of what men may think of them, they are not sufficient unto salvation until the Holy Spirit interprets them to our hearts. Our Confession states, "Nevertheless we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary to the saving, understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word."

We believe the Holy Spirit in the heart of the believer is necessary before the light of salvation can dawn upon a sinful soul. "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God, that we might know the things which are freely given to us of God." If the Spirit of God working in the hearts of men is the Author of this Book, likewise His Spirit can best interpret it. The natural man cannot understand the things of the Spirit.

These things our Church believes concerning the inspiration of the Scriptures. How perilous to doubt its authority! It is tragedy to be unfamiliar with its truth. Failure and cynicism can be traced to a lack of its knowledge. Those people who came to Jesus (in jest, of course,) asking that foolish question about the woman who married seven brothers and wondering about the ensuing mix-up in Heaven—how Jesus withered their cleverness. "Ye do greatly err," he said in part, "for ye know not the Scriptures." Wrong attitudes toward Christ would be straightened out if we came to Him through the Book that tells His story: "For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers because they knew Him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath Day, they have fulfilled them in condemning Him." Sorrow and grief might receive a boundless hope if we knew the Scriptures. When Jesus was crucified, and the disciples were so sure all was lost, the evangelist gave meaning to their tears: "For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that he must rise again." The Bible is a living Book. It best lives when put in the midst of living issues. It lights the way for the traveller, brushes tears from eyes, and shows the wayfarer a place called "home." Be not afraid to use it, for the Sword of the Spirit is not dulled.

Many years ago, so a lovely story says, a crusader started in boundless enthusiasm for the Holy Land to help rescue Jerusalem from the infidel. His name was Gilbert A-Becket. He did little fighting for he was captured by a warlike chieftain and locked in the tower for safekeeping. The daughter of the chieftain fell in love with him and he with her. She managed to let him escape. Before he left he made her promise she would come to him as soon as she could. He taught her two English words, "London," and "A-Becket." Presently she slipped away to go to him. She went

to the coast and tried to make them understand. She had a hard time of it. Over and over again she said, "London", "London," "London," until they put her on a ship for England. Arriving in England she made her way to London. There she began using the other word. She would grasp sleeves of passersby and say, "A-Becket, A-Becket, A-Becket?" Finally someone she said it to knew young Gilbert A-Becket and took her to him. They were married. She had known only a word or so but they led her to her heart's desire. Now—"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

On the day I reached manhood, I received as a gift a copy of these inspired Scriptures—or rather, a portion of them. Upon the fly-leaf of the volume were written most appropriate lines. They were put there and the volume was given me by one who twenty-one years before had also given me life.

"What can a mother give her children,
Greater today than this one great thing,
Faith in an old sweet, beautiful story,
A star—a stable—a new-born King?

"Carry it high, like a lamp in the darkness;
Keep it for warmth, when the soul grows cold;
Hold it for joy, when youth goes singing;
Clasp it for peace when you are old.

"What can a mother give her children,
Greater today than this one great thing?
Take it, my dear one, hold it forever;
A lamp for your life-time—Faith in Him."

And so I have—and shall. Knowing that those things written so long ago in His Word, "were written for our leaning that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, might have hope;" and knowing, too, that it is good to give heed to them, "as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts."

END

Sermon preached before Holston Presbytery October 8, 1940. By Rev. T. M. Johnston, Rogersville, Tennessee.

Standing Committees

Committee on Bills and Overtures:

Rev. W. H. McCorkle, Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. M. J. Murray, Elder, Lesley Newland.

Committee on Minutes of Presbytery:

Rev. E. F. Camp, Rev. D. F. Waddell, Elder R. A. Peake.

Committee on Minutes of General Assembly:

Rev. R. A. Brown, Rev. T. M. Johnston, Elder, S. P. Miller.

Committee on Nominations:

Rev. John Rhea, Rev. C. M. Brown, Elder, J. D. Faucette.

Committee on Resolutions:

Rev. Ernest Wilson, Rev. D. C. Amick, Elder, Clay Neas.

The Presbytery took recess until 1 P. M., after prayer by the Rev. Dan Graham.

Second Day—Afternoon Session

The Presbytery reconvened at 1 P. M., with prayer by the Rev. T. P. Johnston.

King College

The Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. T. P. Johnston, President of King College, on the good year at King College and the need of the Presbytery to shoulder its share of the Synod's debt, incurred for King College.

Harmony Chapel

A petition was read, requesting the Presbytery to appoint a Commission to organize a Church, if the way be clear, in the Harmony Chapel section, on the Reedy Creek road, near Kingsport. The request was granted, and the

following Commission appointed: *Ministers*—John S. Yelton, Chairman, W. H. McCorkle, Dan H. Graham, and A. R. Buffalo; *Elders*—R. L. Peters, Kingsport; Rhea Anderson, Blountville, and Leslie Newland, Arcadia.

Church Builders League

The following amendments were made to the constitution and by-laws of the Church Builders' League:

a. That all requests for aid from the League be made through the chairman in writing, and have the approval of the Home Mission Committee.

b. That Home Mission Workers on the pay roll of the Committee are requested not to make solicitation for funds for their work within, or without, the bounds of the Presbytery, without first getting the consent of the Home Mission Committee.

Candidates for the Ministry

The Presbytery took the following action concerning candidates for the ministry:

Just now when no candidate for the ministry, under our Presbytery, is in any other Theological Seminary other than Seminaries of our Church, and we can therefore establish a policy free from personalities, the Presbytery now fixes a policy that when any candidate attends a Seminary other than our own, there shall be a recess of our care during that time. We do this because we have adequate Seminaries, and because it is awkward to exercise authority or give intelligent counsel when candidates are in other Seminaries.

Evangelism

The following report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and adopted:

We begin our report on evangelism by expressing our thanks to God for His blessing upon our denomination during the past year. There was a 20% increase over the previous year, the number added on confession being for the year 25,513. The net gain in the total membership of the church was 20,813 as compared with a gain of13,540 in 1939. In this connec' on we desire to voice our appreciation to our Assembly Chairman, Dr. D. W. Richardson for his wise,

zealous leadership of the Church in this renewed zeal for evangelism, and also to our Synodical Chairman, Rev. R. D. Bedinger for his untiring, effective service. Nor would we fail to take grateful recognition of the genuine interest manifested by many of our pastors and congregations in rising up with a splendid enthusiasm to meet the challenge that has been issued to bear telling witness for our Savior.

Lest we be disposed to feel satisfied with the accomplishments of the year we may well remind ourselves that there were more than 1,000 churches in our Assembly that reported no accession on confession of faith; also that there were many pastors and congregations that apparently took no notice of the fact that there was an evangelistic crusade being sponsored by the general church. Something else that was at least in part responsible for the increase in additions to the church for the year should not be overlooked lest we attribute too much credit to the new interest abroad in the church, and that was the unusual occurrence of two Easter seasons within the past church year, a time of normal ingathering, while there will be no Easter season within this church year.

The following churches had no accessions by profession of faith in Christ:

Tiger's Creek, Mooresburg, Russellville, White Pine, Buladean, Russ Memorial, Grassy Creek, Shull's Mill, Blowing Rock, Blaine, Strawberry Plains, Meadow Creek. For at least a good part of the year all of these churches were without a pastor. The increase in additions for the entire Presbytery over last year was ————

As we turn from the past year to the current year we would call the attention to several things stressed in the literature gotten out by the General Assembly's Permanent Committee on Evangelism: Evangelism is the primary task of the Church; the most vital need of our country and of the nations of the world is a moral and spiritual revival; that individuals are failing and churches are failing the Lord if they are not winning people to Him. The Lord makes it very clear in His Word how we may be effective witnesses in leading people to know Him in the forgiveness of sin. To the end that we may more fully yield ourselves to the program of the Lord for us we make the following recommendations:

That a meeting be held in the near future.

That a time and place to be stated by Commission on Evangelization.

That at this meeting of the Presbytery we engage in a conference on evangelism, seeking therein to determine what efforts of the past year proved beneficial and wherein we did not meet with success and blessing; also that we respond to the recommendation of the Assembly's Committee that retreats of ministers and church officers be held for prayer and testimony, and the study of evangelistic motives and methods;

That each church within the Presbytery set aside a special meeting for the consideration of the local church's program of evangelism for the year, and an effort be made to secure the commitment of each member of the session to taking an active part in that program; and that there be a joint conference of church officers, Sunday School officers and teachers, Woman's Auxiliary officers, officers of Men's and Young Peoples' organizations; and an effort made to promote a renewed evangelistic effort on the part of the whole church;

That we lay upon the consciences of our people the importance of church attendance, and seek to employ the interested in winning the uninterested to attendance and to a greater loyalty to the church and to Christ;

That ministers address ourselves to a new devotion to prayer and Bible study, and seek with complete reliance upon the Holy Spirit's guidance to lead our people to follow us in this new dedication to the Word and to prayer;

That we ministers follow as closely as convenient the suggested program outlined by the Assembly's Committee and that preach with all the earnestness of our being on the great doctrines of God's truth revealing His compassionate heart for lost men.

John W. Young.

Nominations

The following report of the Committee on Nomination was read and adopted:

Stewardship and Finances: T. M. Johnston. Replacing Dr. H. H. Thompson.

Rev. D. F. Waddell to preach the Presbyterial sermon. Subject: "The Decrees of God."

John Rhea, *Chairman.*

Foreign Missions

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read, received, and, pending its adoption. The Presbytery heard an address on Korea, from the Rev. L. T. Newland, Kwangju, Korea. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee reports as follows:

There has been little change in the general conditions prevailing in our mission fields, since the beginning of this church year. Japan has moved still farther in the direction of totalitarianism, but our work there has suffered no radical change, so far. The war has necessitated the changing of travel to and from Africa, from the European route to a Pacific route, which is longer and more expensive.

Encouraging Features

The receipts of our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions for the first five months of our church year are $8,228.28 more than the same part of the previous year.

Twenty-five new missionaries have been assigned to our Missions Fields, most of these have already sailed, the rest will sail soon. These make a very welcome reinforcement to our depleted force of workers, 16 of whom we have recently lost by retirement, death, and other causes.

A very encouraging fact is the comtemplated men for Missions, Committee, an outgrowth of the Laymen's Missionary Convention held in Montreat, N. C., last August. A committee whose goal is to be a million dallars for Foreign Missions during this church year. If this amount can be raised, it will make possible the following necessary achievements:

1. The sending to our Foreign Fields, thirty new missionaries, who are desperately needed.

2. The payment of our Foreign Mission Debt, now amounting to $176,000.

3. That our churches observe the Week of Prayer and Stations.

4. A contribution of $50,000 for the relief of 4,000 stranded European Missionaries, in danger of starvation. A request made of us by the North American Conference Foreign Missions.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That our pastors stress the fact that this is a time of unparalleled opportunities for service in our Foreign Fields. We must go forward, in order to counteract paganisms and the efforts of totalitarianism to throttle mission work.

2. That our churches, including their organizations observe the joint Foreign and Home Mission Study Season, Jan. 1-Feb. 9, 1940, using the highly approved study book, "Sent From God" by Dr. M. Tutzke.

3. That our churches observe the Week of Prayer and Self Denial for Foreign and Home Missions, and that supplemental offering be made, which are to be apportioned 60 per cent to Foreign Missions and 40 per cent to Home Missions.

4. That where possible our churches, organizations, and individuals assume either shares in the support of the missionaries, or shares in the support of mission stations.

5. That an offering be now taken in the Presbytery for Foreign Missions, to be sent in the name of the New Providence Church.

6. That we extend to the Rev. L. T. Newland our appreciation of his interesting and inspiring address, and our thanks to the Executive Committee for sending him to the Presbytery.

7. That the Presbytery be now led in prayer for our Foreign Missions, by the Rev. G. T. Newland.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Young, *Chairman.*

The Presbytery engaged in a season of prayer for the Rev. L. T. Newland and his work. The offering, in the Presbytery, for Foreign Missions, amounted to $21.60.

Minister's Annuity Fund

An oral report was made, by the Rev. W. H. McCorkle, Chairman of the Committee on the Minister's Annuity, urging the Ministers, not yet participating in the Fund, to enter the Fund at the earliest possible time. The thought was expressed that the universal participation in the plan, over the church, would make it possible for the ministers of the small churches, unable to lay by in store for retirement, to have a surety of support in their old age.

Abingdon Presbytery

A telegram was sent to the Stated Clerk of Abingdon Presbytery, the Rev. F. J. Brooke, Jr., expressing sympathy with the Presbytery, on account of the loss, by fire, of its Orphanage, and offering the facilities of the Grandfather Home for Children, so far as needed and the facilities are adequate.

Minutes

Your Committee on Minutes of Presbytery having examined the minutes of the spring meeting make the following recommendations:

1. That the minutes be appraised.

2. That more care be exercised in the spelling of proper names.

E. F. Camp, Chairman.

Commissioners—General Assembly

The Commissioners to the last General Assembly reported their attendance, and their diligence was commended.

The following were nominated Commissioners to the next General Assembly:

Ministers—Rev. T. M. Johnston; *alternate*, Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. Robert King; *alternate*, Rev. J. S. Yelton. Rev. D. C. Amick; alternate, Rev. A. R. Buffalo.

Elders—Chas. Gray, Weavers; *alternate*, Arden King, New Bethel; Rhea Anderson, Blountville; *alternate*, R. L. Peters, Kingsport; Phil McAfee, Johnson City; *alternate*, C. D. Thomas, Cold Spring.

Spring Meeting

New Bethel Presbyterian Church, Piney Flats, Tenn.

April 14, 1941, at 7:30 P. M. (E. S. T.)

Resolutions of Thanks

The following resolutions of thanks was adopted, by a rising vote:

The Committee on Resolutions presents the following report:

In behalf of the Presbytery, your committee wishes to express its deep appreciation to the people of the Stony Point Church for their most gracious hospitality and royal entertainment extended to us during this session of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Ernest Wilson, *Chairman.*

The Minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by the Moderator to meet in Stated Meeting.

A. K. Dudley, *Moderator*

Rhea Anderson, *Stated Clerk.*

W. C. Young, *Permanent Clerk.*

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Permanent Clerk—The Rev. W. C. Young, Whitesburg, Tenn.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Secretary of Stewardship—The Rev. D. C. Amick, Newport, Tenn.

Supt. of Home Missions—The Rev. John S. Yelton, Stoney Point, Tenn.

Representative on Synod's Committee on Minister and His Work—The Rev. S. H. Hay, Morristown, Tenn.

Permanent Committees

1) *Executive Committee of Presbytery's Home Missions*—Ministers: S. H. Hay, T. P. Johnston, D. C. Amick, H. H. Thompson, Robert King, R. A. Brown, Wm. H. McCorkle, T. M. Johnston, Dan H. Graham. Elders: J. D. Faucette, *Chairman:* Frank Taylor, *Secretary and Treasurer:* George M. Smith, Rod Armstrong, R. M. Burleson, D. R. Beeson, R. L. Peters, E. D. Bowditch.

Note: Elders are appointed on the following committees at the meeting of Presbytery at which the committee makes its Report:

2) *Foreign Missions*—Rev. W. C. Young, *Chairman:* Rev. Robert King.

3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Rev. A. K. Dudley, *Chairman:* Rev. John W. Young.

4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman:* Rev. D. C. Amick, Rev. T. M. Johnston.

5) *Religious Education*—Rev. T. M. Johnston, *Chairman:* Rev. W. H. McCorkle.

6) *Bible Cause*—Rev. J. A. Boyd, *Chairman:* Rev. Dan Graham.

7) *Stewardship and Finance*—Rev. A. R. Craig, *Chairman:* Rev. D. C. Amick, *Secretary:* Rev. H. H. Thompson, Rev. Dan H. Graham.

8) *Woman's Work*—Rev. E. F. Camp, *Chairman:* Rev. R. A. Brown.

9) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. Robt. King, *Chairman.*

10) *Assembly's Training School*—Rev. R. A. Brown, *Chairman:* Rev. Jno. I. Rhea.

11) *Evangelism*—Rev. H. H. Thompson, *Chairman:* Rev. John Martin, Rev. J. W. Young.

12) *Educational Institutions*—Rev. John S. Yelton, *Chairman:* Rev. Ralph Llewellyn, Rev. R. A. Brown.

13) *Sessional Records*—Rev. John I. Rhea, *Chairman:* Rev. Ira W. Rawles, Rev. A. R. Buffalo.

14) *Program*—Stated Clerk and pastor of the church entertaining Presbytery. (Rhea Anderson and the Rev. John I. Rhea, Fall, 1941).

Examining Committees

1) *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator and the Rev. W. H. McCorkle and Rev. W. C. Young.

2) *Theology and Thesis*—The Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hay and H. H. Thompson.

3) *Church Government and Sacraments* — The Rev. Messrs. T. P. Johnston, Robert King, and John Martin.

4) *Popular Lecture*—The Rev. D. C. Amick.

5) *Scriptural Exegesis*—The Rev. Messrs. R. A. Brown, Robert Yost, and T. W. Clapp.

Trustees

1) *Holston Presbytery*—Messrs. J. R. Simmonds, Arthur W. King, and H. H. Tittsworth.

2) *Edgar Tufts Memorial Association*—Rev. Robert King, 1942; Rev. D. C. Amick, 1942; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1945; F. H. Stinson, 1944; J. L. Gray, 1942; E. H. Tufts, 1943; Sam H. Anderson, 1944.

3) *Plumtree School for Boys* — Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1942; Charles Hughes, 1942; Edgar Tufts, J. D. Faucette, Rev. D. C. Amick, 1942; Rev. E. F. Camp, D. R. Beeson, W. D. McSween, 1940.

4) *Minister and His Work*—Rev. S. H. Hay, *Chairman,* 1942; Rev. H. H. Thompson, 1944; Rev. Robt. King, 1942; J. L. Gray, 1943; S. H. Anderson, 1943.

5) Bertha King Memorial, *Trustee.*

Will Jones and George Warren, Piney Flats, Tenn., were added as additional Trustees.

CALLED MEETING

Johnson City, Tenn., Nov. 14, 1940.

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, Holston Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., Nov. 14, 1940, at 2:30 P. M., E. S. T. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, and opened with prayer by the Rev. J. S. Yelton.

The following were present: Ministers—D. C. Amick, J. A. Boyd, R. A. Brown, E. F. Camp, A. K. Dudley, S. H. Hay, T. M. Johnston, T. P. Johnston, Robert King, M. J. Murray, W. H. McCorkle, H. H. Thompson, J. S. Yelton, and W. C. Young. Ruling Elders—Banner Elk, F. H. Stinson; Bristol First, J. D. Faucette; Johnson City First, Joe Melans; Rogersville, Rod Armstrong.

Call

The following Call was read, and found in order:

Nov. 1, 1940.

Holston Presbytery is duly called to meet, in Called Meeting, in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., on Nov. 14, 1940, at 2:30 P. M., E. S. T., to act on the resignation of the Rev. M. J. Murray, to dismiss him to Wilmington Presbytery, and to act on any other business growing out of the above.

A. K. Dudley, *Moderator*,
per Rhea Anderson, *Clerk*.

Rev. M. J. Murray

The Rev. M. J. Murray offered his resignation, as Pastor of the Banner Elk Church, and asked that the pastoral relationship be dissolved, effective Nov. 17, 1940.

The Banner Elk Church concurring in the request, the pastoral relationship was dissolved, effective Nov. 17, 1940. The Banner Elk Church was requested to elect a Nominating Committee, to confer with the Presbytery's Commission on the Minister and His Work.

The Rev. M. J. Murray requested a Certificate of Dismissal to Wilmington Presbytery, which the Presbytery, with great reluctance, granted.

The Presbytery requested the Rev. S. H. Hay, Chairman of the Presbytery's Commission on the Minister and His Work, to write to Wilmington Presbytery, expressing the Presbytery's regret over the dismissal of the Rev. M. J. Murray.

The Rev. T. M. Johnston was elected Chairman of the Committee on Religious Education, in the place of the Rev. M. J. Murray, to serve until the Spring Meeting of the Presbytery.

Rev. T. M. Johnston

The Rev. T. M. Johnston offered his resignation as the Chairman of the Committee on Stewardship and Finance. The resignation was accepted, and the Moderator was authorized to appoint a Chairman of the Committee on Stewardship and Finance, to serve until the Spring Meeting of the Presbytery.

The Minutes of this Called Meeting were read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. J. A. Boyd.

A. K. Dudley, *Moderator*.
W. C. Young, *Permanent Clerk*.

SPRING MEETING

Piney Flats, Tenn., April 14, 1941.

The one hundred and thirty-seventh session of Holston Presbytery met in the New Bethel Presbyterian Church, Piney Flats, Tenn., beginning April 14, 1941, at 7:30 P. M. The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer, by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. A. K. Dudley.

Enrollment

The following were present: Ministers—D. C. Amick, J. A. Boyd, C. M. Brown, R. A. Brown, A. R. Buffaloe, E. F. Camp, A. R. Craig, A. K. Dudley, Dan H. Graham, S. H. Hay, Thos. M. Johnston, T. P. Johnston, Walter K. Keys, Robert King, Ralph Llewellyn, John Martin, W. H. McCorkle, John I. Rhea, Milton P. Reid, Ira W. Rawles, H. H. Thompson, D. F. Waddell, W. E. Wilson, J. S. Yelton, John Young, W. C. Young—26.

Ruling Elders—Arcadia, Lesley Newland; Banner Elk, E. L. Lafferty; Blountville, H. A. Holt; Bristol First, R. I. Butterworth; Cold Spring, J. K. Thomas; Cove Creek, J. L. Gray; Crossnore, T. C. Dellinger; Jefferson City, John R. Fain; Johnson City First, F. O. Murray; Kingsport First, A. J. Doggett; Leesburg, B. F. Knight; Micaville, Ben Blaylock; Meadow Creek, Clay Nease; Morristown, A. B. Wells; New Bethel, Russell Jones; New Dale, L. R. Young; New Ebenezer, Fred Gray; New Providence, S. P. Miller; Paperville, Clarence Maddox; Providence, C. I. Miller; Rheatown, N. P. Earnest; Roan's Chapel, C. B. Bennett; Rogersville, P. M. Lyons;

Spruce Pine, F. W. Biddix; Thomas Memorial, J. A. L. Rhea; Vian's Valley, Jess Johnson; Weavers, Chas. Gray; Windsor Avenue, Robert King; Jas. I. Vance Memorial, J. E. Holshouser—29.

Visiting Deacons—Arcadia, Nat Newland; Blountville, Lee Anderson; Crossnore, S. L. Johnson; Harris Memorial, Enzy Ledderman; Windsor Avenue, W. C. Delaney; Banner Elk, R. E. Jennings.

Opening Sermon

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. A. K. Dudley, on Communion or Communion, based on Acts 4:33.

Communion

The Presbyterial Communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. W. K. Keys and John Martin, assisted by the following Elders: J. K. Thomas, Cold Spring; J. L. Gray, Cove Creek; A. J. Doggett, Kingsport; A. B. Wells, Morristown; Russell Jones, New Bethel; Clarence Maddox, Paperville; C. B. Bennett, Roan's Chapel, and Robert King, Windsor Avenue.

New Moderator

The Rev. D. F. Waddell was elected Moderator, by acclamation.

Courtesy

The Rev. Messrs. Thompson B. Southall, East Hanover Presbytery; Jas. M. Carr, Atlanta Presbytery, and A. R. Craig, Durant Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

PROGRAM

The Committee on Program read the following report, which was adopted:

Monday, April 14, 1941

7:30 P. M.—Prayer
Roll Call
Organization
Announcements
Opening Sermon.....Rev. A. K. Dudley
Communion

Tuesday

9:00 A. M.—Devotional.....Rev. Robert King
Business
11:00 A. M.—Presbyterial Sermon .....Rev. D. F. Waddell
12:00 A. M.—1:30 P. M.—Lunch
1:30 P. M.—Religious Education-Address by Rev. Jas. M. Carr
Reception of Ministers, and Candidates for the Ministry
Business.
6:00 P. M.—Supper
8:00 P. M.—Home Mission
Program.....Rev. J. S. Yelton, Supt., and his co-workers

Wednesday

9:00 A. M.—Devotional.....Rev. A. R. Craig
Business
11:00 A. M.—Sermon .....Rev. R. A. Brown
Business until adjournment

Respectively submitted,
Rhea Anderson, *Stated Clerk*
Dan H. Graham, *Host Pastor*

Elder F. W. Biddix, Spruce Pine, was added to the Committee on Stewardship and Finance, for this meeting of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery adjourned until 9:00 A. M., after prayer by the Rev. H. H. Thompson.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 9:00 A. M., with a devotional service led by the Rev. Robert King, who spoke on "The Driving Power of Paul."

The Minutes of last night's session were read and adopted.

Courtesy

The Rev. M. W. Doggett, D. D., of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother. Dr. Doggett was received under the care of Holston Presbytery, in Sept. 1877. Elders R. M. Burleson and D. O. Blevins, of Spruce Pine, were granted the privilege of the floor, in matters pertaining to the Spruce Pine Church.

Called Meeting

The Minutes of a Called Meeting of Holston Presbytery, held in the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Nov. 14, 1940, were read for information.

Elder Clay Nease was added to the Committee on Sessional Records, for this meeting of the Presbytery.

Standing Committees

The Moderator read the following List of the Standing and Permanent Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. *Bills and Overtures;*
   R. A. Brown

   A. K. Dudley
   A. B. Wells
   R. I. Butterworth

2. *Minutes of Presbytery*
   J. A. Boyd
   H. A. Holt
   J. C. Delaney

3. *Minutes of General Assembly*
   Thomas M. Johnston
   J. C. Gray, Jr.
   S. P. Miller

4. *Nominations*
   A. J. Doggett
   C. M Brown
   W. H. McCorkle

5. *Resolutions*
   Ira W. Rawles
   J. K. Thomas
   F. O. Murray

6. *Auditing*
   R. I. Butterworth
   J. E. Holshouser
   F. W. Biddle

The Following Elders were Added to Permanent Committees

Foreign Missions—B. F. Knight
Assembly's Home Missions—L. R. Young
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—John R. Fain
Religious Education—E. L. Laverty
Bible Cause—Clarence Maddox
Stewardship and Finance—P. M. Lyons
Woman's Work—C. B. Bennett
Sabbath and Family Religion—Fred Gray
Assembly's Training School—N. P. Earnest
Evangelism—Jesse Johnson
Educational Institutions—Robert King
Sessional Records—Ben Blaylock
Program—Russell Jones

Stated Clerk and Treasurer

The following report of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer was read, received, and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee:

REPORT OF RHEA ANDERSON, TREASURER

April 20, 1940, to April 14, 1941

Balance brought forward	$ 463.60	
Assessments from Churches	1305.47	
		$1769.07

DISBURSEMENTS

SALARIES:

D. C. Amick, Oct. 8, '40	$120.00	
Rhea Anderson, Oct. 8, '40	60.00	
W. C. Young, Oct. 8, '40	8.00	
D. C. Amick, Apr. 1, '41	120.00	
Rhea Anderson, Apr. 1, '41	60.00	
W. C. Young, Apr. 1, '41	8.00	
		$376.00

CENTRAL TREASURER'S OFFICE:

Wm. H. Hopper, Tr. Annunity Assn.	$ 4.50	
H. T. Anderson, Ptg.	2.50	
J. E. Luty & Co.	12.50	
D. C. Amick, Exp.	15.64	
D. C. Amick, Exp.	24.86	
		$60.00

STATED CLERK'S OFFICE:

Farmers Bank, Box rent	$ 1.65	
W. D. Dulany, P. M., Postage	2.82	
The King Ptg. Co., 500 Cards	8.20	
W. D. Dulany, Postage	3.00	
The King Ptg. Co., 1000 Ass. Blanks	4.60	
		$ 20.27

MISCELLANEOUS:

Miss Edith Dellinger, Sten.	$ 4.50	
E. C. Scott, Tr., Ass. Tax	598.05	
King Ptg. Co., Spring Minutes	81.32	
Mrs. Penolope T. Kite, Sten.	3.00	
F. S. McCorkle, Synods Tax	106.74	
The King Ptg. Co., Fall Minutes	83.25	
Presby. Comm. of Pub.	5.85	
D. C. Amick, Stewardship Exp.	32.91	
John S. Yelton, Stewardship Exp.	21.76	
		$ 937.38
Total Disbursements		$1393.65
Balance in Bank		375.42
Grand Total		$1769.07

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Anderson, *Treasurer.*

Home Mission Treasurer

The following report of the Treasurer of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was read, received, and, together with the accounts and vouchers, referred to the Auditing Committee:

To the Presbytery of Holston:

The following is my report as Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee of Holston Presbytery for the year April 1st 1940 to March 31st 1941.

RECEIPTS

Received from General Assembly's H. M. Committee	$ 4999.28
Received from Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treas.	5592.84
Received from Synod's Committee, Mr. Faucette, Treas.	300.00
Received from Special Gifts	893.79
Received from Rent	2.00
Received from Loan Hamilton Bank	500.00
Total receipts	$12287.91
Overdraft April 1st 1941	498.96
	$12786.87

DISBURSEMENTS

April 1st 1940 Overdraft	$ 401.21
Payroll for Home Mission Workers	9420.00
Committee Expense	227.00
Special Gifts	567.25
Payment of Loan Hamilton Bank	500.00
Superintendent's Expenses	530.20
Summer Work	210.00
Building Fund Church at Boone, N. C.	500.00
Insurance	12.00
Minister's Annuity Fund	368.33
Total Disbursements	$12786.87

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Taylor, *Treasurer.*

Central Treasurer of Benevolences

The following report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences was read, received, and, together with the accounts and the Auditors Report, referred to the Auditing Committee:

Reports of D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Benevolences

RECEIPTS FROM APRIL 3, 1940, to APRIL 3, 1941

Church	Congregation	Auxiliary	S. School	Y. P. Soc.	Total	Increase	Decrease
Arcadia	$ 50.00	$	$	$	$ 50.00	$ 5.00	$
Banner Elk	348.52	122.76			471.28	15.48	
Blountville	342.46	30.00			372.46	1.81	
Bristol, First	2480.54	1577.94			4158.48	950.34	
Fairmont	441.76			5.40	447.16		123.[illegible]
Cold Spring	364.00	148.73	58.44		571.17	127.14	
Cove Creek	141.21		17.00		158.21		46.[illegible]
Crossnore	153.73	59.68			213.41	26.25	
Ebenezer	9.23				9.23		19.[illegible]
Estatoa	10.87				10.87		4.[illegible]
Grassey Creek	50.00				50.00	5.50	
Gray's Chapel	41.16		13.00		54.16	7.16	
Harris Memorial	40.45	5.00	12.00	2.00	59.45	7.25	
Hughes	31.50				31.50	1.50	
Jefferson City	142.12	129.92	152.15		424.19		16.21
Johnson City	2005.25	1435.25	382.20	19.00	3841.70	629.34	
Kingsport	2976.67	1058.25	640.39	50.75	4726.06	425.16	
Leesburg	119.55		7.00		126.55	4.78	
Mary Andrews Ch.	5.86				5.86		24.50
Meadow Creek	10.00	32.07	8.90		50.97	14.97	

[illegible]ersburg	17.50				17.50	.50	
[illegible]ristown	3158.41	109.12			3267.53		152.07
[illegible] Bethel	120.00	38.35			158.35		111.65
[illegible]dale	4.64				4.64		1.76
[illegible] Ebenezer	15.00	12.00			27.00		10.15
[illegible]ehad	64.79	62.00			126.79		37.59
[illegible]gart	444.59	117.95	62.90	10.00	635.44	85.48	
[illegible] Providence	119.20	184.17			303.37	32.09	
[illegible]t Gap	30.52			5.00	35.52		58.81
[illegible]perville	14.48				14.48		22.52
[illegible]ck	10.00	42 54	4.60		57.14		36.06
[illegible]mtree	55.33	37.00			92.33	17.58	
[illegible]idence	54.00				54.00		8.00
[illegible]ertown	81.67				81.67	31.94	
[illegible]ver View	7.27				7.27	7.27	
[illegible]an's Chapel	47.50				47.50	1.14	104.98
[illegible]perville	1514.00	1078.50	146.28	25.00	2763.78		104.98
[illegible]mple Memorial	71.79	51.27	81.34		204.40	60.3[illegible]	
[illegible]nellville	19.00	13.00			32.00		17.75
[illegible]an Memorial	10.53				10.53	10.53	
[illegible]tledge	12.00	52.00			64.00		11.00
[illegible]ky Mountain	3.68				3.68		1.38
[illegible]race Pine	73.00	83.10	93.70		249.80	116.70	
[illegible]rawberry Plains		60.75	42.00		102.75	.99	
[illegible]ger Creek	48.25		47.00		95.25	80.25	
[illegible]homas Memorial	138.00	33.33	86.66		257.99	42.51	
[illegible]ance Memorial	57.22	29.54	13.24		100.00	65.70	
[illegible]ant Valley	4.65				4.65		.80
[illegible]eavers	96.15				96.15	16.05	
[illegible]ittsburg	25.42	16.00			41.42	10.62	
[illegible]hite Pine		50.25			50.25	32.37	
[illegible]indsor Ave.	607.69	55.71			663.40	204.90	
[illegible]iscellaneous	3.00				3.00		
	$16694.52	$6826.18	$1868 80	$117.15	$25506.65	$3217.88	$ 829.76
[illegible]refund	50.00				50.00		
[illegible]ross Receipts	$16744.52	$6826.18	$1868.80	$117.15	$25556.65		

DISBURSEMENTS

FROM APRIL 3rd, 1940, to APRIL 3rd, 1941

Foreign Missions		$7236.00	
Assembly's Home Missions		3188.65	
Christion Education & Ministerial Relief		1805.96	
Religious Education & Publication		742.09	
Assembly's Training School		388.60	
Bible Cause		107.37	
Total Assembly's Causes			$13468.67
Synod's Work		$ 262.99	
Religious Education in Synod & Presbytery		407.69	
R. E. in Synod	$ 325.95		
R. E. in Presbytery	81.74		

King College		1888.28	
Total Synod's Causes			$ 2558.96
Presbytery's Home Missions		$6218.44	
Grandfather's Orphans Home		3256.58	
Total Presbytery's Causes			$ 9475.02
Total Benevolent Causes			$25502.65
Miscellaneous Disbursements			54.00
Refunds	$ 50.00		
Contingent Fees	4.00		
Total Disbursements			$25556.65
Received after books closed April 3, 1941			
Morristown		$ 18.42	
Johnson City		334.00	
New Bethel		74.00	
Paperville		15.00	
Total			$ 441.42

Communications

A communication from the Rev. S. H. Hay was read, requesting a Certificate of Dismission to Winston-Salem Presbytery for Candidate Ralph L. Buchanan, and the request granted.

A communication, from the Stated Clerk of Abingdon Presbytery, was read, expressing appreciation of Holston Presbytery's sympathy with Abingdon Presbytery, on account of the loss by fire of its Orphanage, and for the offer of assistance, if needed, from the facilities of the Grandfather Home for Children.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, concerning an Overture of Holston Presbytery as to Statistics of Outposts, was read and referred to a Special Committee, composed of the Rev. Messrs. D. C. Amick and T. P. Johnston, to report at this session of the Presbytery.

Harmony Church

The following report of the Commission to organize a Church in the Harmony Chapel section, was read, received, and the Commission discharged:

The Commission appointed by Holston Presbytery to consider the matter of Church organization at Harmony Presbyterian Sunday School met Sunday afternoon, December 1st, in the pastor's study of the First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tenn. It was organized as follows: Rev. John S. Yelton, Chairman, and Rev. Wm. H. McCorkle, Secretary. Other members of the Commission present were Rev. A. R. Buffaloe and Rev. Dan H. Graham with Elders Rhea Anderson, Joe Newland, and R. L. Peters. Two Elders from the First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, who had been appointed to study the Harmony Field, sat with the Commission as visitors. These were Messrs. George E. Stone and Frank Wright.

The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer. After a brief discussion of the possibilities of Church organization, the Commission proceeded to the Harmony Sunday School where Rev. John S. Yelton presided.

Following a brief preliminary service, Mr. Yelton called upon Mr. Graham, who was most closely associated with the beginnings of this work, to speak concerning the main beliefs of the Presbyterian Church. The Chairman then called for all who wished to unite with the proposed Church to come forward to present testimonials or to be properly examined. Seventeen people responded, ten signifying their intention of coming by Profession of Faith, one by Statement, and six by Letter. Mr. Emmett Newland desired that Mrs. Newland's Letter be presented with his own. The entire list of those presenting themselves for membership and the nature of their reception is attached hereto.

The Chairman of the Commission called upon each member of the Commission to express himself regarding the procedure in this particular case looking toward organization. Mr. Graham conducted the examination of those uniting by Profession and administered the Ordinance of Baptism to those not having previously been Baptised. A thorough discussion in regard to the excellent prospects for a Church in this community followed with the people themselves expressing a wholesome desire to support and work through this organization to the glory of God and the interest of His Kingdom. A motion was duly made and unanimously carried that we proceed with the organization of the Harmony Presbyterian Church. The Moderator read the constitutional question and received a unanimous affirmative answer from each

charter member present. A prayer of consecration was led by Rev. A. R. Buffaloe and during the singing of two hymns members of the large congregation present, together with the members of the Commission, came forward and extended the right hand of fellowship to each member of the newly organized Church. The Commission and Congregation were dismissed with prayer by Elder R. L. Peters.

John S. Yelton,
Chairman of the Commission

Wm. H. McCorkle,
Secretary of Commission

Presbyterial Sermon

The Presbyterial Sermon was preached by the Rev. D. F. Waddell, on "The Decrees of God", based on Romans 8: 28.

Prayer for Peace

The Presbytery engaged in a season of prayer for peace. After a few moments of silent prayer, the Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. Messrs. W. H. McCorkle and Jas. M. Carr.

The Presbytery took recess, until 1:30 P. M., after prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 P. M., with prayer by the Rev. Robert King.

Reception of Candidates

Messrs. Pritzer Miller Lyons, Jr., of the Rogersville Presbyterian Church, and Earnest Lee Stoffel, of the Windsor Avenue Presbyterian Church, were introduced to the Presbytery. They requested that they be taken under the care of the Presbytery, as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry, and

produced the proper testimonials. The examinations of Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry were sustained. The Candidates having answered the Constitutional Questions, were enrolled under the care of the Presbytery, effective April 15 for Mr. Lyons and June 15 for Mr. Stoffel. A Charge was delivered them by the Moderator, and the prayer, in their behalf, was led by the Rev. R. A. Brown.

Rev. A. R. Craig

Holston Presbytery accepted, in lieu of a Certificate of Dismission, a telegram from Durant Presbytery pertaining to the dismission of the Rev. A. R. Craig to Holston Presbytery. The customary examinations on Experimental Religion, and his Views in Theology and Church Government, were sustained as satisfactory. The Rev. A. R. Craig, after signing the obligation, was enrolled a member of the Presbytery.

A Call was read, from the Spruce Pine Church, for the pastoral services of the Rev. A. R. Craig. Elder D. O. Blevins addressed the Presbytery, in behalf of the Spruce Pine Church. The Call was found in order, placed in the hands of the Rev. A. R. Craig, and accepted by him.

The following Commission was appointed to install the Rev. A. R. Craig, Pastor of the Spruce Pine Church, April 27, 1941, at 11:00 A. M.

Rev. D. F. Waddell—to Preside and to Charge the Preacher.

Rev. Robert King—to Preach.

Rev. John Martin—to Charge the People.

Elder C. B. Bennett, Roan's Chapel.

Alternates:

Rev. Milton Reid—to any Minister.

Elder Ed Bowditch—Vain's Valley.

Overture—Congregational Missions

The following Overture, concerning Congregational Missions, was read, received, and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly:

The Committee appointed to answer the communication of Dr. E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, reported as follows:

We recommend that the overture adopted at the fall meeting of Presbytery (Minutes p. 20) lie re-written as below and sent to the General Assembly: "Holston Presbytery, meeting in New Bethel Church, April 15, 1941, respectfully overtures the General Assembly meeting at Montreat, North Carolina, May 22, 1941 that report blanks of the church be so re-arranged as to show Congregational Home Missions as a *denominational benevolence* rather than as a mere current expense of the local church."

D. C. Amick
T. P. Johnston

Assembly's Home Missions

The Committee on Assembly's Home Missions read a report, with a Recommendation. The Recommendation was adopted, and the Report was received as information. The Recommendations are as follows:

(1) That, in view of the enlarging task of the Assembly's Home Missions, Presbytery urge all the churches to recognize the importance of this Committee receiving its full and rightful share of the benevolent contributions.

(2) That the period, October 1 - November 9, be set apart as a special season for the home mission study, and that the week of November 2 - 9, 1941, be designated as the week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Assembly's Home Missions with a generous offering in all churches and organizations for this cause.

(3) That the book "Why Stand Ye Idle?" be commended for use as the study book for the home mission period in all organizations of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
A. K. Dudley, *Chairman.*

Religious Education

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was read, received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. Jas. M. Carr, Director of

Religious Education for the Synod of Appalachia. The Report, with its resolutions, was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The work of Religious Education in Holston Presbytery has received a new impetus since the coming of our new Director, Rev. James Carr.

Your present Chairman was appointed to serve only until Spring Meeting of Presbytery. He has worked with Mr. Carr in promoting the Religious Education Program.

Letters have been sent to the Pastors and S. S. Superintendents urging them to study ways of increasing S. S. attendance. A canvass of Public Schools was urged to locate individuals who attended no S. S. or sections of communities where outposts or missions might be established.

The Senior Young People's Conference held with Young People of Abingdon will be held at Sullins College, June 16-21st.

The Tusculum Conference for Appalachia's Young People will be June 30 — July 5th.

Plans have been arranged for an A. T. S. student or possibly two, for summer Bible School Work in Holston Presbytery.

Four Recommendations

1. To promote Bible School work and the Educational program during the summer months.

2. Urge attendance of our young people at our summer conferences.

3. That Presbytery elect the following set-up for their Religious Education Committee. (See Page 2)

4. That Presbytery hear Rev. James Carr in the interest of our Religious Education Program.

Tusculum ..... June 30 —July 5
Sullins ..... June 16—21

Adult
Walter Keys
Mrs. W. B. Harkins

Children
A. K. Dudley

S. S. Extension
John I. Rhea

Young People
W. H. McCorkle
T. M. Johnston

Leadership
H. H. Thompson

T. M. Johnston

The Minister and His Work

The Presbytery passed the following Resolution:

The Commission on the Minister and His Work is authorized and encouraged to examine in some wise way, touching their theological views, the Ministers coming from other Presbyteries to be regular pulpit supplies in Churches of this Presbytery.

Commissioners—Gen. Assembly

The following were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly:

Ministers— Rev. Thos. M. Johnston; alternate, Rev. T. P. Johnston. Rev. Robert King; alternate, Rev. S. H. Hay. Rev. D. C. Amick; alternate, Rev. A. R. Buffaloe.

Elders—Chas. Gray, Weavers; *alternate*, Arden King, New Bethel; Rhea Anderson, Blountville; *alternate*, Edgar Tufts, Banner Elk; Phil McAfee, Johnson City; *alternate*, C. D. Thomas, Cold Spring.

Bear Creek Chapel

A Petition for the organization of a Church, at Bear

Creek Chapel, was read and referred to a Commission, to be named by the Chairman of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, with power to act, if the way be clear.

Evangelism

The Stated Clerk was asked to write to the Assembly's Committee on Evangelism, calling attention to the needs of our boys in army camps and requesting the Committee to have the Assembly take any needful steps to obtain the desired ends.

The following report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and adopted:

The Committee on Evangelism

The past year has not been so fruitful in additions to the church on confession of faith as the previous year. This is due primarily to the fact that we have been using the Easter season as a time of the ingathering of most of those who come in their younger years by way of the Sunday School. This year we have had no Easter during our church year, hence the decrease in confessions largely accounted for. Some of our churches received those coming by way of the Sunday School or through a Communicants Class on the last Sunday of March, but not all churches found it convenient to do so.

We desire to use the time at our disposal in suggestions for further increasing interest and effectiveness among our churches in winning souls to Christ. For saving the lost is the primary mission of the church. If we are not leading people to accept Jesus Christ as Savior we are missing our most important duty and thus failing our Lord. So let us keep upon our minds and hearts these solemn truths:

Our Savior and Lord is calling to us through His word and by His Holy Spirit to be constantly going as witnesses for Him. Acts 1:8, Matt 28:18—20.

Souls are lost. John 3:18; Matt 25:46.

Jesus Christ, whom we know in the forgiveness of our sins, is the one and only Savior. Acts 4:12.

Christians as a rule have no particular interest in seeing people saved, and unless those of us who have been set apart

to the preaching of the Gospel manifest a greater concern for the lost in our preaching, and in our enlisting others, and in the doing of personal work ourselves, many will be eternally lost for whom a becoming effort has not been put forth, or may we say, many will be lost who might have through consecrated effort been saved to the Lord.

In view of the above facts may those of us who constitute this session of Holston Presbytery keep constantly rededicating ourselves to our first work—leading the unsaved to know Jesus the Savior.

May we make use of any and every form of evangelistic effort to win the lost. These types will include what is termed Mass Evangelism, or the special popular meetings. God has so richly blessed this means of winning people to Himself that it cannot be abandoned or neglected without serious loss to His Cause. Educational Evangelism may be employed to great advantage. Here we have in mind making use of the personnel of the Sunday School. The consecrated teacher has a rare opportunity for presenting Christ to those being taught. Some churches and communities have enjoyed exceptional blessings thru the use of Visitation Evangelism. Books by Dr. Kernahan will inform us of these methods. Probably the most effective of all, tho' not independent of other methods, is personal evangelism. The pastor should keep a prospect list constantly and keep laying it upon the hearts of lay members to confront the lost with Jesus Christ. No single method yields more definite or more lasting results. Let us use all God-blessed approaches to the consciences of people that we may thereby win as many as possible to Him.

While the Bible is the one text book for the soul winner there are books that set forth methods, or record experiences of others which may enrich our faith and enlarge our efforts in this the highest of all the arts, winning the lost. We list a few books and tracts below that have been blessed to the making more effective dedicated effort for soul winning:

Draw Up a Chair, by W. H. Ridgeway.

Lost a Human Soul, by Dr. Frank C. Brown.

Recruiting for Christ, by Dr. John Timothy Stone.

Individual Word for Individuals, by H. C. Trumbull.

Personal Soul Winning, by Wm. Evans.

Evangelism for Today, by L. D. Cartwright.

The Message and Method of the New Evangelism, by Jessee M. Border.

A tract that is brief and effective, "4 Things God wants you to Know."

Church Builders League

The report of the Treasurer of the Church Builders League was read, received, and pending its adoption, heard from the Rev. Messrs. J. S. Yelton, Dan Graham, and John I. Rhea in behalf of the League. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The membership of the Builder's League is now 225. We have a goal set for 600, and expect to reach it by the end of the summer. We sincerely hope that each pastor will cooperate with the Committee in building up this membership in the Presbytery. If each organized church would get as many members as they have officers in the church, the 600 could be easily reached.

During the year the League has aided the following places: James I. Vance Memorial, Boone, N. C.; Riverview, Paint Gap, N. C.; Rock Creek Group, Barkersville, N. C.; Bairds Creek, Boone, N. C.; Harmony, Kingsport, Tenn.

Signed
H. H. Thompson, *Treasurer.*

Stewardship

Rev. D. C. Amick offered his resignation as Secretary of Stewardship. The Presbytery refused to accept the resignation. Rev. D. C. Amick gave a brief oral report of Stewardship, which was received as information, and he was granted the privilege of compiling a report, from the Church Reports on the Every Member Canvass, to be published in the Minutes of Presbytery.

Recommendation of the Stewardship Committee:
Your Stewardship Committee recommends that Rev. D. C. Amick be re-elected Central Treasurer of Benevolence for Holston Presbytery for a period of three years.

We further recommend that if the funds justify it an adding machine be secured for the Presbytery by trading in the one now owned by the Presbytery, the balance to be paid in cash.

Signed,
H. H. Thompson,
F. W. Biddix.

Your Committee on Stewardship submits the following report:

The reports from the Churches show that there was a substantial increase in giving to the Benevolent Causes and increase in the per capita giving. Your Committee would call the attention of the pastors and church officers to the fact that the per capita giving is still far below the per capita other Presbyteries of the Synod.

The reports from the Churches show that only two Churches, Arcadia and Blaine, failed to make any kind of an Every Member Canvass. The Assembly report in its rating lists Holston Presbytery as being second among the Presbyteries in promotion and results. There was a small increase in the total amount pledged for Benevolences and a substantial increase in the number of members making pledges and the number of tithers. Your Committee would call the attention of pastors and officers to the fact that in spite of the increase in the number of pledges received, only 34½% of the total membership of the Churches make any pledge for the support of the Church. Only five churches failed to report the number of pledges received.

An aggressive promotion of the Every Member Canvass was made by mail visitations of Churches and group conferences. Six conferences on the Lord's Acre Plan were held in different sections of the Presbytery. The following is the expense of the Stewardship Committee in promoting the Every Member Canvass.

Traveling Expenses of D. C. Amick, Sec.	$21.76
Traveling Expenses of John Yelton, Supt.	21.76
Traveling Expenses of Dr. Clark	7.00
Postage	2.10
Supplies, Stenographer, etc.	4.50
Hotel, meals, etc.	3.95
	$61.07

From Rhea Anderson, Treas.	$54.07	
From J. D. Faucette, Treas.	7.00	$61.07

Respectfully submitted,
D. C. Amick, *Secretary*.

Assembly's Training School

An oral report was made by the Rev. W. H. McCorkle, on the Campaign for the Assembly's Training School, which was received as information.

Stated Meetings

Rev. A. R. Craig and Elder Rhea Anderson were appointed a Committee to consider the advisability of having four Stated Meetings a year of the Presbytery, and to report on the matter at the next Meeting.

Adding Machine

The Central Treasurer of Benevolences and the Stated Clerk were appointed a Committee to, if the way be clear, trade the present adding machine for another adding machine.

Central Treasurer of Benevolences

The Rev. D. C. Amick was elected Central Treasurer of Benevolences, for a period of three years.

Minutes of the General Assembly

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported no business to come before the Presbytery.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief reported no business requiring action.

Women's Work

The following report of the Committee on Women's Work was read and adopted, with its recommendations:

Your Committee on Woman's Work has examined the Presbyterial Auxiliary Report, submitted by Mrs. Carl T. Vance, the Presbyterial Recording Secretary.

We call your special attention to certain increases made over the report of last year. There is an increase of 116 in Auxiliary Membership; an increase of 2 Auxiliaries; Daily Bible Readers show an increase of 119; The number studying the bible increased 185; Members of Prayer Groups show an increase of 210; There are 66 more Tithers than last year; Gifts to Benevolence show an increase of $1,105.00. The grand total of all contributions is $15,150.00 an increase of $1,567.00 over last year!

All Contributions are as follows:

1.	Foreign Missions		$2768.00
2.	Assembly's Home Missions		1416.00
3.	Christion Ed. & Min. Rlf.		951.00
4.	Religious Ed. & Publication		79.00
	Birthday Gift - Rel. Ed.		602.00
5.	Ass. Training School for Lay Workers		272.00
6.	Bible Cause		45.00
7.	Synod's Home Missions		68.00
8.	Rel. Ed. in Synod or Presbytery		72.00
9.	Homes		1552.00
10.	Educational Institutions		629.00
11.	Presbyter's Home Missions		1509.00
12.	Auxiliary Special Benevolence		1600.00
Total, All Benevolences			$11563.00
13	Current Expenses:		
	(a) Local Auxiliary Current Exp.	$1124.00	
	(b) Presby'l. & Synl. Contingent Fund	398.00	
	(c) Local Church	540.00	
14.	Building Expense	1202.00	
Total Local Church Work		$3264.00	$ 3264.00
	Miscellaneous Contributions	$ 323.00	$ 323.00
Grand Total All Contributions			$15150.00

We recommend that the Woman's Auxiliary be commended for its faithful support of the program of the church, and for for the splendid service rendered for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Frank Camp, *Chairman.*

Nominations

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS MAKES THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the names of Rev. Dan Graham and Elder Ed Bowditch be added to the Executive Committee of Home Missions.

2. That the name of Rev. Ralph Llewellyn be added to the Committee on Educational Institutions replacing Rev. M. J. Murray.

3. That Elder S. H. Anderson, of Kingsport, be elected to complete the unexpired term of Elder J. A. Summers, deceased, on the Board of Trustees of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.

4. That Elder F. H. Stinson, on the Board of Trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association be elected to succeed himself for a period of three (3) years.

5. That Rev. H. H. Thompson, Elders J. L. Gray and S. H. Anderson be elected to succeed themselves, on the Committee of the Minister and his work, for a term to expire 1944 for Dr. Thompson and 1943 for Messrs. Gray and Anderson.

6. That Rev. A. R. Craig be elected as Chairman of the Committee of Stewardship to replace Rev. T. M. Johnston, resigned.

7. That Rev. A. R. Craig be requested to preach the Presbytery sermon at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery, the subject to be assigned later.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McCorkle, *Chairman.*

Bible Cause

The following report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted:

Suggested Resolutions — 1941

Believing that the responsibility for the distribution of the Holy Scriptures is a responsibility of the Christian Churches, and

Recognizing that the American Bible Society is the agency of the American churches for accomplishing this important work, and

Realizing that the present emergency calls for increased support in the face of increasing need, and

Praying that the extension of God's Word may continue in our disturbed world, be it therefore resolved:

First; that the Holston Presbytery endorses the work of the American Bible Society and commends it to pastors and people for informed and prayerful support, and

Second; that the cause of increased Bible distribution and use be encouraged throughout this anniversary year and especially on Universal Bible Sunday, December 14, and

Third; that we urge upon the officers of every church the maintenance of the full contribution to the Bible Society of one per cent of the Church's benevolence and missionary budget as recommended by the General Assembly

J. A. Boyd, *Chairman.*

Minutes of Presbytery

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Presbyter's Minutes examined the records and found them in order, and move that they be approved.

J. A. Boyd, *Chairman.*

Sessional Records

The Committee on the Sessional Records made a verbal report, which was received as information.

Minister's Annuity Fund

The Committee on the Minister's Annuity Fund made a verbal report, which was received as information.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Presbytery accepted, with thanks, the invitation of the James I. Vance Memorial Church, Boone, N. C., for the Fall Meeting of the Presbytery, Oct. 6, 1941, at 7:30 P. M., E. S. T.

Linville, N. C.

A Petition for a Church Organization, at Linville, N. C., was read and referred to a Commission, to be appointed by the Chairman of Home Missions, with power to act if the way be clear.

Holston Herald

The Rev. Thos. M. Johnston addressed the Presbytery, in behalf of the Holston Herald.

Overture—Camp Evils

The following Overture, concerning liquor and other evils in our Army Camps, was read, received, and ordered sent to the General Assembly:

Holston Presbytery in session at New Bethel Presbyterian church, April 15th, 1941 overtures the General Assembly in session at Montreat, North Carolina, do most humbly petition Congress of the United States to take favorable action on on Bill No. 8860 which prohibits the sales of intoxicating beverages in and adjacent to the Army Camps, and to take other necessary action to protect the Soldiers against the common evils which are detrimental to their moral and spiritual well being.

Signed:
Committee on Bills and Overtures,
R. A. Brown,
A. K. Dudley,
A. B. Wells,
R. I. Butterworth.

The Presbytery adjourned, until 8:00 P. M.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery reconvened, at 8:00 P. M., with song.

HOME MISSIONS

A Popular Meeting, in the interest of Presbytery's Home Missions, was held, with the Rev. John S. Yelton, Presbytery's Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist, presiding.

The Report of the Supt. was read, received, and, pending its adoption, the Presbytery heard, concerning opportunities in the Fields, from the Rev. W. E. Wilson, of the Paint Gap Group; Rev. Milton P. Reid, of the Micaville Group; Rev. E. F. Camp, of the Newland Group; Rev. John Young, of the Carter County Group; Miss Zeta Davidson, of the Ruth Memorial Church, Honeycutt, N. C.; and Miss Osma Newton, of Harris Memorial Church, Toledo, N. C.

Rev. W. H. McCorkle spoke of the need of looking to God, in this critical time. Rev. D. C. Amick urged the need of greater support of Home Missions.

The report was adopted, and is as follows:

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Home Missions

This report is not complete in detail, but covers in general the work that has been going on during the year in the aid receiving churches of the Presbytery.

First, we would record our sense of loss in the death of Mr. J. A. Summers of Johnson City, Tennessee, and Mr. L. G. Gillespie of Roan Mountain, Tennessee. For many years these two Christian laymen of our church were interested in, and liberally supported all the causes of our church, particularly Presbytery's Home Missions.

On behalf of the aid-receiving churches and workers, we wish to thank the Home Mission Committee for its interest and cooperation during the year. We feel that our work is a joint responsibility and can be made more enjoyable when all of us assumes cheerfully our common difficulties.

The work in nearly all the churches has shown progress

during the year. Additions to the church membership has not been as large as in previous years, but more interest has been in assuming more of the financial responsibility and in local improvements. This is an encouraging sign and will be welcomed by the Committee.

Due to the lack of funds no new workers have been employed during the year, but no retreat has taken place at any point. Tribute must be paid to the self-sacrificing men and women who refuse to give up under heavy loads and meager salaries. During the past twelve years the number of our workers have decreased from fifty to seventeen. In the same period of time our income for Presbytery's Home Missions has decreased almost one-half, and our work has increased about one third. We sincerely hope and pray that the recession in our work has come to an end, and that from this year on there will be a gradual climb.

REPORT OF THE CHURCHES BY GROUPS

James I. Vance Memorial, Boone, N. C.: During the year this church, under the leadership of the Rev. John I. Rhea, has been busy in building a new church, at an approximate cost of $15,000.00. They expect to have their first service Easter Sunday. An Every Member Canvass has been made, and over sixty per cent of the adult membership has become tithers. Union Chapel, and outpost of this church has a thriving Sunday School and regular preaching services. The membership of this church has been more than doubled since its organization two years ago. A manse for the pastor is needed.

Banner Elk: This church has been without a pastor since early last fall. The officers of the church have kept the Sunday School and preaching services going. An Every Member Canvass has been made. An increase in the pastor's salary has been promised. Rev. Thompson B. Southall, a returned missionary from Korea, has been engaged to supply the pulpit for the month of April and May. He is in the employ of the Foreign Mission Committee and expects to be sent during the summer to some one of our foreign fields. This relationship of pastor to the Banner Elk Church is by authorization of the Commission of the Minister and his Work.

Plumtree—Hughes: These two churches with their outposts, Buck Hill, Three Mile and Slippery Hill, show an in-

crease in church membership and Sunday School enrollment, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. T. W. Clapp. A new frame church at Buck Hill is about completed. The old church was destroyed by fire three years ago. A new native stone church at Slippery Hill was dedicated a few weeks ago.

Cocke County: The churches of this group, Ebenezer, Mary Andrews Chapel and Smoky Mountain, under the direction of the Rev. D. C. Amick, reports an increase in gifts, church membership and Sunday School enrollment. The Sunday School at Smoky Mountain has doubled in attendance. Labor, money and lumber were given by the local people to rebuild the chapel.

Newland—Pineola: These two churches with their outposts, Linville, Smoky, Blevins Creek and Culbertson, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Frank Camp, report a satisfactory year in all departments of work. This group of churches was featured in the recent Spring issue of the Holston Herald. Due to this fact, a detailed report is not given now.

Gray's Chapel—Cove Creek—Tiger Creek: These three churches with their outposts, Burbank, Roan Mountain, Sugar Hollow, are under the leadership and pastorate of Rev. John Young and Mr. J. L. Gray. The R. E. Magill Memorial Church, near the village of Roan Mountain, Tennessee, has been completed. Mr. Gray has worked faithfully in the building of this beautiful stone church. He will make a detailed report to the Committee later in the year. As a record of this group of churches has been given in the Holston Herald, no specific account will be given in this report.

Roan's Chapel—Russ Memorial—Buladean: These churches with their mission points, under the leadership of Mr. Troy Young, and Miss Zeta Davidson, are making splendid progress. An Every Member Canvass has been taken with encouraging results. The Lord's Acre Plan is being carried out at most of the points this year. A new Chapel has been built at Rockdale during the year. Improvements have been made on other church buildings in the group. The new brick-veneer church at Buladeen will soon be completed. This new church will have Sunday School rooms in the basement, and other modern improvements. Bible Schools and revival meetings were held at all the points during the year. Forty people were received into the membership of the churches by profession of faith in Christ Jesus during the year. The

Buladean Church and mission points need a full time law worker.

Micaville—Estatoa—Newdale—Vians Valley: Rev. Milton Reid, the new pastor of this group of churches, gives an encouraging report. The new brick veneer church at Vians Valley, Toecane, N. C., has been completed, with the exception of pews for the auditorium and a heating system. However, services have been held for nearly a year in the new building. Micaville and Estatoa have been in building programs during the year. Much needed Sunday School rooms have been built. Sunday School and church attendance have been above the average for the year. An Every Member Canvass has been made The Lord's Acre Plan will be taken up this year by some of the people in these churches.

Paint Gap—Harris Memorial: Rev. Ernest Wilson, a graduate of Union Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, has been with this group of churches since last June. Splendid progress has been made in a number of directions. Improvements have been made on the manse at Paint Gap. A well has been dug by the pastor and men of the church, which is giving a much needed water supply. Riverview, a mission point in this group, and near Green Mountain, continues to make progress in Sunday School enrollment and attendance, painting and building of Sunday School rooms. Another point, which we expect to add to this group in the near future is Green Mountain. A brick church is being built there with the interest and approval of the Home Mission Committee. The people of the community are showing a fine spirit of cooperation. Over three hundred people are within reach of this church and many have expressed a willingness to attend its services. The building will be ready for use by the middle of the summer.

Weavers—Thomas Memorial—Paperville: These churches, with their mission points, Vance and Emmett, continue to have a steady growth in Sunday School enrollment and church membership. The manse debt has been cancelled this year. At the beginning of this year the churches will assume more of the pastor's salary.

Whitesburg—Russellville—Mooresburg—Whitepine: Rev. W. C. Young, pastor in this older group of churches, continues to labor faithfully. The membership is small and the prospect for growth is not encouraging, particularly in the Russell-

ville Church. The Cherokee Dam when completed will flood the Mooresburg community, causing a number of the membership of this church to move. At the present time we do not know to what extent this will affect the membership of the church. During the year meetings have been held in the churches, and ten members added on certificate and affirmation of faith in Christ Jesus. The churches have made an Every Member Canvass with encouraging results.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That each church be urged to reach its benevolence Budget this year, in order that the causes of the church may not suffer.

That Benevolence offerings be sent to the Central Treasurer, Rev. D. C. Amick, monthly, if possible.

That whenever possible, special evangelistic meetings be held in connection with the Bible Schools during the summer.

That every pastor hold at least one meeting outside his own church, particularly with the pastors of the Presbytery having more than one church.

That evangelistic powers be granted Rev. D. C. Amick, limited to the Coche County field.

That evangelistic powers be granted Rev. W. H. McCorkle and Rev. A. R. Buffaloe, limited to the Kingsport area and Harmony Church.

That evangelistic powers be granted to Rev. Dan H. Graham, limited to Harmony Church.

That evangelistic powers be granted to Rev. John S. Yelton within the Home Mission Fields of the Presbytery, to be exercised in harmony with the governing bodies.

STATED SUPPLY

We recommend the following stated supplies, if the way be clear, until the next meeting of Presbytery:

Rev. W. C. Young at Whitesburg, Russellville, Mooreburg, Whitepine, Leesburg.

Rev. John Young at Cove Creek, Gray's Chapel, Tiger Creek.

Rev. Milton Reid at Micaville, Newdale, Estatoa, Vians Valley.

Rev. Ernest Wilson at Paint Gap, Harris Memorial.

Rev. C. M. Brown at Rheatown, Providence.

Rev. T. W. Clapp, Plumtree, Hughes.

Rev. Ira Rawles at Crossnore.

Rev. Ralph Llewellyn, Blaine.

Mr. Troy Young at Roan's Chapel, Russ Memorial, Buladean.

Respectfully submitted,
Presbytery's Home Mission Committee
John S. Yelton, *Superintendent*,
J. D. Faucette, *Chairman*

Subscriptions to the Holston Herald

The Presbytery adopted the following resolution:

When lists of Church members are sent to the management of the Holston Herald, these lists shall not be used except for the purpose of subscriptions to that Paper.

Auditing Committee

The following report of the Audition Committee was read and adopted:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE, HOLSTON PRESBYTERY, NEW BETHEL CHURCH, PINEY FLATS, TENNESSEE, APRIL 15, 1941:

1. Your Auditing Committee has received the statement of H. C. Alexander, Auditor of the accounts of Rev. D. C. Amick, Central Treasurer of Benevolences for the Holston Presbytery, for the year ending April 3, 1941, and has examined the unaudited report submitted by Rev. Amick covering receipts and disbursements for the year beginning April 3, 1940 and ending April 3, 1941. Your Auditing Committee finds the accounts as submitted to be correct. In as much as the books of the Treasurer have not been completely audited as of this date, it is recommended to Holston Presbytery that

this audit be completed by H. C. Alexander or other recognized auditor at an early date and that the complete audit and report be filed with the clerk of the Presbytery.

2. Your Auditing Committee has examined the accounts of Mr. Frank Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee for the year April 1, 1940 to March 31, 1941 consisting of consolidated financial report, cash book bank statements and cancelled checks. We find the accounts to be correct and recommend the approval of the same by the Presbytery.

3. Your Auditing Committee has examined the accounts of Rhea Anderson, Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Holston Presbytery for the year April 16th, 1940 through April 10th, 1941, consisting of general statement, cash account, bank statement and cancelled checks. We find all records and accounts to be correct and in good order, and recommend the approval of the Presbytery.

Signed:
R. I. Butterworth,
F. W. Biddix,
J. E. Holshouser.

Statistics

The Statistical Report of the Presbytery was read, approved, ordered sent to the General Assembly, and a brief summary to be printed in the Minutes of Presbytery. The summary is as follows:

PRESBYTERY'S STATISTICAL REPORT

Ministers	32
Churches	55
Candidates	10
Licensures	
Elders	272
Deacons	303
Added on Confession	453
Added on Certificate	319
Ordinations	3
Installations	5
Pastoral Dissolutions	1
New Churches Organized	1
Whole No. of Communicants	8503
Adult Baptisms	315
Infant Baptisms	66
Total S. S. Enrollment	10184

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 9805.00
Ass. Home Missions	3325.00
C. E. & Min. Relief	2074.00
R. E. & Pub.	1071.00
Assembly's Training School	885.00
Bible Cause	112.00
Synod's Home Missions	327.00
Synod's & Presbytery's Religious Ed.	459.00
Orphan's Home	7846.00
Educational Institutions	5320.00
Presbytery's Home Missions	6668.00
Total to Regular Benevolences	37892.00
Pastors' Salaries Actually Paid	41952.00
Current Expenses	39232.00
Congregational Missions	5397.00
Building Expenses	70232.00
Miscellaneous Contributions	2385.00
Total Current Exp.	159198.00
Grand Total for all Contributions	$197090.00

Rhea Anderson, *Stated Clerk.*

Resolutions of Thanks

The following resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

In behalf of Holston Presbytery, your Committee wishes to express its most sincere appreciation to the pastor and people of the New Bethel Church and surrounding community for their graciously unsurpassable hospitality and the cordial entertainment extended to us during this session of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
Ira H. Rawles, *Chairman*

The Minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

The Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by the Moderator, to meet, in Stated Meeting, in the James I. Vance Memorial Church, Boone, N. C., Oct. 6. 1941, at 7:30 P. M., E. S. T.

D. F. Waddell, *Moderator,*
Rhea Anderson, *Stated Clerk,*
W. C. Young, *Permanent Clerk.*

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